

James 5

Introduction

James 5 covers three main topics:

- Dangers of Riches
- Patience and Perseverance
- Meeting Needs

James 5:1-6 Dangers of Riches

- What miseries come upon the rich?
- Are we accountable for unused things God has given us (Luke 12:48)?
- Can riches tempt us to think we're above rules, including God's rules?
- Can pleasure and luxury deaden us to the needs of others (Luke 10:30-36)?
- Why would the rich be tempted to resist the just man (Mark 10:17-22)?

James 5:7-12 Patience and Perseverance

- How does having an ending in mind help our patience?
- What ending are we waiting for?
- What would the farmer's result be (at least in the region talked about here), if he harvested before the early and late rains?
- How does patience help us avoid grumbling and condemning?
- What does it mean for the Judge to be standing at the door?

James 5:13-20 Meeting Needs

- Does God have an answer for us and instructions for us whatever our circumstance (suffering, cheerful, sick)?
- Why would someone be anointed with oil (Matthew 6:17)?
- Is it harder to believe the sickness will be healed or that sins will be forgiven (Matthew 9:1-8)?
- What makes a prayer effective and fervent?

- What did Elijah pray for and why did he pray it (1 Kings 17:1, Deuteronomy 28:15-24)?
- Isn't turning a sinner from his way more important than physical circumstances (his and ours) (Mark 8:36-37)?