

# God's Guide to Painful Waiting

10 Crucial Commitments to Enable You to Endure Patiently  
The Test of Patient Endurance James 5:7-11 Chris Mueller 3-27-22

Introduction:

EASY PATIENCE

DIFFICULT PATIENCE

PAINFUL WAITING

James 5:7 Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets the early and late rains. 8 You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. 9 Do not complain, brethren, against one another, so that you yourselves may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing right at the door. 10 As an example, brethren, of suffering and patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. 11 We count those blessed who endured. You have heard of the endurance of Job and have seen the outcome of the Lord's dealings, that the Lord is full of compassion and is merciful.

1-6 The oppressors

7-11 The oppressed

## #1 Cultivating \_\_\_\_\_ for a great future 7a

7a Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord.

Matthew 26:64 ...you will see THE SON OF MAN SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER, and COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN."

2 Timothy 2:10 For this reason I endure all things for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus and with it ETERNAL GLORY.

## #2 Recognizing there are different \_\_\_\_\_ in life 7b

7b The farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets the early and late rains

Galatians 6:9 in due time we will reap, if we do not grow weary.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven— 2 A time to give birth and a time to die; ...3 ...A time to tear down and a time to build up. 4 A time to weep and a time to laugh; A time to mourn and a time to dance

Romans 8:28 we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

## #3 Being certain your \_\_\_\_\_ is confident in Christ's coming 8

8 You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.

Romans 13:12 The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Hebrews 10:25 not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near

## #4 Not blaming \_\_\_\_\_ as your problem 9a

9a Do not complain, brethren, against one another,

## #5 Remembering God is the one you must \_\_\_\_\_ to soon 9b

9b so that you yourselves may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing right at the door.

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

2 John 8 Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward.

## #6 Accepting that painful waiting is nothing \_\_\_\_\_ 10

10 *As an example, brethren, of suffering and patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord*

## #7 Trusting in the blessing which comes with \_\_\_\_\_ 11a

11a *We count those blessed who endured.*

**James 1:12** Blessed is a man who perseveres **ENDURES** under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him

## #8 Knowing that God has \_\_\_\_\_ purposes for your endurance 11b

11b *You have heard of the endurance of Job*

**Job 1-3** Job's distress **Job 4-31** Job's defense **Job 38-42** Job's deliverance

**Job 13:15a** Though He slay me, I will hope in Him.

## #9 Longing for the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's painful dealings 11c

11c *and have seen the outcome of the Lord's dealings,*

**Job 42:10-17** The Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he prayed for his friends, and the Lord increased all that Job had twofold. ....Job lived 140 years, and saw his sons and his grandsons, four generations. And Job died, an old man and full of days.

## #10 Rejoicing over God's amazing \_\_\_\_\_ 11d

11d *that the Lord is full of compassion and is merciful.*

**1 Peter 5:7** casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

**Ephesians 2:4** But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us... **5** even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

### TAKE HOME:

#### A. Christ alone is the \_\_\_\_\_, not you

**Romans 12:19** Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord.

#### B. Christ alone is the One you \_\_\_\_\_ to

**Hebrews 4:14...** Jesus the Son of God... **15** For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. **16** Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

#### C. Christ alone has the truth which will allow you to \_\_\_\_\_

#### D. Christ alone can make you \_\_\_\_\_

### Questions for Growth in Christ

1. How do those without Christ respond to dark seasons and difficult ongoing trials?
2. How do the saved who are poorly taught in God's Word respond to painful waiting?
3. How should those who are saved and know God's Work respond differently to painful suffering and difficult waiting?
4. Which one of the ten points is the one you needed the most? Which one do you think you practice best, and why?
5. How does a Christian get prepared now, in a good season, for a dark season filled with painful waiting?
6. How does God grow believers and churches who experience this kind of difficult, ongoing testing?

