

BIBLE STUDY

James 5:7-12

5/28/16

REVIEW – LAST SECTION WAS THE WARNING TO “THE RICH”- WHOSE ABUSES/SELFISHNESS GOD HAS NOT IGNORED....

INTRO: UNJUST SUFFERING- What are some examples you have experienced or have seen in our world?

DEALING WITH UNJUST SUFFERING

⁷ **Be patient, therefore, brothers,** ^[a] **until the coming of the Lord.** See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹ Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

Q1: How are we do deal with the Abuses that we endure at the hand of other people?

WHAT TO DO?	WHAT NOT TO DO?

Q2: Explain the metaphor of the Farmer in verse 7?

Q3: What does it mean to “Establish/Strengthen your heart”?

Q4: What does it mean to “grumble against one another”?

Q5: Why does James use the prophets as an example for us? What happened to them?

Q6: How is Job an example for us?

Q/A7: How have you “seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful”?

¹² But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

Q 8: What does it mean “to swear”? (cf: Matthew 5:33-37)

Q9: How does this fit into the discussion about suffering unjustly?

APPLICATION:

A2: What WISDOM does James give us about UNJUST SUFFERING?

A3: WHAT is 1 WAY I can ESTABLISH MY HEART to deal with UNJUST SUFFERING?