

**FOR THE BROTHERS:
A STUDY IN THE EPISTLES OF JAMES, JOHN, JUDE
AMEN BIBLE STUDY 2016-2017**

**James: Forsaking the Idol of Wealth
James 5:1-6
November 17, 2016**

- :1 **I. The miseries of the rich are real.**
 ¹ *Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you.*
 cf. Proverbs 11:28; Luke 6:20-26; 18:18-30
- :2-3 **II. The treasures of the rich are perishing.**
 ² *Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten.* ³ *Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days.*
 cf. Matthew 6:19-21; Luke 12:13-21; 32-34; I Corinthians 7:31b; I Timothy 6:17-19
- :4 **III. The injustices of the rich are seen.**
 ⁴ *Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.*
 cf. Leviticus 19:9, 10; Ruth 2; Deuteronomy 15:1-11; Isaiah 5:8-10; Ezekiel 16:49-52; Amos 8:4-12
- :5 **IV. The self-indulgences of the rich are self-destructive.**
 ⁵ *You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter.*
 cf. Luke 16:19-31; I Timothy 6:6-10
- :6 **V. The abuses of the rich are outrageous.**
 ⁶ *You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.*
 cf. James 2:5-7