

James 5:10-13

10. My brethren, take **the PROPHETS**, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as **an example of SUFFERING and patience.**

- **Matthew 5:12** "Rejoice and be exceedingly _____, for great is your _____ in _____, for so they _____ the _____ who were before you."
- **Hebrews 11:32-40** "And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of _____ and _____ and the _____: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the _____ of _____, quenched the violence of _____, escaped the edge of the _____, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to fight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead _____ to _____ again. And others were _____, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings (whippings, beatings), yes, and of _____ and _____. They were _____, they were _____ in _____, were tempted, were _____ with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, _____, tormented - of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in _____ and mountains, in dens and _____ of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through _____, did not receive the promise, God having provided something _____ for _____, that they should not be made perfect apart from us."

Definition: "The PROPHETS..... as an EXAMPLE of SUFFERING and PATIENCE" - The prophets in the Old Testament, the ones who always had to go to the people of Israel and say, **"Thus says the Lord" and then deliver a message the people did not want to hear**, did not have an easy time of it. Just read the book of Jeremiah to see how he suffered, and history tells us that Isaiah was tortured and sawn in half. Elijah was hunted down by Queen Jezebel, who wanted to kill him, and he had to run for his life, and hide out in the desert. David, before he became king of Israel, had to hide in caves from King Saul, who wanted to kill him out of jealousy. The list goes on and on. They obeyed God, but were mistreated and persecuted by men for it. Their reward came from God, but not here on this earth.

- **Matthew 23:31-37** "Therefore you are witnesses against yourselves that you are sons of those who _____ the _____. Fill up then the measure of your fathers' guilt. Serpents, brood of vipers! How can you escape the condemnation of hell? Therefore indeed, I send you _____, wise men, and scribes: some of them you will _____ and _____, and some of them you will scourge (beat nearly to death) in your synagogues and _____ from city to city, that on you may come all the righteous _____ shed on the earth, from the _____ of righteous Abel to the _____ of Zechariah, son of Berechiah, whom you _____ between the _____ and the altar. Assuredly I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who _____ the _____ and stones those who are _____ to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not _____!"
- **Jeremiah 38:6** "So they took Jeremiah and cast him into the _____ of Malchiah the king's son, which was in the court of the _____, and they let

- Jeremiah _____ with _____. And in the _____ there was no water, but mire (mud). So Jeremiah _____ in the _____."
- **Jeremiah 40:1** The word that came to _____ from the _____ after Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had let him go from Ramah, when he had taken him _____ in _____ among all who were carried away _____ from Jerusalem and Judah, who were carried away _____ to Babylon."

Definition: "Did NOT receive the PROMISE" - "And all these, having obtained a good testimony through FAITH, did not receive the promise" (Hebrews 11:32-40). They did not receive their reward on earth, and they did not get to see when their Messiah would come, except to see it much later from heaven. At this time, the prophets and all the Old Testament saints, although they "obtained a good testimony through FAITH," (in other words, they were SAVED by their FAITH in God and the coming Messiah), did not go directly to heaven when they died. **They could not go into God's presence until Jesus died and PAID the PENALTY for their sins.** When the veil in the temple was torn in two (see Matthew 27:50-53), THEN the WAY was OPEN for US and all true Believers who had died before, to go directly into the presence of God.

11. Indeed, we count them blessed who endure. **You have heard of the perseverance of Job** and seen the end intended by the Lord - that **the Lord is very COMPASSIONATE and MERCIFUL.**

- **Job 42:10** "And the Lord _____ Job's _____, when he prayed for his friends. Indeed, the Lord _____ Job _____ as _____ as he had _____."
- **Ezekiel 14:14 & 20** "'Even if these three men, Noah, Daniel, and _____, were in it, they would deliver only themselves by their _____', says the Lord God." (Verse 20) "'Even though Noah, Daniel, and _____ were in it, as I live', says the Lord God, 'They would _____ neither son nor daughter; they would deliver only themselves by their _____.'" **Definition: "You have heard of the PERSEVERANCE of JOB"** - Perseverance or "to persevere" means "to persist, to be steadfast in purpose, to continue in effort or course of action in spite of difficulty or opposition." **Job is a major example of a righteous man standing firm in his belief and trust in God**, even through difficult circumstances. See how Job is mentioned by God to the prophet Ezekiel, as one of the three most righteous men in the Bible, "Even if **these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job**" (Ezekiel 14:14 & 20). In the Old Testament, read Job 1:1, 6-12 & 22; 2:3-10 to see how God allowed Satan to challenge Him over the integrity of one of His servants, a man named Job. Satan had to ask permission to test Job, and God put limits on what he could and could not do. The test was **to PROVE whether Job would remain faithful to God**, no matter what happened to him. Job did prove to be faithful to God through all his suffering. In Job's case, when the time of testing was over, God restored all the material, worldly possessions he had lost, plus much more. God also gave Job a new family, and blessed him in every way. Not all of us, nor the prophets in the Old Testament, **receive our rewards in this life**, but we know God is faithful ("the Lord is very compassionate and merciful"), and **He will reward us in heaven** for any persecution we have gone through for His name's sake.
- **Job 1:1, 8-12 & 22** "There was a man in the land of _____, whose name was _____, and that man was _____, upright, fearing God, and turning away from evil." "And the Lord said to Satan, 'Have you considered my servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil.' Then Satan answered the Lord, 'Does Job fear God for nothing? Have You not made a _____ about him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have _____ the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. But put forth Your hand now and touch all that he has; he will surely curse You to Your face.' Then the Lord said to

