

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

How to React When Treated Unjustly

James 5:7-11

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General Observations

- The passage is addressed to the believer.
- These six verses are directly related to the previous six.
- James’ advice is found in four commands – 2 positive, 2 negative.
- Woven into these verses are vivid illustrations that shed light on each command.

Specific Instructions

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

Two items are particularly impressive about this quality:

- First, patience is not just a reaction; it is the first response of love.
- Second, patience is not the end result; it is an essential step to learning.

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

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

- A. The Warning against Blaming One Another.
- B. The Examples of Suffering and Endurance.
 - 1. The Example of the Prophets.
 - 2. The Example of Job.

Personal Applications

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