

Summer Stimulus Package

Message #2 "God's Stimulus Address"

James 5:1-12

July 5, 2009

God's Stimulus Charge

1. **Don't** _____ - **God's** _____
"Be patient, then brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. ⁸ You too, be patient."

2. _____ - **The Lord's about** _____
"...patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near."
"Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh." James 5:8 KJV

Two Definite Truths about the Lord's Return

1. The _____ is hidden- known only to God the Father (Matt. 24:36, Mark 13:32)
2. It will be _____ - thief in the night, lightning (Matt. 24:27, 37, 39:1, 1 Thess. 5:2, 2 Peter 3:10)

N.T. Applications of These Truths

- A. Be on watch- 1 Peter 4:7
- B. Don't allow a delay to produce despair- 2 Peter 3:4
- C. Prepare for the coming of the Lord- 1 Peter 4:7, 1 Thess. 3:13, 1 Thess. 5:2
- D. Be found in fellowship with Him when He comes- 1 Peter 4:8, 9
- E. Abide in Him- 1 John 2:28-3:3

"...A scroll of remembrance was written in His presence concerning those who feared the Lord and honored His name. ¹⁷ 'They will be mine,' says the Lord Almighty, 'in the day when I make up my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as in compassion a man spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸ And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.'" 4:1 "Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and that day that is coming will set them on fire,' says the Lord Almighty. 'Not a root or a branch will be left to them. ² But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall.'" Malachi 3:16-4:2

Key Point: The Lord's coming is never to be _____ by the believer but rather it is to serve as a source of _____.

3. _____, **don't** _____ - **Christ is** _____
"Don't grumble against each other, brothers, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!"

4. _____ - _____
"Brothers, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ As you know, we consider blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy."

Three Sources for Perseverance

A. You are _____ - "...as an example..."

B. _____ made it...so can you- "...those who have persevered."

C. Follow _____ - "...as an example... You have heard of Job..."

Job 13:15-16 "Though He slay me, yet will I hope in Him; I will surely defend my ways to His face. 16 Indeed, this will turn out for my deliverance, for no godless man would dare come before Him!"

Job 16:19-20 "Even now my witness is in heaven; my advocate is on high. 20 My intercessor is my friend as my eyes pour out tears to God..."

Job 19:25 "I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand upon the earth."

5. **Be people** _____ - Others are _____. Vs. 12
"Above all, my brothers, do not swear-not by heaven or by earth or by anything else. Let your 'Yes' be yes and your 'No', no, or you will be condemned."

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