

HE IS AT THE DOOR

James 5:7-12 // January 11, 2026 PM

Faith in Christ's future coming changes the way we respond to oppression now.

I. Future-oriented faith demonstrates itself in *longsuffering lives* (vv. 7-8; 10-11).

II. Future-oriented faith demonstrates itself in *loving lips* (vv. 9, 12).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What kinds of injustice did the Christians that James wrote to face? How are Christians mistreated today?
2. What are some wrong responses to oppression and persecution?
3. Where does James want us to look so that we might respond rightly to the suffering and mistreatment we face in this life?
4. What is patience, and why do we need it?
5. What examples does James give us of patience under suffering? What does this teach us about how we should read our Bibles?
6. How can James say that Christ's return is at hand? Hasn't nearly 2,000 years passed since he wrote this?
7. What does grumbling and swearing oaths have to do with being the victim of injustice? How can impatience in our sufferings cause us to misuse our lips?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Am I a patient sufferer? How does grappling with Christ imminent return help me to exercise patience in the face of injustice?
2. Is patience a passive matter? How might I defend my answer from the agricultural and biblical examples that James gives in this passage?
3. How do my lips tend to be wielded unlovingly when facing intense pressures for extended periods of time? Are there certain sins of the tongue I need to repent of in light of this text?