

**IN THE FIRE – PART IV**  
**“Coping with Injustices”**  
**James 5:7-11**

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Not everything that happens in life is fair. As we consider believers in other parts of the world many are being persecuted, oppressed and ostracized because of their stand for Jesus. In our own situation, here in America, some of us may have been the victim of an injustice which caused us great anguish. How do we cope with life when it isn't always fair and just? James' readers were suffering great hardships and he explains that God will vindicate those who suffer unjustly.

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**#1. WE COPE WITH INJUSTICES BY UNDERSTANDING THAT GOD \_\_\_\_\_ EVERYTHING, vv. 1-4**

- A. The rich nonbelievers were wasting their resources
- B. They didn't share their goods
- C. They didn't pay the day laborers
- D. They were self-indulgent hedonists
- E. They condemned & murdered innocent people
- F. Their actions were visible to God

**#2. WE COPE WITH INJUSTICES BY UNDERSTANDING THAT \_\_\_\_\_ IS COMING, vv. 5-6**

- A. The day of slaughter is coming for the oppressors
- B. The Lord will judge them for their misdeeds
- C. The Lord will vindicate his people

**#3. WE COPE WITH INJUSTICES BY BEING PATIENT UNTIL THE \_\_\_\_\_, v. 7a**

- A. The Lord's coming is a certainty, Acts 1:11
- B. The Lord's coming is a blessing for believers
- C. The Lord's coming is terrifying for nonbelievers
- D. The Lord's coming requires patience

**#4. EXAMPLE - WE MUST BE PATIENT LIKE THE \_\_\_\_\_, vv. 7b-9**

- A. The farmer is patient for his crops to grow
- B. The farmer is patient for rain to come
- C. The believer must be patient (*makrothumeó*)
- D. The believer must stand firm
- E. The Lord's coming is near
- F. The Lord requires us to be patient with each other

**#5. EXAMPLE - WE MUST BE PATIENT LIKE THE \_\_\_\_\_, vv. 10-11a**

- A. The prophets were patient in their suffering
- B. The prophets were patient speaking God's word
- C. The prophets were blessed persevering, Mat 5:11-12

**#6. EXAMPLE - WE MUST BE PATIENT / ENDURING LIKE \_\_\_\_\_, v. 11b**

- A. They knew of Job's stamina (*hupomoné*)
  - B. They knew what the Lord brought about
  - C. They knew the Lord gave compassion & mercy to Job
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**NOTES:**

**ANSWERS:** Sees, Judgment Day, Lord's Coming, Farmer, Prophets, Job.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- #1. What was the historical background to this section (James 5:1-11)?
- #2. Identify and discuss the sins of the rich nonbelievers mentioned in vv. 1-6.
- #3. Why is it important to know that God sees and hears everything?
- #4. What is the definition of patience?
- #5. How do you think James' readers responded to v. 7a?
- #6. For what reason(s) should believers have the second coming of Christ in their minds?
- #7. In what way(s) should believers be patient like farmers?
- #8. In what way(s) should believers be patient like the prophets?
- #9. What can we take away from the suffering of Job?
- #10. What is your takeaway from this teaching?

# **Welcome** *To* **Hillcrest Church!**

***GIVING GOD OUR BEST – 2021!***

*“Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”*

*Acts 1:11*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **TRUNK OR TREAT - HALLOWEEN OUTREACH**

Hillcrest Church is having our FALL FESTIVAL, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 - 8:00. We will have Trunk or Treat in the parking lot, candy, prizes and food. Invite your friends to stop in.

### **CANDY DONATIONS**

You can drop off your candy in the designated area by the kitchen.

### **JOIN US ONLINE FOR**

Tuesday Bible study at 6:30, Wednesday study & Prayer at 6:30. <sup>[11]</sup><sub>[5P]</sub>Click the "online meeting room" link on the home page of the website [Hillcrestroseville.com](http://Hillcrestroseville.com)

### **YOGA FOR OUR COMMUNITY**

Pastor Bruce is a certified Yoga instructor and will be offering a class **every** Saturday at 10:00 and another class during the week. Bring a friend. Time to be announced

### **HELP WITH MEDIA**

If you would like to help with the sound system and/or media please let Aaron, Johanna, or DJ know and we can train you.

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Our offering box is in the back of the sanctuary. You can place your tithes and offerings there, or you can visit our website and give online ([hillcrestroseville.com](http://hillcrestroseville.com)). Thank you for supporting the gospel ministry of Hillcrest Church.

### **FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS**

This week electrical upgrades have been made to the facility as well as exterior landscaping. Thanks to Keith, Vinod, Nalini, Marjorie, Will, and Joyce for their work. Next Sunday you will notice more improvements.