



**Title:** Wars and Fightings (part 5) – Wisdom Concerning the Lord’s Return – The Motivations to Stopping Wars and Fightings.

**Text:** *James 5:7-12*

*Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. 8 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. 9 Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door. 10 Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience. 11 Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy. 12 But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation.*

**Pagsasalin:** 7 Kaya, maging matiyaga kayo, mga kapatid, hanggang sa pagdating ng Panginoon. Hinihintay ng magsasaka ang mahalagang bunga ng lupa, na siya'y nagtitiis para dito hanggang sa ito ay tumanggap ng una at huling ulan. 8 Maging matiyaga rin kayo. Patatagin ninyo ang inyong mga puso, sapagkat ang pagdating ng Panginoon ay malapit na. 9 Mga kapatid, huwag kayong magbulung-bulungan laban sa isa't isa, upang huwag kayong mahatulan. Tingnan ninyo, ang hukom ay nakatayo sa harapan ng mga pintuan. 10 Mga kapatid, kunin ninyong halimbawa ng pagtitiis at ng pagtitiyaga ang mga propeta na nagsalita sa pangalan ng Panginoon. 11 Tunay na tinatawag nating mapapalad ang mga nagtiis. Narinig ninyo ang tungkol sa pagtitiis ni Job, at inyong nakita ang layunin ng Panginoon, kung paanong ang Panginoon ay punô ng pagkahabag at pagkamaawain. 12 Ngunit higit sa lahat, mga kapatid ko, huwag ninyong ipanumpa ang langit o ang lupa, o ang anumang ibang panunumpa, kundi ang inyong Oo ay maging oo; at ang inyong Hindi ay maging hindi, upang kayo'y huwag mahulog sa ilalim ng kahatulan.

**Wisdom concerning the Lord’s Return – as motivation to end wars and fightings from among you (the church).**

- A. Be patient unto the coming of the Lord (vv.7-8) – waiting endurance with expectation.
  - 1) Look to the husbandman (farmer) for an illustration (v.7) – of patience.
  - 2) Be patient because the coming of the Lord draws near (v.8)
  - 3) Stablish your hearts because the coming of the Lord draws near (v.8) – fix, set, firm.
- B. Grudge not against another brethren, let ye be judged (vv.9-11)
  - 1) See the Judge stand outside the door (v.9)
  - 2) Receive what the prophets have spoken (v.10) – they are examples of patience. (Job) (cf. Job 1:22. 2:10).
  - 3) Those that endure are happy (v.11) – the Lord is pitiful and of tender mercy.
  - 4) Swear not by heaven but by your own integrity of heart (v.12).

**Observations:**

- 1. In the midst of persecution, the church members are exhorted to have patience.
- 2. The coming of the Lord provides mental and emotional strength (5:8).
- 3. The coming of the Lord provides motivation to eliminate personal grudges (5:9).
- 4. The Old Testament prophets including Job suffered patiently and learned much and were rewarded for their faithfulness (5:12).
- 5. The coming of the Lord is imminent (meaning, ready to take place). First, the rapture of all believers, followed by the Tribulation period, the Return, and the Millennial reign.