

James 5:1-6

"Misery for Those Who Serve Money"

Introduction: Offering up our praises to God

- **One great reason to praise God:** He is our Creator.
- **Another great reason to praise God:** He is our Redeemer.
- **Yet another great reason to praise God:** He is our Comforter.
- **The sinful practice of a whole host of unbelievers:** the practice of looking to money as their creator, redeemer, and comforter

We must recognize the _____ that will fall upon those who _____ and _____ riches instead of loving and serving God.

- **The reading or listening audience now addressed by James:** not believers, but rich unbelievers
- **The language of “weeping” and “howling”:** requent language from the Old Testament prophets
- **A key reminder:** Sinful people need to hear messages on sin and judgment.
- **A common false teaching:** the teaching that one can lay up treasures on earth and treasures in heaven at the same time

- **Having vast amounts of wealth and spiritual poverty:** tend to go hand-in-hand.
- **The sense in which silver and gold “corrode”:** by becoming absolutely worthless to us
- **The flow of James's thought:** one that moves from personal practices to shady business practices
- **James's motivations to repent:** a consideration of the coming judgment along with a consideration of the character of God
- **The flow of James's thought:** one that moves from shady business practices to unethical civic practices
- **Personal Application:**

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