How do you respond when suffering? Complaint, anger, escape? Knowing that Jesus will soon appear to set all things right strengthens us to patiently wait and endure with hope.

Job 5:7
For man is born for trouble, As sparks fly upward.

Natural responses to suffering
1. Complain
2. Fight
3. Escape
4. Hoard
5. Blame

Patient Endurance
Patience  
“prolonged restraint of passion or anger”  
“to bear up under provocation without complaint”
Endurance  
“to remain under”  
“to maintain a belief or course of action in the face of opposition, hostility or suffering”

• Steadfast hope

Deuteronomy 11:14  
He will give the rain for your land in its season, the early and late rain, that you may gather in your grain and your new wine and your oil.

Jeremiah 5:24  
“Let us now fear the Lord our God, who gives rain in its season, both the autumn rain and the spring rain, who keeps for us the appointed weeks of the harvest.”

— Christ will come to bless

Ezekiel 34:26–27  
“...I will cause showers to come down in their season; they will be showers of blessing. Also the tree of the field will yield its fruit and the earth will yield its increase, and they will be secure on their land.”

— Christ will come to vindicate

• Reverent fear

1 Peter 4:17  
For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God.
2 Corinthians 5:10–11
For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men...

- Diligent labor

Application
1. recognize suffering is normal
2. dwell on the appearing of Jesus
3. give thanks for what you have now