

## A FAITH THAT KNOWS THE END OF THE STORY

James: A Faith That Works When Life Doesn't – Part 24

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"Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming." James 5:7  
 "Do not give up hope, because the Lord is coming soon." James 5:8  
 "Speak and act as those who are going to be judged." James 2:12  
 "The Judge is near, ready to appear." James 5:9

## WHAT WILL THE LAST DAYS BE LIKE?

Jesus: "There will be GREAT DISTRESS in the world at that time, unparalleled since the world began." Matthew 24:21 (NJB)

Jesus' description: Matthew 24:7-15  
 Paul's description: 2 Timothy 3:1-5  
 Peter's description: 2 Peter 3:3, 10-13

"The day of the Lord's return will come unexpectedly like a thief . . . So, since everything we see will one day come to an end, WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE SHOULD WE BE? We should LIVE holy and godly lives, LOOK FORWARD to the coming Day of God and speed its coming! We look forward to a new heaven and new earth that Jesus has promised, a world where goodness lives." 2 Peter 3:10-13

## HOW SHOULD I LIVE TO PREPARE FOR HIS COMING?

1. Clean out the \_\_\_\_\_ in my life  
 "Getting angry at things will never help you live the righteous life God wants. So get rid of all the filth and evil habits you've learned. Then humbly accept God's Word planted in your heart, because it can save your soul." James 1:20-21  
 "Christ is our life, and when he comes again, you will share in his glory! So put all evil things out of your life: sexual sinning, doing evil, letting evil thoughts control you, wanting things that are evil, and greed. This is really serving a false god. These things make God angry. In your past, evil life you also did these things. But now also put these things out of your life: no anger, no bad temper, no doing or saying things to hurt others, and no using evil words when you talk." Colossians 3:4-8 (NCV)
2. Stay close to Christ  
 ". . . The Spirit that God gave to live in us wants us for himself alone. So, give yourself completely to God. . . Draw close to God and He will draw close to you!" James 4:5, 7-8 (NCV)  
 "Continue to live in fellowship with Christ so that when he returns, you will be full of courage and not shrink back from him in shame." 1 John 2:28 (NLT)

3. Use trouble to become \_\_\_\_\_ strong  
 "You know that troubles test your faith and develop endurance. So, let your endurance grow, for when it is fully developed, you will be strong in character and ready for anything!" James 1:3-4  
 "May God who makes everything holy and whole, make you HOLY AND WHOLE, put together – spirit, soul, and body – and KEEP YOU FIT for the coming of our Master, Jesus Christ." 1 Thessalonians 5:23 (The Message)
4. Practice loving everyone  
 "You will always do the right thing if you obey the most important law in the Scriptures. It is the law that commands us to love EVERYONE else as much as we love ourselves." James 2:8 (CEV)  
 "May the Lord make your love grow more and more and multiply for each other and for ALL PEOPLE so that you will love others as much as we love you. May your hearts be made strong so that you will be holy and without fault before our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes back with all who belong to him!" 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13 (NCV)
5. Invest in the \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven  
 James: "God's generosity to us . . . (James 1:5, 1:12, 1:17, 1:18, 4:6) should make us generous to others!" (James 1:27, 2:16)  
 Jesus: "Sell what you have and give to those in need. This will store up treasure for you in heaven! By getting your treasure into heaven, it will be safe for eternity; no thief can steal it and no moth can destroy it." Luke 12:33 (NLT)  
 "Tell people to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and should give happily to those in need, always ready to share with others whatever God has given them. By doing this they are storing up real treasure for themselves in heaven – it is the only safe investment for eternity! And they will be living a fruitful Christian life down here as well." 1 Timothy 6:18-19 (LB)
6. Use the gifts God gave me to \_\_\_\_\_  
 "I can never stop thanking God for all the generous gifts he has given you, now that you belong to Christ Jesus. Now you have every spiritual gift you need as you eagerly wait for the return of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 1:4, 7 (NLT)  
 "Remember, the reason the Lord is waiting is so that people have time to be saved." 2 Peter 3:15 (NLT)

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## 知道結局的信心

雅各書：在人生困境中活出真信心 – 第二十四部

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- “弟兄們哪，要有耐心，直至主再來。” 雅各書 5:7 (英文聖經意譯)  
 “不要絕望，因為主快來了。” 雅各書 5:8 (英文聖經意譯)  
 “言行要像那將要受審判的人。” 雅各書 2:12 (英文聖經意譯)  
 “審判者已臨近，快將現身！” 雅各書 5:9 (英文聖經意譯)

## 末後日子會是怎樣的？

耶穌：“那時必有大災難，是從世界開始以來無可相比的。”  
 馬太福音 24:21 (NJB 意譯)

