

Faith Turns Uncertainty into Expectancy

Scripture: James 5:7-12

Faith watches with patience

“Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. . . . establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.” (v7-8)

“. . . stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.” (Matthew 24:42-44)

Faith works with perseverance

“Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. . . . behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast.” (v9-11)

“Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes.” (Matthew 24:45-46)

Faith walks in purity

“But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.” (v12)

“But if that wicked servant says to himself, ‘My master is delayed’, and begins to beat his fellow servants and eats and drinks with drunkards, the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know and will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” (Matthew 24:48-51)