

The Trial of Our Faith Pt 15

Real Religion Requires Endurance (Patience)

James 5:7-12

1. Taming the Tongue in \_\_\_\_\_ Times

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James calls upon his readers to patiently wait for the coming of the Lord. This patience seems to have a two-fold outworking.

**First, it is the kind of patience that does not seek to \_\_\_\_\_ for wrongs committed against us as Christians.**

**Second, patience has a \_\_\_\_\_ element, which works itself out as endurance and perseverance.**

Galatians 6:9; 2 Thessalonians 3:13; Hebrews 12:3; James 5:7b

This illustration would be especially forceful with the Jews.

Consider this passage in the Book of Deuteronomy: **Deuteronomy 11:8-15**

Notice how James skillfully portrays the coming of our Lord in a way that emphasizes its imminence.

-In verse 7, he speaks of the Lord's return generally, in the future.

-In verse 8, he speaks of the Lord's return as "**near.**"

-In verse 9, James tells us He is "**at the door.**" His return is near, and we should be greatly encouraged by this. We should "**strengthen our hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand**" (verse 8).

**The first prohibition is against \_\_\_\_\_.** James 5:9

**The second prohibition is against \_\_\_\_\_:** James 5:12

**You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.**

James 5:8