

## James 5:1-6 – Judgment on the Wicked Rich

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### INTRODUCTION

- What are some things people are tempted to place their trust in?
- READ James 5:1-6
  - Luke 16:13; Matt. 6:19-21
  - The audience of James' letter would have known Jesus' teaching on this, which makes them \_\_\_\_\_.
- The overall theme of James is testing your faith. How do money and material things play into testing your faith?
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### *A brief discussion on idolatry...*

- Guiding questions that will help you to assess your heart for idolatry:
  - Am I willing to sin to \_\_\_\_\_?
  - Am I willing to sin if I think I'm going to \_\_\_\_\_?
  - Do I turn to this as a \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ instead of going to God?
  - When I don't get it, do I:
    - \_\_\_\_\_ in anger?
    - \_\_\_\_\_ or get depressed?
    - \_\_\_\_\_?
    - get \_\_\_\_\_?
- James is rebuking those who \_\_\_\_\_ to worship God yet practically worship money.
  - His audience is the dispersed Jewish believers (Jewish diaspora).
- What is the implication of James addressing this to churches, i.e. professing believers?
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- If our \_\_\_\_\_ is in Christ, we must flee from sins that \_\_\_\_\_ unbelievers.

**THE DECLARATION, THE COMMAND, AND THE WARNING**

- The Declaration: v. 1 – “come now”
  - This is an \_\_\_\_\_ call to listen.
    - He used this same Greek phrase in 4:13.
- The Command: v. 1 – “weep and howl”
  - The Greek word for “weep” is *klaiō* which literally means to \_\_\_\_\_.
    - He also used it in 4:9 regarding \_\_\_\_\_ sorrow.
    - If you feel no sorrow over sin, then are you genuinely repentant?
      - If you are not repentant, then can you be forgiven?
  - The Greek word for “howl” is *ololuzō* which literally means \_\_\_\_\_.
    - *Klaiō* and *ololuzō* used together creates a picture of violent and uncontrollable \_\_\_\_\_.
      - This is a similar image that many OT prophets used to describe a godly reaction to sin.
- The Warning: v. 1 – “miseries...coming upon you”
  - The Greek word for “miseries” is *talapōria* which literally means \_\_\_\_\_ suffering.
  - How can James claim that these miseries are coming upon them?
    - \_\_\_\_\_
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- Four major sins we see the rich committing in these verses: (1) hoarding wealth, (2) stealing salaries, (3) self-indulgent spending, (4) killing to keep

**HOARDING WEALTH (vv. 2-3)**

- What about hoarding is sinful?
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- Three examples of wasted resources (markings of wealth in James' day):
  - 1. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3. \_\_\_\_\_

- What modern markers of wealth do we notice people hoarding today?
  - \_\_\_\_\_
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- v. 3 – “witness”

- This rusted and rotted wealth is \_\_\_\_\_ against their wicked greed.

- Also, a metaphor for their unregenerate hearts.

- v. 3 – “consume”

- Fire symbolizes \_\_\_\_\_.

- This is a reference to a conscious (Luke 16:23-24), bodily (Matt. 5:29), eternal (Matt. 25:41) punishment.

- *Sidebar: Unfortunately, annihilationism has made a recent comeback. This belief is not biblical. Be very wary of teachers and influencers who subscribe to this belief.”*

## STEALING SALARIES (v. 4)

- “Behold” indicates the \_\_\_\_\_ of this issue.

- Why is this sin so severe?

- \_\_\_\_\_

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- Jer. 22:13

- “Pay of the laborers...withheld by you...cries out against you”

- The pay the wicked rich has withheld from the laborers is yet another piece of \_\_\_\_\_ against them.

- God has listened to those who did not receive pay.

- This should \_\_\_\_\_ the wicked rich.

- “Sabaoth” is a Greek word that comes from a Hebrew word meaning “hosts” or “armies.”

- “Lord of Sabaoth” describes God as a \_\_\_\_\_.

## SELF-INDULGENT SPENDING (v. 5)

- “lived luxuriously”

- The Greek word is *τρυφαό* which comes from the noun meaning \_\_\_\_\_.

- In context, this luxurious living is at the \_\_\_\_\_.

- We see a motive of comfort.
  - Motives drive our \_\_\_\_\_.
- “wanton pleasure”
  - The Greek word is *spatalaō*. It gives the connotation of giving oneself \_\_\_\_\_ over to the \_\_\_\_\_ of pleasure.
  - What may be the result if someone lives a life void of self-denial?
- “fattened your hearts”
  - Ecclesiastes 2:4-10
    - Verse 11 indicates the \_\_\_\_\_ of selfish indulgence.
- “slaughter”
  - This is an extended metaphor: If you have fattened your heart with \_\_\_\_\_, then you have prepared yourself for your day of \_\_\_\_\_ (slaughter).

## KILLING TO KEEP (v. 6)

- The Greek word *katadikazō* literally means \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The wicked rich will \_\_\_\_\_ to maintain their wealth and lifestyle.
- “righteous man”
  - This person had done nothing to warrant the condemnation from the wicked rich.
    - They lived out Matt. 5:39-42.

## CONCLUSION

- *Wealth is a heavy responsibility. Wealthy believers may not struggle with financial security, but they face different battles than those who are not wealthy.*
  - *They have to constantly check their motives with their money and see if they are doing right by it.*