



The Book of James: Chapter 5:7-12

- **PRAYER:** Father, reveal the depth and understanding of Your Word to us tonight!

New Living Translation (NLT)	English Standard Version (ESV)	Passion Translation (PAS)
<p>⁷ Dear brothers and sisters, be patient as you wait for the Lord’s return. Consider the farmers who patiently wait for the rains in the fall and in the spring. They eagerly look for the valuable harvest to ripen. ⁸ You, too, must be patient. Take courage, for the coming of the Lord is near.</p> <p>⁹ Don’t grumble about each other, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. For look—the Judge is standing at the door!</p> <p>¹⁰ For examples of patience in suffering, dear brothers and sisters, look at the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ We give great honor to those who endure under suffering. For instance, you know about Job, a man of great endurance. You can see how the Lord was kind to him at the end, for the Lord is full of tenderness and mercy.</p> <p>¹² But most of all, my brothers and sisters, never take an oath, by heaven or earth or anything else. Just say a simple yes or no, so that you will not sin and be condemned. (James 5:7–12 NLT-SE)</p>	<p>⁷ Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹ Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.</p> <p>¹² But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation. (James 5:7–12 ESV)</p>	<p>⁷ Meanwhile, brothers and sisters, we must be patient and filled with expectation as we wait for the appearing of the Lord. Think about the farmer who has to patiently wait for the earth’s harvest as it ripens because of the early and latter rains. ⁸ So you also, keep your hopes high and be patient, for the presence of the Lord is drawing closer. ⁹ Since each of you are part of God’s family never complain or grumble about each other so that judgment will not come on you, for the true Judge is near and very ready to appear!</p> <p>¹⁰ My brothers and sisters, take the prophets as your mentors. They have prophesied in the name of the Lord and it brought them great sufferings, yet they patiently endured. ¹¹ We honor them as our heroes because they remained faithful even while enduring great sufferings. And you have heard of all that Job went through and we can now see that the Lord ultimately treated him with wonderful kindness, revealing how tenderhearted he really is!</p> <p>¹² Above all we must be those who never need to verify our speech as truthful by swearing by the heavens or the earth or any other oath. But instead we must be so full of integrity that our “Yes” or “No” is convincing enough and we do not stumble into hypocrisy. (James 5:7–12 PASSION)</p>

- KEY WORDS...

- **Patient**

- S G3114 *makrothumeo* 10x

- **Mounce...**to be slow towards, be long-enduring; to exercise patience, be long-suffering, clement, or indulgent, to forbear, Mt. 18:26, 29; 1 Cor. 13:4; 1 Thess. 5:14; 2 Pet. 3:9; to have patience, endure patiently, wait with patient

expectation, Heb. 6:15; Jas. 5:7, 8; to bear long with entreaties for deliverance and avengement, Lk. 18:7*
endurance, endure; patience, (be) patient; slow to anger.

- **Vines...**“to be long-tempered,” is translated “to have patience,” or “to be patient,” in Matt. 18:26, 29; 1 Thess. 5:14, KJV (RV, “be longsuffering”); Jas. 5:7 (1st part, “be patient”; 2nd part, RV, “being patient,” KJV, “hath long patience”); in Heb. 6:15, RV, “having (KJV, after he had) patiently endured.” See Longsuffering.

• Establish

- S G4741 *sterizo* 13x
- **Mounce...**to set fast; to set in a certain position or direction, Lk. 9:51; met. to render mentally steadfast, to settle, confirm, Lk. 22:32; Rom. 1:11; to stand immovable, Lk. 16:26; met. to be mentally settled, 2 Pet. 1:12 establish; fix; strengthen.
- **Vines...**“to fix, make fast, to set” (from *sterix*, “a prop”), is used of “establishing” or “stablishing” (i.e., the confirmation) of persons; the apostle Peter was called by the Lord to “establish” his brethren, Luke 22:32, translated “strengthen”; Paul desired to visit Rome that the saints might be “established,” Rom. 1:11; cf. Acts 8:23; so with Timothy at Thessalonica, 1 Thess. 3:2; the “confirmation” of the saints is the work of God, Rom. 16:25, “to stablish (you)”; 1 Thess. 3:13, “stablish (your hearts)”; 2 Thess. 2:17, “stablish them (in every good work and word)”; 1 Pet. 5:10, “stablish”; the means used to effect the “confirmation” is the ministry of the Word of God, 2 Pet. 1:12, “are established (in the truth which is with you)”; James exhorts Christians to “stablish” their hearts, Jas. 5:8; cf. Rev. 3:2, RV.

