

Studies In The Book James Faith In Action!

Lesson 23

Read James 5:10 – 11

Introduction: *The Life story of every man who lives in the will of God, regardless of how much trouble he passes through, must end thus, for “we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose” (Romans 8:28). Give God time, and His purposes will be made clear in “the end”. Be patient, brethren. God is near to every soul that is being tried and tested, and His nearness will be even more precious at the coming of His Son. In that day we will be face to face with Him who does all things well.*

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1. Why do you think James chose the prophets as an example of suffering affliction and of patience? Can you give an example of a prophet who suffered for the Lord?
 - What did Jesus say to the Pharisees as He lamented over Jerusalem according to Matthew 23:31 – 39?
 - With what words did Stephen testify against the Sanhedrin in Acts 7:51 – 60 that got him stoned to death?
 - What insight does Hebrews 11:32 – 40 give us about the prophets?

2. What did Jesus prophesy about Himself in Matthew 20:17 – 19?

- What did Jesus make clear to the chief priests and scribes in the parable of the vineyard owner found in Luke 20:9 – 18?

- According to John 16:1 – 4 and Matthew 24:9 – 14 what was Jesus warning His disciples to be aware of?

- What comfort and hope to we find in Matthew 5:10 – 12 and John 16:33?

3. Read James 5:11. James speaks here about the patience and perseverance of believers using Job as an example. What do we learn from the following Scriptures about patience and perseverance?

- James 1:2 – 4

- Romans 5:1 – 4

- 2 Corinthians 1:5 – 7

4. How was Job an example of perseverance and patience?
(Read Job 1:22, 2:10, Job 19:23 – 27, Job 42:10)

- How has the Lord been *very compassionate and merciful* to you?

5. How does God give you hope for the future with your trials in the present according to 1 Peter 1:3 – 9?