

A man in a workshop, wearing a light blue shirt and dark suspenders, is focused on working on a bicycle wheel. The background is dark and filled with various tools and equipment, creating a sense of a busy, practical environment. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the man and his work.

# James

Faith that Works

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## ***Established Waiting***

James 5:7-11

Four foundational truths to look to for enduring trials with patient strength:

Look to:

1. the coming of the Lord
2. the judgment of the Lord
3. the purposes of the Lord
4. the character of the Lord

The second coming of Christ will be a personal and bodily return.

The second coming of Christ will be a glorious return.

“The nearness of the eschatological day is not just an impetus to look forward to the judgment of ‘sinners’..., but it is also a warning to examine one’s behavior so that when the one whose footsteps are nearing finally knocks on the door, one may be prepared to open...The coming Lord is also the judge of the Christian.” - Peter Davids

***Other Scripture:*** Acts 1:11b; Philippians 3:20-21; 2 Corinthians 5:9-11a, 14-15; Isaiah 55:8-9

### ***Further Study***

***Read:*** James 5:7-11 in your group or with at least one other person.

1. Have someone read it while everyone reads along.
2. Have someone else read it while everyone else listens.
3. Have someone recount the text from memory in their own words.

***Discuss:***

1. What does the passage reveal about God?
2. What does the passage reveal about humanity?

***Act:***

1. If this passage is from God, what should change about how you live?
2. Who needs to hear the truth of this Scripture that you can share it with this week? Identify a time this week when you might have the opportunity to share with them.