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James 5:1-6 NIV

¹Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming upon you. ²Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. ³Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. ⁴Look! The wages you failed to pay the workmen who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. ⁵You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. ⁶You have condemned and murdered innocent men, who were not opposing you.

Sermon Notes

Monday, October 5

James opens Chapter 5 by discussing injustice within community. Those who were wealthy were reminded that their wealth and lifestyle had come at the expense of the poor.

James 5:1-12

What are some common barriers that keep us from giving our time and resources to help people in need?

What can we do to make ourselves more aware of those in need?

Tuesday, October 6

Almost everyone prays. Even those who profess no interest in spiritual things pray for things they worry about. But for the Christian, prayer is our connection with God. It's a way to gain his thoughts, direction, and victory in our lives. James gave two particular examples of prayer: praying for sickness and praying for forgiveness and relief from guilt and shame.

James 5:13-17

What is one of the biggest answers to prayer God has granted you?

One popular model for prayer is A.C.T.S.: Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication (asking). Which of these do you practice the most when you pray alone? With other people? Which do you practice the least?

How might a balance of these four things change the way you feel about praying alone and with others?
