

James 5:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

Analysis

Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. Establish (stērixate, στηρίξατε) your hearts; the Lord's coming is near. James calls for resolute inner strength rooted in eschatological hope.

Reformed perseverance emphasizes heart-fortification through means of grace. Nearness of Christ fuels steadfastness.

Historical Context

Early Christians faced scoffers about Christ's delay (2 Peter 3). James assures diaspora believers that the Judge is near, echoing Jesus' teaching on readiness.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How can you 'establish your heart' amid uncertainty?
2. Who can help remind you of the Lord's nearness?
3. What rhythms fortify you for long obedience?

Interlinear Text

μακροθυμήσατε καὶ ὑμεῖς στηρίξατε τὰς καρδίας ὑμῶν
Be **also** **ye** **stablish** ^{G3588} **hearts** **your**
G3114 G2532 G5210 G4741 G2588 G5216

ὅτι ἡ παρουσία τοῦ κυρίου ἥγγικεν
for ^{G3588} **the coming** ^{G3588} **of the Lord** **draweth nigh**
G3754 G3952 G2962 G1448

Additional Cross-References

James 5:9 (Parallel theme): Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door.

Galatians 5:22 (Parallel theme): But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Psalms 37:7 (References Lord): Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

1 Peter 4:7 (Parallel theme): But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

Philippians 4:5 (References Lord): Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.

Psalms 27:14 (References Lord): Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

Revelation 22:20 (References Lord): He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 3:13 (References Lord): To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

Micah 7:7 (References Lord): Therefore I will look unto the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me.

Psalms 130:5 (References Lord): I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.

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