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## SUFFERING LONG - HOW LONG?

**Introduction:** All of us are willing to suffer long if it isn't too long. I can do it for a day, a week, maybe a year if I know it will be over. How long does God expect me to be long-suffering (patient)?

### JAMES 5:7-8

#### I. UNTIL - \_\_\_\_\_

1. "parousia" - someone's \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_ of a country by a king
  - \_\_\_\_\_ of a king to a country or province
2. "epiphaneia" - \_\_\_\_\_
  - Appearance of a \_\_\_\_\_ to his worshippers
  - \_\_\_\_\_ of the emperor to the imperial power of Rome
3. "apokalupsis" - \_\_\_\_\_
  - The book of \_\_\_\_\_

#### II. UNTIL - \_\_\_\_\_?

*Matt 24:3 - "...tell us" they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age."*

1. Unknown \_\_\_\_\_

*Matt 24:36 - "No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."*

2. Unannounced \_\_\_\_\_

*Matt 24:39 - the days of Noah - "and they knew nothing about what would happen until..."*

3. \_\_\_\_\_

*Matt 24:44 - "The son of man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."*

#### III. UNTIL THEN - \_\_\_\_\_?

1. W\_\_\_\_\_ - Matt 24:42
2. W\_\_\_\_\_ - Matt 24:45-46
3. W\_\_\_\_\_ - Acts 1:8
4. W\_\_\_\_\_ - 1 Thess 5:11 - "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up..."
5. W\_\_\_\_\_

**Conclusion:** Rev. 22 :20 - "He who testifies to these things says, 'Yes, I am coming soon.' Amen. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_."