

***“THE HOPE OF THE SECOND COMING”***

**James 5:7-12**

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**Main Theme:** All of life is to be lived in light of the Second Coming of Christ which is the next great event in redemptive history.

**Introduction**

A. Definitions: **Patience** and **Steadfastness**.

I. **Patience** in Suffering (vv. 7-9)

A. We serve a just God and the Lord Jesus, his Son, **is coming in judgment**, and all injustices that are now being inflicted will be made right.

i. Key Scriptures: Psalm 37 and Proverbs 20:22

B. A Lesson from the hymn ***"For All the Saints."***

II. Remain **Steadfast** in Suffering (*vv. 10-12*)

A. Two examples of the suffering of godly men in history.

i. The testimony of the **prophets**.

ii. The testimony of **Job**.

B. What do **oaths** have to do with trials and patience and endurance and suffering?

**Conclusion/Application**

A. The story of Anthony Ashley Cooper.

B. If the prospect of the Lord's return can change an entire society for the better, how much will it change your life to reckon with it every day, even every hour of the day?