

YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU Pt. 1

(James 5:1-3)

I. THE JUDGMENT COMING UPON THE OPPRESSIVE RICH (5:1-6)

A. The ANNOUNCEMENT of the Judgment (5:1)

1. James continues with the problem of worldliness, but now he does not necessarily address _____ specifically, but primarily the wealthy _____.
2. The warning is for the rich to “*weep and howl*,” which basically states the _____ nature of their happiness; without _____ wealth will eventually lead to misery. (v. 1a)

* Is James against the rich person and money in general? (1 Tim. 6:9-11)

3. The words, “*that are coming upon you*” (v. 1b) seem to imply that when the Lord returns to planet earth there will be a tremendous lamenting in relation to two things...
 - a. No amount of money will _____ a person from the _____ that is to come. (Ps. 49:7-8; Matt. 19:23; Luke 6:24-25)
 - b. When judgment finally arrives, it will be too _____ to _____. (Eccles. 9:5-6; 12:13-14)

B. The DESCRIPTION of the Judgment (5:2-3)

1. The first indictment of the rich has to do with the _____ of the worldly possessions that they have so carefully _____ for themselves. (v. 2, cf. Eccles. 2:10-11, 17-20; Matt. 6:19-21)

2. The _____ of their wealth is further illustrated by the fact that even their “*gold and silver*” will become _____. (v. 3a)

3. The very presence of corrosion in the rich man’s treasury demonstrates that he _____ it, piled it up for himself, and it will bear witness to his own _____ in how he used his riches. (v. 3b)

4. In light of eternity, the so-called financial security, the lavishness, and the self-indulgence that the rich once enjoyed will be but a _____ as they _____ forever. (v. 3c)

5. The wealthy “*heaped up treasure*” but it _____ the right kind, it was earthly; instead, God is looking for believers to store up treasures in _____. (v. 3d, Matt. 6:19-20; 1 Cor. 3:11-15; 2 Cor. 4:16-18)

6. As Christians, since we are living in “*the last days*”, we should be using our money to get the _____ done, not merely to encourage us to live lives of luxury and _____. (Matt. 6:24)

* Are you content with what you have, while you wait for more?