

Questions to Consider — Lesson 21 — “The Patience of Job” — James 5:7-11

1. (a) Read James 5 making note of all the words that are repeated three or more times. (b) What is the significance of these repetitions?
2. Memorize James 5:8.
3. (a) Read Matthew 26:47–27:50 noting all the ways our Lord was patient with those who were persecuting Him. (b) How does this compare with your persecutions and with your patience?
4. Read Acts 5:17-42. (a) What were the apostles doing that was causing them to be persecuted? (b) What was their response?
5. James mentions in verse 10 that we are to look to the prophets as an example of suffering affliction and patience. Pick one prophet from the Old Testament and note the affliction and note the patience. (Some ideas: Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel) What have you learned?
6. How could you use the following verses to help James’ readers be patient during the trials they were going through? Romans 5:3-4; 8:25-28; Colossians 1:10-12; 1 Timothy 6:11-12; Hebrews 12:1-2; James 1:3-4.
7. List all the people and/or circumstances that you feel you are being impatient with. Ask the Lord to establish your heart (prop it up) in each one, determine not to murmur about it, and take hope in the examples of those who have gone before us.
8. Has there ever been a time that you suffered persecution for Christ’s sake? Did you exhibit patience?
9. Looking back at question 7, how do you think God would have you to respond in this situation? Put it in the form of a prayer request.