

James 5

1. What is this chapter primarily about?
2. The first few verses of this chapter give warnings against rich people:
 - a. What are the dangers according to these verses?
 - b. What warnings are given in 1 Timothy 6:17?
3. How were their riches “corrupted?”
 - a. List the possibilities according to Matthew 6:19:
4. The “eating” of their “flesh” (verse 3) cannot be taken literally. What is the meaning? (*Thought: Some commentators connect this with the destruction of Jerusalem, in which rich Jews would have been particularly targeted by Roman officials.*)
5. Along with mere wealth accumulation, without helping others, of what else were they guilty? (v. 4)
6. Using verse 5 of this chapter, Luke 12:19 and Luke 16:19, describe what it means to “live in pleasure:”
7. For how long were they to be “patient?”
8. Who is cited as examples of suffering and patience? (there are 2 answers)

9. With the help of Matthew 5:34-37, with James 5:12, explain why we are not to attach oaths (swears) to our promises:
10. What is one to do if:
- a. He is suffering?
 - b. He is cheerful?
 - c. He is sick? (*What type of healing was associated with “anointing with oil?” - Mark 6:13*)
11. Does the “confession” of v. 16 have reference to the public confession of sins, or private?
12. Who is cited as an example of prayer?
13. According to verses 19-20,
- a. What is possible for a “brother” to do?
 - b. What does the brother become when he does this?
 - c. What are the consequences of his actions if he fails to repent and seek forgiveness?
 - d. What good does one accomplish if he “brings a sinner back from his wandering?”