



“Take the Prophets” (James 5:10-12)

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### **INTRODUCTION: THE MISUNDERSTOOD ESSENTIAL**

#### **SCRIPTURE: JAMES 5:10-12**

*10 My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as examples of patient suffering. 11 Indeed, we consider those blessed who endured.*

*You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the outcome intended by the Lord—that the Lord is full of compassion and mercies.*

*12 But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath. But let your “Yes” be “Yes,” and your “No,” “No,” lest you fall into hypocrisy.<sup>o</sup>*

#### **WHAT WE FACE IN SUFFERING: THREE QUESTIONS ABOUT PATIENT SUFFERING**

Is my suffering \_\_\_\_\_?

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<sup>o</sup> Some Greek manuscripts have here, “fall into judgment,” but the vast majority of them read as translated in the text.

Is my suffering \_\_\_\_\_?

1. As to fairness
  
2. As to responsibility
  
3. As to a solution

**WHAT WE NEED IN SUFFERING**

1.

2.

**WHAT WE CAN KNOW IN SUFFERING**

1.

2.

**WHAT WE MUST AVOID IN SUFFERING**