

⁷Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door.

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¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

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¹²But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

—James 5:7-12 ESV

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parousia
A sudden presence or arrival
that brings consequence.

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²⁷For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man... ³⁶But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

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³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. —Matthew 24:27, 36-39 ESV

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For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. —1 Thessalonians 5:2 ESV

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¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹²training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

—Titus 2:11-13 ESV

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Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved His appearing.

—2 Timothy 4:8 ESV

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⁴They will say, “Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation”... ⁸But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

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⁹The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

—2 Peter 3:4, 8-10 ESV

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makrothumia
long fuse; steady tempered

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Like farmers—Trust God when you're faced with circumstances you can't control.

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And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. —Galatians 6:9 ESV

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Like prophets—Honor God when you're faced with ridicule and resistance.

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Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. —2 Timothy 3:12 ESV

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³²And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

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³⁵Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword.

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They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.³⁹And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised. —Hebrews 11:32-39 ESV

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“Hardship is part of the normal Christian life.”

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Like Job—Lean into God’s providential purpose when you don’t understand why.

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“Satan wants us to get impatient with God, for an impatient Christian is a powerful weapon in the devil’s hands.”

—Warren Wiersbe

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I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. —John 16:33 ESV

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Though He slay me, I will hope in Him; yet I will argue my ways to His face.

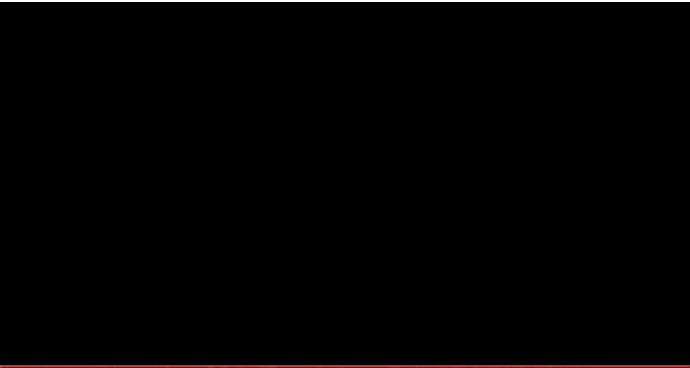
—Job 13:15 ESV

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth. —Job 19:25 ESV

I had heard of You by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees You.

—Job 42:5 ESV

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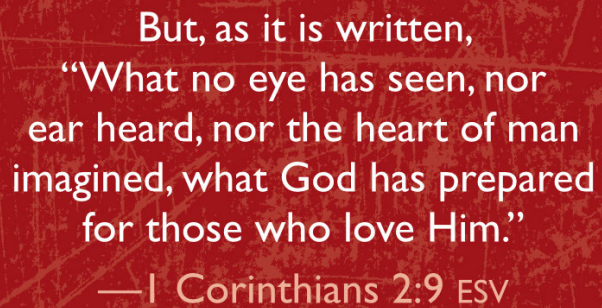
Like witnesses—Speak with
clarity and certainty in the face of
dishonesty and deceit.

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Matthew 26:69-75

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But, as it is written,
“What no eye has seen, nor
ear heard, nor the heart of man
imagined, what God has prepared
for those who love Him.”
—I Corinthians 2:9 ESV

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