

James 5:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.

Analysis

Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience. Take the prophets as examples of suffering and patience. James roots perseverance in biblical history: faithful messengers endured affliction with steadfastness.

Reformed spirituality draws encouragement from saints of old. Scripture's narratives equip believers for endurance.

Historical Context

Diaspora Jews revered prophets; James uses shared heritage to encourage Christian endurance. Hebrews 11 similarly recounts prophetic suffering as inspiration.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. Which biblical examples inspire your perseverance?
2. How can you encourage others with stories of endurance?
3. Where might God be calling you to prophet-like faithfulness?

Interlinear Text

ὑπόδειγμα λάβετε τῆς κακοπαθείας ἀδελφοί μου, καὶ
for an example Take of suffering affliction brethren my and
G5262 G2983 G3588 G2552 G80 G3450 G2532

τῆς μακροθυμίας τοὺς προφήτας οἱ ἐλάλησαν τῷ
G3588 of patience G3588 the prophets who have spoken G3588
G3115 G4396 G3739 G2980

ὄνόματι κυρίου
in the name of the Lord
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Additional Cross-References

Acts 7:52 (Prophecy): Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers:

Acts 3:21 (Prophecy): Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

Hebrews 13:7 (Parallel theme): Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.

Luke 6:23 (Prophecy): Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.

