

“WHEN YOU ARE IN A HURRY AND GOD IS NOT”

James 5:9-11 (Part Two)

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I. **BE PATIENT.** James 5:7-8a

Faith! This involves the mind.

II. **STRENGTHEN YOUR HEART.** James 5:8b

Hope! This involves the emotions.

III. **DO NOT COMPLAIN.** James 5:9-11

Love! This involves the will.

A. The Warning against Blaming One Another.

B. The Examples of Suffering and Endurance.

1. The Example of the Prophets.

- When our ready response to suffering is grumbling and complaining, we reveal our misunderstanding of what God promises to do.
- When we are tempted to believe that patience is impossible, God reminds us of those who did endure with patience the trials He allows into their lives.
- We may take or refuse to take the prophets as an example, but we are not allowed to claim that patience is impossible.

2. The Example of Job.

PERSONAL APPLICATIONS

- Do not focus on the situation, or you will become angry.
- Do not focus on yourself, or you will become filled with self-pity.
- Do not focus on someone to blame, or you will begin complaining.
- Do not focus on the present, or you will miss what God is wishing to achieve in you.