



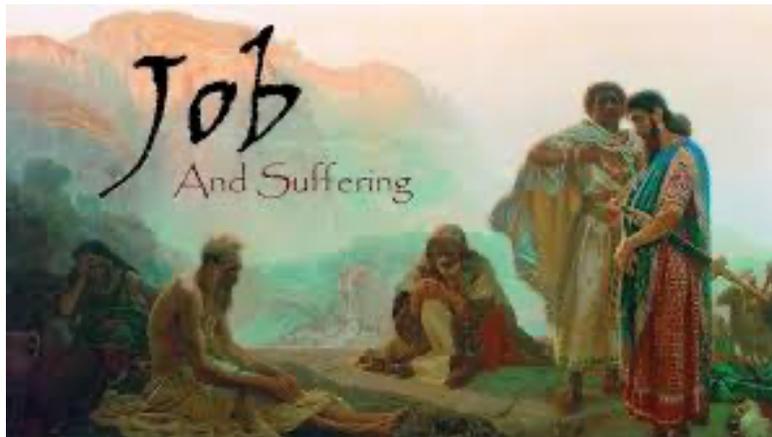
**FAITH, FREEDOM, & FITNESS**

# **DAILY BREAD**

**Tuesday, February 24**

**James 5:10-11**

***Brothers and sisters,  
as an example of patience in the face of suffering,  
take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.***



***As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered.***

***You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord  
finally brought about.***

***The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.***

In today's verses from James 5:10-11, James is urging his oppressed Christian readers to remain patient in their suffering:

***Brothers and sisters,  
as an example of patience in the face of suffering,  
take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.***



Likewise, we must refuse to give in to the pressure to turn on each other. Instead, we should continue to believe God's promise that the day of the Lord is coming, and all will be made right.

Hidden in this encouragement is a truth that James' readers surely would not have missed – many of the Jewish prophets died while waiting for the Lord's promise:

***As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered.  
You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord  
finally brought about.***

James is not promising that God will necessarily deliver us and make all things right before we die. He is urging us to remain faithful, as the prophets did, all the way through this life and into the reward of eternity.

James concludes today's verse with a declaration about God's character:

***The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.***



He is full of compassion, He is merciful, and His character doesn't change. God's goodness is not greater when our circumstances are better, and lesser when we are suffering. He *always* has compassion for His people in our suffering, and He is *always* merciful to those in Christ, now and forever.

***In Christ, Spero***



*For God so loved the world,  
that he gave his only begotten Son,  
that whosoever believeth in him  
should not perish,  
but have everlasting life.*

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