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A STUDY IN JAMES

James 5:7-11



The Command: Be Patient

Psalm 40:1 I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.



1. Waiting is **Hard**

2. Waiting is **Essential**

Isaiah 40:31 but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

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1 We Wait Expectantly

Rev 22:20 He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!



1. Jesus' Return is **Near**

2. Jesus' Return is **Our Focus**

Psalm 30:5b Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

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② We Wait with a Steadfast Heart

Luke 9:51 When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.



1. Established Heart is **Set to Christ**

2. Established Heart is Not a **Fat Heart**

Category	Fat Heart (5:1–5)	Established Heart (5:7–11)
Focus	Wealth & comfort	Lord's coming
Emotion	Anxiety & grasping	Patience & stability
Ethics	Exploitation	Endurance
Time view	Present gain	Future hope
Outcome	Corruption & judgment	Blessing & steadfastness



③ We Wait Actively



1. We **Work Hard**

2. We **Trust**


2. We **Harvest**

Galatians 6:9 let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

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④ We Wait Graciously

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1. We Grumble against **Others**
 2. We Grumble against **God**



⑤ We Wait Purposely



1. We Wait like the **Prophets**

a. They Spoke in Name of the Lord

b. They Remained Steadfast & were Blessed



2. We Wait like **Job**

Job 1:21 And he said, “Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.”

Job 2:10 Shall we receive good from God, and shall we not receive evil?” In all this Job did not sin with his lips. **Job 13:15** Though he slay me, I will hope in him; yet I will argue my ways to his face.

Job 19:25-27 For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. 26 And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, 27 whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!



⑥ We Wait on the Lord

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1. God has a **Purpose**
 2. God is **Compassionate**
 3. God is **Merciful**



4. God is our **Example**

Hebrews 12:1-3 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.