耶穌的描述：馬太福音 24:7-15  
 保羅的描述：提摩太後書 3:1-5  
 彼得的描述：彼得後書 3:3, 10-13

“但主再來的日子會像賊一樣突然來到，…所以，既然我們所見的一切都有一天會終結，我們應當做個怎樣的人？我們應該過聖潔敬虔的生活，期待上帝來臨的日子，並催促它快來！我們期待耶穌所應許的新天新地，一個充滿美善的世界。”  
 彼得後書 3:10-13 (英文聖經意譯)

## 我應如何生活去準備迎接祂的再來？

## 1. 清除我生命中的

“大發雷霆並無助於活出上帝所要的正直生命。所以，要除去一切污穢，與及你學到的一切惡習。然後謙卑地接受上帝的話語，栽種在你心；因為它可以拯救你的靈魂。” 雅各書 1:20-21 (英文聖經意譯)

“基督是我們的生命，而當他再來的時候，你要分享他的榮耀！所以，要除去生命中一切惡事：性方面的罪、行惡、讓惡念控制你、想得到邪惡的東西、貪婪。這些其實是在服侍假神。這些事情觸怒上帝。在你過往的邪惡生命裏，你也做過這些事。但現在你要從生命中除掉這些東西，不再憤怒、不再發脾氣、不再做出或說出傷害別人的東西、也不再在說話時口出惡言。”

歌羅西書 3:4-8 (NCV 意譯)

## 2. 靠近基督

“…上帝所賜住在我們裏面的靈，深願我們單單屬於他。所以要全然順服上帝，…要親近上帝，他就會親近你們！” 雅各書 4:5, 7-8 (英文聖經意譯)

“要住在跟基督的契合相交中。那麼，當他再來的時候，你們就會滿有膽量，不至於羞愧地躲避他了。” 約翰一書 2:28 (新普及譯本)

## 3. 善用困境來使

“你知道困境會考驗你的信心，並培養忍耐力。所以，讓你的忍耐力增長吧。因為當它充分發展起來，你就會品格剛強，準備好迎接一切！”

雅各書 1:3-4 (英文聖經意譯)

“願那使萬物成為聖潔與完全的上帝，使你們成為聖潔與完全，也保守你們整個人 – 靈、魂與身體 – 並保持健康，為要迎接我們的主人，耶穌基督再來。”

帖撒羅尼迦前書 5:23 (Message 意譯)

## 4. 實踐關愛每一個人

“如果你遵守聖經中最重要的律法，你就會一直行事正確。而這律法命令我們要愛每一個人如同自己。” 雅各書 2:8 (CEV 意譯)

“願主使你們的愛心增長多而又多，並且倍增去彼此相愛，也去愛所有的人。這樣，你們就會愛別人，如同我們愛你們一樣。願你們的心變得剛強，使你們成為聖潔，並且在上帝，天父面前無可指摘，就在我們的主耶穌與一切屬祂之人回來的時候！” 帖撒羅尼迦前書 3:12-13 (NCV 意譯)

## 5. 投資於天國

雅各：“上帝對我們的慷慨… (雅各書 1:5, 1:12, 1:17, 1:18, 4:6) 也應當使我們慷慨待人！” (雅各書 1:27, 2:16)

耶穌：“要變賣你所擁有的，賙濟有需要的人，就會為你在天上積存財寶！當你得着天上的財寶，它就永遠都是安全的；沒有盜賊能竊取，也沒有蟲子能蛀蝕。” 路加福音 12:33 (NLT 意譯)

“要吩咐人們用錢財來行善，他們應該廣行善事，也應該樂於賙濟有需要的人，隨時準備好與人分享，無論上帝賜給他們甚麼。他們就為自己在天上積存了真正的財寶，這是唯一安全的永恆投資！他們也會在世上過著豐富的基督徒生活。” 提摩太前書 6:18-19 (Living Bible 意譯)

## 6. 使用上帝給我的恩賜向別人

“我為上帝給你的慷慨恩賜而感激不盡，因為你屬於耶穌基督。…當你殷切等候上主耶穌基督歸來的時候，你就已經擁有所需的一切屬靈恩賜了。”

哥林多前書 1:4,7 (NLT 意譯)

“記着，主正在等候，是為了讓人們有時間得救。” 彼得後書 3:5 (NLT 意譯)

## 每週

- 把我們的生命再次獻給耶穌。若你今天第一次把自己的生命獻給耶穌，請電郵 [CONTACT@saddleback.hk](mailto:CONTACT@saddleback.hk)。
- 我們透過奉獻，表達對上帝的感恩。你可以透過 PayMe/FPS 至 5741-0041 奉獻。你慷慨的捐獻，幫助了數以萬計在新冠病毒期間失業家庭。
- 我們在小組討論我們所學到的東西。要加入小組，電郵 [SMALLGROUP@saddleback.hk](mailto:SMALLGROUP@saddleback.hk)。
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