

# How to Patiently Endure Trials

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<sup>7</sup> Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets the early and late rains. <sup>8</sup> You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. <sup>9</sup> Do not complain, brethren, against one another, so that you yourselves may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing right at the door. <sup>10</sup> As an example, brethren, of suffering and patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup> We count those blessed who endured. You have heard of the endurance of Job and have seen the outcome of the Lord's dealings, that the Lord is full of compassion and *is* merciful.

# The Problem with Persecution and Patience

- We can and do react wrongly to persecution.
- We are called to patience.
- Anticipate the Lord's Coming. Vv. 7-8
  - The believers hope
  - The Farmers example
- Recognize the Lord's Judgment. V. 9.
  - Unbelievers Judge.
  - Christ's return is imminent.

# Follow the Lord's Servants V. 10.

- Understand the Lord's Blessing. V. 11a.
- Realize the Lord's Purpose. V. 11b.
  - Remember the purpose of Job's suffering?
  - To test his faith and prove it genuine.
  - To thwart Satan's attempt to destroy that faith.
  - To strengthen Job's faith / enable him to see God more clearly.
  - To increase Job's blessedness.
- Consider the Lord's Character. V. 11c.

# Conclusion

Any trial, suffering, or persecution that a Christian faces can be patiently endured by anticipating the Lord's coming, recognizing the Lord's judgment, following the example set by the Lord's faithful servants, understanding the Lord's blessing, realizing the Lord's purpose and considering the Lord's compassionate, merciful character.