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Worship Service
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JAMES: Real Faith, Real Life

Lesson Twenty-One • James 5:1-6

Greedy Living

Woe to the Greedy

James sounds the alarm of JUDGMENT on the wicked rich.

Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. James 5:1

*Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you
and will eat your flesh like fire. James 5:3*

You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. James 5:5

Is Money Wrong?

God does not disapprove of people with money, but God does WARN about trusting in riches and misusing wealth.

The danger is not in money per se, but in so loving money that it chokes our love for God and others.

Judgment of the Wicked Rich

1. Hear the ANNOUNCEMENT of Judgment On the Wicked Rich!

“You Rich, Weep and Howl”

- God’s judgment is COMING: greedy living will deceive you (vs. 1-2).

- God’s judgment is CONSUMING: greedy living will destroy you (vs. 2).

2. Hear the ACCUSATIONS Against the Wicked Rich!

Four Accusations Against the Wicked Rich

- They have foolishly HOARDED their riches (vs. 3).

- They have callously DEFRAUDED their workers (vs. 4).

- They have proudly LIVED in self-indulgence (vs. 5).

- They have ruthlessly PERVERTED justice (vs. 6).

James’ Purpose of Rebuking the Wicked Rich

- 1) PROTECT: to warn believers not to envy the rich nor trust in wealth.

- 2) COMFORT: to assure believers that God hears their cries and will bring justice.

Take-Aways for Today

- ☐ For Unbelievers:

- ☐ For Believers: