

Responding to Mistreatment

James 5:1-12

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Main Point:

When you are mistreated by the people of the world, instead of retaliating, wait patiently for the coming of Christ.

1. Those who mistreat God's people will be punished eventually.

2. Therefore, you should patiently wait on the Lord, instead of retaliating.

3. Your patience will one day be rewarded with blessing.

Cross-References and Quotations

Luke 12:33 ³³ "Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys. (NKJV)

Douglas Moo "What is commanded ... is firm adherence to the faith in the midst of temptations and trials."

Job 2:9-10 ⁹ Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast to your integrity? Curse God and die!" ¹⁰ But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips. (NKJV)

James 1:2-4 ² My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, ³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. ⁴ But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. (NKJV)

Job 42:10, 12-13 ¹⁰ And the LORD restored Job's losses when he prayed for his friends. Indeed the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before ... ¹² Now the LORD blessed the latter *days* of Job more than his beginning; for he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, one thousand yoke of oxen, and one thousand female donkeys. ¹³ He also had seven sons and three daughters. (NKJV)

Douglas Moo "Your present suffering, James would be saying, is not the 'end' of the story; God will transform your situation for good when Christ is revealed in glory."

Romans 8:18 ¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us. (NKJV)

1 Peter 2:21-24 ²¹ For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: ²² "Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth"; ²³ who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed *Himself* to Him who judges righteously; ²⁴ who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness-- by whose stripes you were healed. (NKJV)