• Steadfast

- S G5278 *hypomeno* 17x
- **Mounce...**intrans. to remain or stay behind, when others have departed, Lk. 2:43; trans. to bear up under, endure, suffer patiently, 1 Cor. 13:7; Heb. 10:32; absol. to continue firmly, hold out, remain constant, persevere, Mt. 10:22; 24:13 endurance, endure; persevere; stand firm; stay.
- **Vines...**lit., “to abide under” (*hupo*, “under”), signifies “to remain in a place instead of leaving it, to stay behind,” e.g., Luke 2:43; Acts 17:14; or “to persevere,” Matt. 10:22; 24:13; Mark 13:13; in each of which latter it is used with the phrase “unto the end”; or “to endure bravely and trustfully,” e.g., Heb. 12:2-3, 7, suggesting endurance under what would be burdensome. See also Jas. 1:12; 5:11; Pet. 2:20. Cf., *makrothumeo*, “to be longsuffering.” See Endure, Suffer, Take, Notes (12), Tarry.

• Condemnation

- S G2920 *krisis* 47x
- **Mounce...**pr. distinction; discrimination; judgment, decision, award, Jn. 5:30; 7:24; 8:16; a judicial sentence, Jn. 3:19; Jas. 2:13; an adverse sentence, Mt. 23:33; Mk. 3:29; judgment, judicial process, trial, Mt. 10:15; Jn. 5:24; 12:31; 16:8; judgment, administration of justice, Jn. 5:22, 27; in NT a court of justice, tribunal, Mt. 5:21, 22; an impeachment, 2 Pet. 2:11; Jude 9; from the Hebrew, justice, equity, Mt. 12:18, 20; 23:23; Lk. 11:42 condemnation; judgment; justice.
- **Vines...**(a) denotes “the process of investigation, the act of distinguishing and separating” (as distinct from *krima*, see No. 1 above); hence “a judging, a passing of judgment upon a person or thing”; it has a variety of meanings, such as judicial authority, John 5:22, 27; justice, Acts 8:33; Jas. 2:13; a tribunal, Matt. 5:21-22; a trial, John 5:24; 2 Pet. 2:4; a judgment, 2 Pet. 2:11; Jude 9; by metonymy, the standard of judgment, just dealing, Matt. 12:18, 20; 23:23; Luke 11:42; divine judgment executed, 2 Thess. 1:5; Rev. 16:7; (b) sometimes it has the meaning “condemnation,” and is virtually equivalent to *krima* (a); see Matt. 23:33; John 3:19; Jas. 5:12, *hupo krisin*, “under judgment.” See Accusation, A (Note), Damnation, Judgment.

– **REMAINING STEADFAST...**

By perseverance the snail reached the ark. ~ Charles Spurgeon

Many of us harbor hidden low self-esteem. We deem everything and everyone more important than ourselves and think that meeting their needs is more important than meeting our own. But if you run out of gas, everyone riding with you will be left stranded. ~ T.D. Jakes

We are able to persevere only because God works within us, within our free wills. And because God is at work in us, we are certain to persevere. The decrees of God concerning election are immutable. They do not change, because He does not change. All whom He justifies He glorifies. None of the elect has ever been lost. ~ R.C Sproul

While women weep, as they do now, I'll fight; while little children go hungry, as they do now, I'll fight; while men go to prison, in and out, in and out, as they do now, I'll fight; while there is a drunkard left, while there is a poor lost girl upon the streets, while there remains one dark soul without the light of God, I'll fight—I'll fight to the very end!
~ William Booth

If physical death is the price that I must pay to free my white brothers and sisters from a permanent death of the spirit, then nothing can be more redemptive.” ~ Martin Luther King Jr.

– **PERSONAL APPLICATION:**

- What personal advice would you give to a friend who is struggling to be patient with the difficult process they find themselves in?
- What “fruit” have you born in your life as a result of being patient through challenging times?
- James 5:7-12 encourages patience “until the coming of the Lord.” Considering what the world looks like at the present time, paint a word picture of what you think the world will look like when the Lord returns.
- If the Holy Spirit were to say to you, “Establish your heart for the days ahead,” what changes in the way you “do life” would you make over the next couple months?
- What “blessings” might you expect to come to a person who remains steadfast?
- In your personal walk with Jesus, give a couple examples of how you have made your “yes be yes” and your “no be no.” How did that work out for you?