

## Sermon Notes – October 16, 2022

### Patience, Please! (*James 5:7-11*)

- I. The Patience of the Farmer. (*Vss. 7-9*)
  - A. He is dependent upon the rains.
    - 1. Early to late rains lasted 7 months.
  - B. He cannot control the elements.
    - 1. Patiently endures wind, storms, etc.
  - C. He works the soil until the harvest.
    - 1. Establishing his heart with the hope of return.
    - 2. Works in doing well. (*Galatians 6:9*)
  - D. He does his work without complaining.
    - 1. Knowing judgment is coming.
    - 2. Ready for the judgment to come. (*2 Corinthians 5:10*)
  
- II. The Suffering of the Prophet. (*Vss. 10-11a*)
  - A. Their messages were often rejected.
    - 1. Jeremiah's experience.
    - 2. Jesus' statement. (*Matthew 23:31*)
  - B. They were often killed.
    - 1. The accusation of Stephen. (*Acts 7*)
    - 2. The beheading of John the Baptist.
    - 3. The crucifixion of Jesus.
  
- III. The Endurance of Job. (*Vs. 11b*)
  - A. Consider his proven faith.
    - 1. His statements: Job 13:15; 19:25,26
  - B. Consider his lonely existence.
    - 1. He lost his family.
    - 2. His wife lost her hope.
    - 3. His friends were ignorant.
  - C. His glorious ending. (*Job 42:10,11*)
    - 1. His fortune was restored.
      - a. Given more than what he had before.
    - 2. His character remained intact.



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- a. Job complained to God, not to his friends.
- b. Job prayed for those who hurt him.
3. His God was proven true.
  - a. God is full of compassion.
  - b. God is full of mercy.