

Daily Morning Message
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Daily Lectionary Readings Psalm 21
 Ezekiel 2:8-3:11
 James 5:7-12

Today's Scripture Verse: *Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. (James 5:7)*

What it means: Many of the early followers of Jesus expected that he would return in some way during their lifetimes. As time went by, writers like James began to urge them to be patient and to wait on God's own time for Christ's return.

Our time of reflection: Many Christians no longer look toward the second coming of Christ these days, but whether this belief is taken literally or metaphorically, the message of patience is wise counsel, recognizing that we cannot force the world to change as we might like for it to. Anticipating the Realm of God requires faithful ministry, trusting that our labors are not in vain, even though the timing of God's salvation is unknown to us.

