

Study of the Book of James

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DAY FIVE STUDY



James 5:1-6

- **Danger in wealth**
 - ◆ **Warning to the wealthy: v. 1**
 - ◆ **Reasons: vv. 2-6**

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James 5:1-6

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 - ◆ **Warning to the wealthy: v. 1**
- **Come now, you rich people, weep and wail for the miseries that are coming to you.**
- **Ἄγε νῦν οἱ πλούσιοι, κλαύσατε ὀλολύζοντες ἐπὶ ταῖς ταλαιπωρίαις ὑμῶν ταῖς ἐπερχομέναις.**

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**Structure Organization
Guilt / Judgment**

	Guilt:	Judgment:
Wealth status symbols:	vv.2-3a	v.3b-d
Gaining wealth:	v.4a	v.4b
Luxurious life style:	v.5a-b	v.5c
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• Danger in wealth

◆ Reasons: v. 2-6

- 2 Your riches have rotted, and your clothes are moth-eaten. 3 Your gold and silver have rusted, and their rust will be evidence against you, and it will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure for the last days. 4 Listen! The wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. 5 You have lived on the earth in luxury and in pleasure; you have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. 6 You have condemned and murdered the righteous one, who does not resist you. .
- 2 ὁ πλοῦτος ὑμῶν σέσηπεν, καὶ τὰ ἱμάτια ὑμῶν σητόβρωτα γέγονεν, 3 ὁ χρυσὸς ὑμῶν καὶ ὁ ἄργυρος κατίωται, καὶ ὁ ἰὸς αὐτῶν εἰς μαρτύριον ὑμῖν ἔσται καὶ φάγεται τὰς σάρκας ὑμῶν· ὡς πῦρ ἐθησαυρίσατε ἐν ἐσχάταις ἡμέραις. 4 ἴδου ὁ μισθὸς τῶν ἐργατῶν τῶν ἀμησάντων τὰς χώρας ὑμῶν ὁ ἀφυστερημένος ἀφ' ὑμῶν κρᾶζει, καὶ αἱ βοαὶ τῶν θερισάντων εἰς τὰ ὦτα Κυρίου Σαβαῶθ εἰσεληλύθασιν· 5 ἐτρυφήσατε ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς καὶ ἐσπαταλήσατε, ἐθρέψατε τὰς καρδίας ὑμῶν ἐν ἡμέρᾳ σφαγῆς. 6 κατεδικάσατε, ἐφονεύσατε τὸν δίκαιον. οὐκ ἀντιτάσσεται ὑμῖν;

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James 5:7-11

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 - ◆ **Admonition to patience: v. 7a**
 - ◆ **Example of the farmer: v. 7b**
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James 5:7-11

- **Persevering under trial**
 - ◆ **Admonition to patience: v. 7a**
- **Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord.**
- **Μακροθυμήσατε οὖν, ἀδελφοί, ἕως τῆς παρουσίας τοῦ κυρίου.**

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 - ◆ **Example of the farmer: v. 7b**
- The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains.
- ἴδου ὁ γεωργὸς ἐκδέχεται τὸν τίμιον καρπὸν τῆς γῆς, μακροθυμῶν ἐπ' αὐτῷ ἕως λάβῃ πρόϊμον καὶ ὄψιμον.

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- **Persevering under trial**

- ◆ **Admonitions to persevere: vv. 8-9**

- **8** You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. **9** Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors!
- **8** μακροθυμήσατε καὶ ὑμεῖς, στηρίξατε τὰς καρδίας ὑμῶν, ὅτι ἡ παρουσία τοῦ κυρίου ἤγγικεν. **9** μὴ στενάζετε, ἀδελφοί, κατ' ἀλλήλων, ἵνα μὴ κριθῆτε· ἰδοὺ ὁ κριτὴς πρὸ τῶν θυρῶν ἔστηκεν.

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• Persevering under trial

◆ Examples of Job & the prophets: vv. 10-11

- 10 As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. 11 Indeed we call blessed those who showed endurance. You have heard of the endurance of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

- 10 ὑπόδειγμα λάβετε, ἄδελφοί, τῆς κακοπαθίας καὶ τῆς μακροθυμίας τοῦς προφήτας, οἱ ἐλάλησαν ἐν τῷ ὀνόματι κυρίου. 11 ἰδοὺ μακαρίζομεν τοῦς ὑπομείναντας· τὴν ὑπομονὴν ἰὼβ ἤκούσατε, καὶ τὸ τέλος κυρίου εἶδετε, ὅτι πολὺσπλαγχνὸς ἐστὶν ὁ κύριος καὶ οἰκτίρμων.

