

James 5v7-12

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- **Jesus is coming back!**

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*How will these troubled Christians  
respond in the face of such injustice?*

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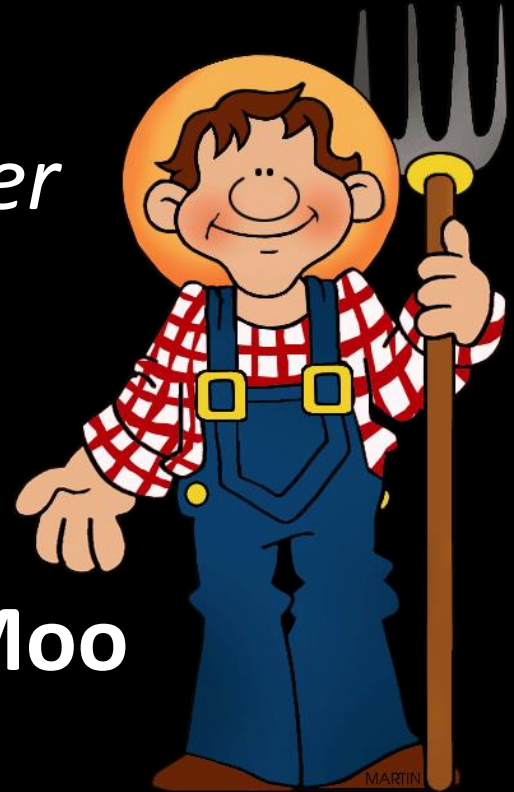
V7: See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains.



# 1) Be Patient

*“As the farmer waits patiently for the seed to sprout, and the crops to mature, believers must wait patiently for the Lord to return, to deliver them and to judge their oppressors. And while they wait they need to stand firm.”*

**Douglas Moo**



## 2) Stand Firm



V8: You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.

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**V10:** Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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- **Like Job**



**V11:** You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

**Job 1v20-22:** At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship <sup>21</sup> and said:

“Naked I came from my mother’s womb,  
and naked I will depart.

The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away;  
may the name of the LORD be praised.”

<sup>22</sup> In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.

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## 4) Don't Swear

**V12:** Above all, my brothers and sisters, do not swear—not by heaven or by earth or by anything else. All you need to say is a simple “Yes” or “No.” Otherwise you will be condemned.

**2 Cor 4v16-17:** Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

