

“Justice and Deliverance”

James 5:1-12

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Introduction

Main Idea: Faith that perseveres to the end is confident in the justice of God to vindicate the righteous and thus is patient and hopeful in suffering.

I. Jesus is Coming to Judge the Evildoer (vv. 1-7a)

- Judged for hoarding wealth
- Judged for cheating workers
- Judged for living in self-indulgence
- Judged for condemning others

II. Jesus is Coming to Deliver the Faithful (vv7b-12)

- Patience in Suffering: Three Pictures
 - The Farmer
 - The Prophet

- The Sufferer: Job

III. Suffering as a Gift and Means of Grace

- To grow us in holiness (Ps 119:67)
- To build perseverance /endurance (Rom 5:3)
- To grow us in maturity (Jas 1:2-3)
- To teach us His word (Ps 119:71)
- To help us encourage others (2 Cor 1:3-4)
- To wean us off self-reliance (2 Cor 1:8b-9)
- To strengthen our assurance (Heb 12:7-8; 1 Pet 1:6-7)
- To glorify God (Heb 11:24-26)