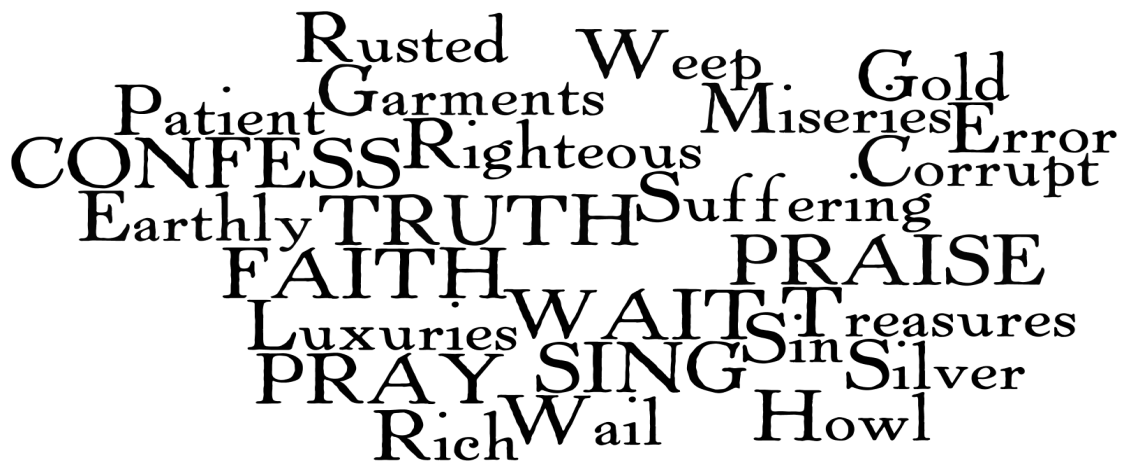


James Chapter 5

Key words in James 5



Once again, James rebukes those who misuse their riches and exploit the laborers who work for them. James' discourse is not a condemnation against wealth in general, but rather a strong criticism to those who trust in their riches.

READ James 5:1-6 EARTHLY TREASURES

Now read the following scriptures and write them into your own words.

- Matthew 6:19-24
- Matthew 16:26
- Colossians 3:2
- Proverbs 11:28
- 1 Timothy 6:9

After reading the above scriptures, how would you summarize your understanding of the first six verses of Chapter five?

READ James 5:7-11 PATIENCE & SUFFERING,

James moves from rebuking the rich to exhorting those who are suffering at their hands. Suffering is a pain that is experienced as a result of being a follower of Jesus Christ. Jesus himself suffered greatly, and we are called to suffer along with him.

Suffering is not to be avoided – it has a place in the believer’s life.
Go back and read the first four verses of James chapter 1.

What is to be our emotional response when we encounter suffering?

Name four positive things that suffering produces? (James 1:1-4)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

James calls for **patience** and **strength** in the lives of those who are suffering – which calls for true faith. Faith wrestles with the problem and burden of suffering, calling for patience and strength of heart. It does not require an immediate and complete justification of God.

1pa•tient 'pā-shənt *adjective*

participle of *pati* to suffer; perhaps akin to Greek *pēma* suffering]

1: bearing pains or trials calmly or without complaint¹⁰

2: to persevere or to endure

strength 'streŋ(k)th, 'stren(t)th *noun*

1: the quality or state of being strong: capacity for exertion or endurance

2: power to resist force: SOLIDITY, TOUGHNESS¹¹

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING SCRIPTURES ON PATIENCE:

- Patience can wait in the darkness (Hab. 2:2–4).
- Patience finds its strength in the reality of God’s presence and goodness rather than focusing on the present situation and the bitterness of pain (Ps. 73:21–23).
- Patience is being mindful that present suffering, in comparison to the eternal Kingdom of God is not worthy of comparison. (Ps. 73:24–26; Rom. 8:18; 2 Cor. 4:16–18).¹²

¹⁰ Merriam-Webster, Inc. *Merriam-Webster’s collegiate dictionary*. 2003 : n. pag. Print.

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¹² Wallace, R. S. “Suffering.” Ed. D. R. W. Wood et al. *New Bible dictionary* 1996 : 1136. Print.

GOD HEARS OUR CRIES

What comfort do you draw from the following verses of scripture?

- Genesis 4:8-12
- Deuteronomy 21:1-9
- Psalm 18:6
- Psalm 34:17
- Psalm 37

IS ANY AMONG YOU SUFFERING?

READ James 5:12-18

What spiritual advice does James give to those who suffer?

To those who are cheerful?

To those who are sick?

Describe the Power of Prayer in James 5:15-16

What role does Confession of Sin have in Healing?

READ James 5:19-20

As brothers and sisters in Christ in we are to hold each other accountable to the truth of the Scriptures. We are to speak the truth, even if it means confronting another believer in love. In doing so, James says that we:

Will Turn _____

Will Save _____

Will Cover _____

Now that we've completed our study in the Book of James, take a moment and write a prayer of Thanksgiving for what this study has meant to you. Shalom...

THE TONGUE THAT MUST BE TAMED¹³

Lord put a guard upon my mouth
let it flow with grace

Help me say your truth with love
help me not deface

All that you have planned for me
Please help me obey

and walk the path you show to me before
sin fills me with decay

For I have fallen back a bit and my tongue
wagged when it should sit still

And soon worry, anxiety and sorrow is the bill
that must be filled

Teach me that silence is sometimes the
better path

and regret will not follow and I won't
endure someone's wrath

In quiet tones you lead me please
help me to get behind

I don't have to be front and center for it's
your presence I hope they find

In order to accomplish this my tongue it
must be tamed

Lord please help me accomplish this so in love
I can speak your name

¹³ Malloy, Jennifer. "The Tongue That Must Be Tamed". 2012. Accessed online at <http://www.faithwriters.com/member-profile.php?id=35357> on 11/28/2016