## Patience - Study Questions 3 August 2025

## Read James 5:7-11

- 1. How do you respond to the declarations that the "coming of the Lord" is "at hand" and that "the Judge is standing at the door?" *Read 2 Peter 3:8-9* How does this text impact our understanding of the soon return of Jesus?
- 2. There are 2 aspects of the return of Jesus that our text holds in tension. What are they and how does each make you feel?
- 3. What are the 3 examples of patience that are mentioned in our text? Why are they good examples?
- 4. How is it that patience is a character trait of Jesus being developed in our lives by the Spirit yet also a command? Does the example of the farmer help with our understanding?
- 5. What are our responsibilities regarding the development of patience in our lives? One responsibility comes from the 1st sermon in our series & the others come from our text vs. 8, vs. 9, vss. 10-11.
- 6. What is the result of the formation of patience in our lives (vs. 11)? How does the Biblical concept of blessing (read *James 1:2-4*) conflict with a prominent cultural idol?
- 7. Read Matthew 5:10-11. In the sermon what did James (the preacher, not the apostle) suggest was the great reward in heaven (read Matthew 25:20-24)?