- _____, 'Behold, all that he has is in your power, only do not put forth your hand on him (to take his life - kill him).' So Satan departed from the presence of the Lord." (Verse 22) "Through all this Job did _____ sin nor did he blame God."
- **Job 2:3** "And the Lord said to _____, 'Have you considered _____ servant _____? For there is no one like him on the earth, a _____ and _____ man, fearing God and turning away from evil. And he still holds fast his _____, although you incited Me against him, to ruin him without cause.'"

12. But above all, my brethren, **DO NOT SWEAR**, either by heaven or by earth or **with any other oath**. But let your "Yes" be "Yes" and your "No" be "No", lest you fall into judgment.

- **Matthew 5:34-37** "But I say to you, do _____ at all: neither by _____, for it is God's throne; nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Nor shall you _____ by your head, because you cannot make one hair white or black. But let your "_____ " be "_____ " and your "_____ " be "_____ ". For whatever is _____ than these is from the _____ one."
- **Exodus 20:7** "You shall _____ take the _____ of the Lord your _____ in _____, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in _____."

Definition: "DO NOT SWEAR..... But let your "Yes" be "Yes" and your "No" be "No" - "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain" is the Third Commandment of the Ten Commandments (see Exodus 20:7). As Christians, we are not only NOT to use the Lord's name as a SWEAR WORD, but we are NOT supposed to SWEAR or CURSE in ANY way, but to let our "yes" mean yes, and our "no" mean no. In other words, a person who needs to curse and swear is basically not honest enough for people to believe they mean what they say. Then, it also says, "DO NOT SWEAR..... with ANY OTHER oath." This would include all kinds of foul language, dirty jokes, filthiness, and words that are related to sexual acts (God talks about "revilers", which means users of abusive language of all kinds - I Corinthians 6:9-11).

- **Ephesians 4:29** "Let no _____ communication proceed out of your _____, but what is _____ for necessary edification, that it may impart _____ to the hearers."
- **Ephesians 5:4** "Neither _____, nor _____ talking, nor _____ jesting (dirty jokes), which are not fitting, but rather _____ of _____."
- **James 3:7-10** "For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. But no man can _____ the _____. It is an unruly evil, _____ of deadly _____. With it we _____ our God and Father, and with it we _____ men, who have been made in the similitude (likeness) of God. Out of the same _____ proceed _____ and _____. My brethren, these things ought _____ to be so."

Definition: "Take the NAME of the LORD your GOD in VAIN" - To take the name of God "in vain" means to use God's name as a swear word or curse word. It also means we should not use His name in a flippant manner, or in any way which goes against His HOLY character. For instance, to say that God "damns" someone, is a horrible thing to say! God does not want anyone to be damned or condemned to hell, and He is not willing that anyone should perish. He sent His only begotten Son, Jesus, in His great love for mankind, so that we would not have to go to hell!

- **II Peter 3:9** "The _____ is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, _____ willing that _____ should _____, but that _____ should come to repentance."
- **Matthew 6:9** "In this manner, therefore, _____: Our _____ in heaven, _____ be Your _____."

Definition: "Hallowed be YOUR NAME" - Hallowed is just an old fashioned word for **HOLY**. **God's** name is to spoken of in the most holy of ways, and we need to think of Him as sitting in **His holiness in heaven, even when we pray to Him as our heavenly Father**. Yes, He is our loving Father, but He is still our HOLY Father.

13. Is anyone among you suffering? Let him PRAY. Is anyone cheerful? Let him SING PSALMS.

- **Psalms 34:4-6** "I sought the _____, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my _____. They looked to Him and were radiant, and their faces were not ashamed. This _____ man _____ out, and the Lord heard him, and _____ him out of all his _____."
- **Psalms 34:17-19** "The righteous _____ out, and the Lord _____, and _____ them out of all their _____. The Lord is near to those who have a _____ heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit. _____ are the _____ of the righteous, but the Lord _____ him out of them _____."
- **Psalms 91:14-15** "Because he has set his _____ upon Me, therefore I will _____ him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name. He shall _____ upon _____, and I will _____ him; I will be _____ him in _____; I will _____ him and honor him."
- **Colossians 3:16-17** "Let the word of _____ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in _____ and _____ and _____, singing with _____ in your _____ to the Lord."
- **Ephesians 5:19-20** "Speaking to one another _____ and hymns and spiritual _____, _____ and making _____ in your heart to the _____. Giving thanks _____ for _____ things to _____ the Father in the _____ of our Lord Jesus Christ,"
- **I Thessalonians 5:18** "In everything _____; for this is the _____ of God in Christ Jesus for _____."
- **Acts 16:24-25** "Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner _____ and fastened their feet in the stocks. But at midnight Paul and Silas were _____ and _____ to God, and the [other] prisoners were _____ to them."