

Be Patient

James 5:7-12

“⁷ Therefore **be patient**, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See *how* the **farmer** waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. ⁸ You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

⁹ **Do not grumble** against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door! ¹⁰ My brethren, take **the prophets**, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. ¹¹ Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of **Job** and seen the end *intended by* the Lord—that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.

¹² But above all, my brethren, **do not swear**, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath. But let your “Yes” be “Yes,” and *your* “No,” “No,” lest you fall into judgment.”
(James 5:7-12)

“³³ “Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform your oaths to the Lord.’ ³⁴ But I say to you, do not swear at all: neither by heaven, for it is God’s throne; ³⁵ nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶ Nor shall you swear by your head, because you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷ But let your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No,’ ‘No.’ For whatever is more than these is from the evil one. (Matt 5:33-37)

God is
in control
Farmers

The Problems

Lying
(5:11)

Grumbling
(5:9)

The Problems

“⁷ Rest in the Lord, and **wait patiently for Him**;
Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way,
Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.
⁸ **Cease from anger**, and forsake wrath;
Do not fret—*it only causes harm*.
⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off;
But those who wait on the Lord,
They shall inherit the earth.
¹⁰ For yet a little while and the wicked *shall be no more*;
Indeed, you will look carefully for his place,
But it *shall be no more*.
¹¹ But the meek shall inherit the earth,
And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.
(Psalm 37:7-11)

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