

Questions to Consider — Lesson 20 — “Warnings to the Rich” — James 5:1-6

1. Read James Chapter 5:1-6. (a) What are the miseries for which the rich will weep and how? (b) What is wrong with the way these rich viewed their possessions? (c) Does James condemn them for being rich or for being materialistic?
2. Memorize James 5:1.
3. (a) Review the previous chapters in James and note the other references to the rich and the poor. (b) Why do you think James repeats this so many times?
4. Read Amos 6. (a) What luxuries were the rich enjoying? (b) What warnings does Amos give to those living in pleasure? (c) What lessons are there for you in this passage?
5. (a) According to Leviticus 19:13 and Deuteronomy 24:14-15, what did the Mosaic Law say about wages for the laborers? (b) What did the prophets Jeremiah (Jeremiah 22:13) and Malachi (Malachi 3:5-6) say would happen to those who did not pay their laborers? (c) How do these passages compare to what James is saying in 5:1-6?
6. (a) Make note of how King Ahab lived out James 5:5-6 in 1 Kings 21. (b) What warnings are there for you if you find yourself living for pleasure and worldly things?
7. (a) Are there any material possessions that you are holding on to tightly? (b) Why? (c) What measures will you take so that these miseries will not come upon you in that day?
8. Is there an area in which God is speaking to you regarding finances and your handling of those? What is your prayer?