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James 5:12

- **Swearing**

- ◆ **Do not make an oath: v. 12a**
- ◆ **Choose honest speech: v. 12b**

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- **Swearing**

- ◆ **Do not make an oath: v. 12a**

- Above all, my beloved, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath,
- Πρὸ πάντων δέ, ἀδελφοί μου, μὴ ὀμνύετε, μήτε τὸν οὐρανὸν μήτε τὴν γῆν μήτε ἄλλον τινὰ ὄρκον·

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Jas. 5:12a	Jas. 5:12a	Matt. 5:34-36	Matt. 5:34-26
Above all, my beloved,	Πρὸ πάντων δέ, ἀδελφοί μου,	34 ἐγὼ δὲ λέγω ὑμῖν	34 But I say to you,
do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath,	μὴ ὀμνύετε, μήτε τὸν οὐρανὸν μήτε τὴν γῆν μήτε ἄλλον τινὰ ὄρκον·	34 ἐγὼ δὲ λέγω ὑμῖν μὴ ὀμόσαι ὄλως· μήτε ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ, ὅτι θρόνος ἐστὶν τοῦ θεοῦ· 35 μήτε ἐν τῇ γῇ, ὅτι ὑποπόδιόν ἐστὶν τῶν ποδῶν αὐτοῦ· μήτε εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα, ὅτι πόλις ἐστὶν τοῦ μεγάλου βασιλέως· 36 μήτε ἐν τῇ κεφαλῇ σου ὀμόσης, ὅτι οὐ δύνασαι μίαν τρίχα λευκὴν ποιῆσαι ἢ μέλαιναν·	Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, 35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. 36 And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black.

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James 5:12

- **Swearing**

- ◆ **Choose honest speech: v. 12b**

- but let your “Yes” be yes and your “No” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.
- ἦτω δὲ ὑμῶν τὸ Ναὶ ναὶ καὶ τὸ Οὐ οὐ, ἵνα μὴ ὑπὸ κρίσιν πέσητε.

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Jas. 5:12b

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Jas. 5:12b

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τὸ Ναὶ ναὶ καὶ
τὸ Οὐ οὐ, ἵνα
μὴ ὑπὸ κρίσιν
πέσητε.

Matt. 5:37

37 ἔστω δὲ ὁ λόγος
ὑμῶν ναὶ ναί, οὐ οὐ· τὸ
δὲ περισσὸν τούτων ἐκ
τοῦ πονηροῦ ἐστίν.

Matt. 5:37

37 Let your word be
‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No,
No’; anything more
than this comes
from the evil one.

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James 5:13-18

- **Reaching out to God**
 - ◆ **Admonitions / Actions: vv. 13-15**
 - ◆ **Community actions: vv. 16-18**

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James 5:13-18

• Reaching out to God

◆ Admonitions / Actions: vv. 13-15

- 13 Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. 14 Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.
- 13 Κακοπαθεῖ τις ἐν ὑμῖν; προσευχέσθω· εὐθυμεῖ τις; ψαλλέτω. 14 ἀσθενεῖ τις ἐν ὑμῖν; προσκαλεσάσθω τοὺς πρεσβυτέρους τῆς ἐκκλησίας, καὶ προσευξάσθωσαν ἐπ’ αὐτὸν ἀλείψαντες αὐτὸν ἐλαίῳ ἐν τῷ ὀνόματι τοῦ κυρίου· 15 καὶ ἡ εὐχὴ τῆς πίστεως σώσει τὸν κάμνοντα, καὶ ἐγερεῖ αὐτὸν ὁ κύριος· κὰν ἁμαρτίας ἢ πεποικῶς, ἀφεθήσεται αὐτῷ.

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James 5:13-18

• Reaching out to God

◆ Community actions: vv. 16-18

- 16 Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. 17 Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. 18 Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.
- 16 ἔξομολογεῖσθε οὖν ἀλλήλοις τὰς ἁμαρτίας καὶ εὐχεσθε ὑπὲρ ἀλλήλων, ὅπως ἰαθῆτε. πολὺ ἰσχύει δέησις δικαίου ἐνεργουμένη. 17 Ἡλίας ἄνθρωπος ἦν ὁμοιοπαθῆς ἡμῖν, καὶ προσευχῆ προσηύξατο τοῦ μὴ βρέξαι, καὶ οὐκ ἔβρεξεν ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ἑνιαυτοὺς τρεῖς καὶ μῆνας ἕξ· 18 καὶ πάλιν προσηύξατο, καὶ ὁ οὐρανὸς ὑετὸν ἔδωκεν καὶ ἡ γῆ ἐβλάστησεν τὸν καρπὸν αὐτῆς.

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- **Reclaiming the wayward**
 - ◆ **The situation: v. 19**
 - My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another,
 - Ἀδελφοί μου, ἐάν τις ἐν ὑμῖν πλανηθῆ ἀπὸ τῆς ἀληθείας καὶ ἐπιστρέψῃ τις αὐτόν,

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 - ◆ **The responsibility: v. 20**
 - you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.
 - γινωσκέτω ὅτι ὁ ἐπιστρέψας ἁμαρτωλὸν ἐκ πλάνης ὁδοῦ αὐτοῦ σώσει ψυχὴν ἑαυτοῦ ἐκ θανάτου καὶ καλύψει πλῆθος ἁμαρτιῶν.

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