

James 5:1-6 | Warning to the greedy rich

Study Questions from 12.04.2026 sermon

The passage contains four warnings:

Warning against hoarding & accumulating wealth

- i. Read v2—3. NB These verses are not about the hoarding which can be a result of those struggling with their mental health but the accumulation of wealth. Why has “their wealth rotted” and why does James say “your gold/silver has corroded” when these metals do not corrode/rust?
- ii. What are ways in which we might hoard our wealth? How can we use our wealth in a godly way?

Warning against worker exploitation

- iii. Read v4. Is God still concerned about the fair treatment of workers today? Discuss what we can do to ensure that the products we buy are made by workers who are not exploited and who are paid a fair wage.

Warning against self-indulgence

- iv. Read v5. Our consumeristic culture and advertising pushes self-indulgence as a good thing; something we deserve. Discuss how we can avoid being sucked into this mindset.

Warning against murder

- v. Read v6. The powerful rich were taking land from the poor, leaving them to die of exposure and starvation. This still happens today. Discuss what we should be doing about it (three things were mentioned in the sermon).

Prayer

Spend some time praying about what you've discussed and pray for one another.