

Sunday, September 14, 2025
James: Hold On, Jesus is Coming
James 5:7-11

Scripture passage: Psalm 37:1-15

1. Because Jesus is coming soon, we can be patient when we are _____.

⁶Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; ⁷who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave [the guilty] unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations."

Exodus 34:6-7

¹²The wicked plots against the righteous And gnashes at him with his teeth. ¹³The Lord laughs at him, For He sees his day is coming."

Psalm 37:12-13

2. Because Jesus is coming soon, we can be patient with one _____.

¹²"Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold. ¹³"But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved."

Matthew 24:12-13

3. Because Jesus is coming soon, we can be patient when our message is _____.

4. Because Jesus is coming soon, we can be patient in _____ circumstances.

²⁰Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head, and he fell to the ground and worshiped. ²¹He said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked I shall return there. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away. Blessed be the name of the LORD." ²²Through all this Job did not sin nor did he blame God."

Job 1:20-22

*"The word used of him is that great New Testament word *hupomonē*, the word which describes, not a passive patience, but that gallant spirit which can breast the tides of doubt and sorrow and disaster, and still hold on, and come out with faith that is stronger on the other side. There may be a faith which never in its life complained or questioned; but a still greater faith is the faith which exploded in complaints and was tortured by questions—and which still believed."*

- Barclay

"Though youths grow weary and tired, and vigorous young men stumble badly, yet those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary."

Isaiah 40:30-31

Application – Living with a Heavenly Mindset:

- Don't pay back evil for evil – let God administer justice.
- Resist the desire to always get your way.
- Guard our hearts against our love growing cold.
- Proclaim the Gospel boldly and without fear.
- Rest in God's compassion and mercy, even in difficult circumstances.