

Questions?

What are some of the ways impatience reveals itself?

What do you think about the idea that patience is 'suffering sensibly'?

As we come to the end of this study of James, what has been the most significant thing in the study for you?

Our next Study will be held throughout Lent on Wednesday evenings at 7.30. The introduction will be delivered on Ash Wednesday, 2nd March. We shall be looking at the Prodigal Son. We will endeavour to record the study and notes to put on the website.

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Creating Community with Christ at the Centre

Bible Studies on James

A study of faith in action according to St. James

Session 7 — Patience

Read James 5

V7 'Be patient' James is still addressing the suffering saints when he wrote 'Be patient.'

Introducing the final theme 'Patience and Perseverance with Prayer.' He encourages his hearers not to give up, be patient, persevere and pray.

In his letter James uses two different words for patience. In chapter 5:7,8 &10 it is the word for 'long tempered'. In chapter 5:11 it is the word for endurance –holding fast under great stress.

To begin our study let us look at the examples of patience and endurance he draws our attention to:

1. EXAMPLES

God's Patience v9 cf. Revelation 3:20; Matthew 23:37; Romans 10:21; 1 Peter 3:20; Psalm 86:15

Farmer v7

Read Galatians 6:9; Galatians 5:22-23

Prophets v10

Read Matthew 5:10-12; Acts 7:52

JOB v11

Read Job 42:12

2. **EXPECTATIONS v7 Be patient**

We live in an impatient society where demands are expected to be met immediately. Everything must be instant.

Do we approach God with this kind of expectation?
Expecting instant answers to prayers or instant changes to circumstances?

3. **ENDURANCE v13**

Read Romans 5:3-5; Psalm 37:7

James complete his letter recognizing that some may succumb to 'stresses & strains'

But when this happens there is always a way back.

Cf. James 5:19-20 'If anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another'