

WELCOME TO THE WAITING ROOM



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JAMES 5:1-11

- ¹Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. ²Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. ³Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. ⁴Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty.



JAMES 5:1-11

- ⁵ You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. ⁶ You have condemned and murdered the innocent one, who was not opposing you. ⁷ Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. ⁸ You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. ⁹ Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!



JAMES 5:1-11

- ¹⁰ Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.



■ **HARD TIMES LIE AHEAD FOR THE RICH**



JAMES 2:6-7

- ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? ⁷ Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?



ISAIAH 13:6-9

- ⁶Wail for the day of the LORD is near; it will come like destruction from the Almighty. ⁷ Because of this, all hands will go limp, every heart will melt with fear. ⁸ Terror will seize them, pain and anguish will grip them; they will writhe like a woman in labor. They will look aghast at each other, their faces aflame. ⁹ See, the day of the LORD is coming—a cruel day, with wrath and fierce anger—to make the land desolate and destroy the sinners within it.



NAHUM 2:13

- “I am against you,” declares the LORD Almighty. “I will burn up your chariots in smoke, and the sword will devour your young lions.

I will leave you no prey on the earth. The voices of your messengers will no longer be heard.”



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- **WE MUST PATIENTLY ENDURE HARD TIMES**



1 PETER 4:12

- Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.



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- **WE HAVE EXAMPLES THAT ENCOURAGE US**



JEREMIAH 20:7-8

- ⁷You deceived me, LORD, and I was deceived you overpowered me and prevailed. I am ridiculed all day long; everyone mocks me.
- ⁸Whenever I speak, I cry out proclaiming violence and destruction. So the word of the LORD has brought me insult and reproach all day long.



JOB 1:8

- Then the LORD said to Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil.”



JOB 6:2-4

- ² “If only my anguish could be weighed
and all my misery be placed on the scales!
- ³ It would surely outweigh the sand of the seas—
no wonder my words have been impetuous.
- ⁴ The arrows of the Almighty are in me,
my spirit drinks in their poison;
God’s terrors are marshaled against me.



JOB 13:15

- Though he slay me, yet will I hope in him;
I will surely defend my ways to his face.



IMPLICATIONS

- **ONE COMMAND:**
- **BE PATIENT AND STRENGTHEN YOUR HEART**



HEBREWS 10:35-36

- ³⁵ So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. ³⁶ You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.



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- **JUSTICE WILL COME**



ROMANS 2:6-8

- ⁶ God “will repay each person according to what they have done.” ⁷ To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life. ⁸ But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger.



IMPLICATIONS

- **ONE COMMAND:**
- **BE PATIENT AND STRENGTHEN YOUR HEART**
- **JUSTICE WILL COME**
- **THE LORD'S COMING IS NEAR**
- **OTHERS ENCOURAGE US**
- **GOD IS COMPASSIONATE**



EXODUS 34:6

- And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness,



