

HOPE SABBATH SCHOOL

The Book of James – Part 11

Getting Ready for the Harvest

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing our study of the Book of James. Our topic today: Getting Ready for the Harvest.

Scripture Theme Song: “Bless the LORD” – Psalm 103:1-4

- 1) Waiting for rain
 - a) James 5:7
 - b) What rain are we anticipating as we wait for the coming of the Lord?
 - i) Zechariah 10:1 – just referring to precipitation?
 - ii) Joel 2:23, 28-29 –outpouring of Holy Spirit
 - c) How is the coming of the rain related to the gathering in of the harvest?
 - i) Acts 1:8
 - ii) What is the important difference between the falling of the latter rain in the agriculture setting and the falling of the latter rain in end-time missionary activity?
 - d) What should harvest workers do while waiting for the rain and the time of the harvest?
 - i) Luke 11:13
 - ii) Matthew 10:7-8; Luke 10:2-12
- 2) The apparent delay in the Lord’s coming
 - a) James 5:8-9 – the Lord is near
 - b) The teaching of Jesus
 - i) John 14:1-3 - Does Jesus say anything here about the nearness of His coming?
 - ii) Matthew 24:37-44 – be ready
 - iii) Matthew 25:1-5 – delay from their perspective
 - iv) The followers of Jesus expected His second coming to be soon:
 - (1) Romans 13:11-12
 - (2) Hebrews 10:25
 - (3) 2 Peter 3:8-13
 - (4) Revelation 22:12
 - c) Why is patience so important as we wait for the return of Jesus? (mentioned 2 times in James 5:7-8)
 - d) James 5:9 Why is it so easy to start grumbling while we wait?
- 3) Examples of patient endurance
 - a) James 5:11
 - i) Which Old Testament characters inspire you as models of patient endurance?
 - (1) Job
 - (2) Abraham
 - (3) Elijah
 - (4) Daniel
 - b) What can we learn from their example? James 5:11b
- 4) How to live while we wait
 - a) James 5:12
 - b) How does this comment relate to the context?
 - c) How does this relate to the teaching of Jesus in Matthew 10:16?
 - d) 1 John 3:1-3