

Warning to Rich Oppressors - James 5:1-6

Topics

Compassion, Greed, Injustice, Judgment, Justice, Materialism, Money, Oppressed, Wealth

Open It Questions

- A. How does a person's use of money reflect what is important to him or her?

- B. In what ways can money and riches affect our relationship with God?

Explore It Questions

1. Whom did James address in this passage, and why did he tell them to weep and howl aloud? (5:1)

2. What warning about the last days did James give to those he addressed in this passage? (5:2-3)

3. What attitude does God have toward hoarding wealth? (5:3)

4. Who are the victims of the rich oppressors? (5:4)

5. Who is the Lord of Sabaoth, and how is his attention to the cries of the victims of the rich oppressors important? (5:4)

6. What do luxury and self-indulgence have to do with the trouble that lies ahead for oppressive rich people? (5:5)

7. What did the rich oppressors do to the just (the innocent)? (5:6)

8. How did the oppressed ones react to their oppressors actions against them? Why? (5:6)

Get It Questions

9. What material possessions would you find it difficult to give up to help someone else?

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Apply It Question

11. Given all of the needs in your immediate and extended families, your community, your church, in America, and in the world; what specific action will you take this week to share your financial blessings with others?

Adult Questions for LessonMaker.

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church Southfield, Michigan

Welcome to Bible Study

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**Epistle of James
5:1-6
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Bible Study Resources

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- Holy Bible
- Participant Questions/
Worksheet



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- Sick
- Bereaved
- Our Church
- Our Country
- The World



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Chapter 1 included the challenge to see that humble circumstances have distinct spiritual benefits (see 1:9-11) as opposed to riches, which require humility. In Chapter 2, James warned about the destructiveness of preferential treatment based on wealth.



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In Chapter 3, James warned that although it is good to aspire to teach, teachers' responsibility is great because their words and example affect others' spiritual lives. At the end of chapter 4, James warned against being seduced by the world.



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James begins chapter 5 by warning wealthy non-Christians of their hopeless end and the worthlessness of their riches. Their wealth will not save them from God's judgment. This should comfort the believers, knowing that any wrongs against them will be avenged. It should also be a clear warning that they should not make riches the focus of their desires because, ultimately, riches amount to nothing.



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SCRIPTURE (NKJV)



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(5:1-3 NKJV)

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²Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. ³Your gold and silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You Have heaped up Treasure in the last days.



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⁴ Indeed the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the **Lord of Sabaoth**. ⁵ You have lived on the earth in pleasure and luxury; you have fattened your hearts as in a **day of slaughter**. ⁶ You have condemned, you have murdered the just; he does not resist you.



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2. What warning about the last days did James give to those he addressed in this passage? (5:2-3)

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4. Who are the victims of the rich oppressors? (5:4)

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6. What do luxury and self-indulgence have to do with the trouble that lies ahead for oppressive rich people? (5:5)

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39th Women's Day Activities

- **Fundraiser Walk** – Saturday, June 4, 2022 @9:00am – 11:00am \$22 donation
- **Community Service Project** – Lahser Hills Nursing Home donations
- **Women's Day Bible Study** – Wednesday, June 22, 2022 @7:00pm Virtual via Zoom (Minister Jessie Moore)
- **Women's Day Worship Service** – Sunday, June 26, 2022 @11:00am (Rev. Michelle Lephart)

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Wednesday, June 22, 2022

NO NOONDAY
BIBLE STUDY!

TEACHER

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@7:00pm Evening Virtual
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PRAYER

