

YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU Pt. 2

(James 5:4-6)

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

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

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

C. The CHARGES in the Judgment (5:4-6)

1. The field workers were probably poor land owners who had been _____ off their land by the rich, and were now obligated to _____ themselves _____ to the wealthy as labor on a field they once owned. (Prov. 16:8; 22:7)

2. The greedy, rich land owners were illegally holding back the _____, but the poor had no recourse, no legal representation. (v. 4a, cf. Deut. 24:14-15; Lev. 19:13)

3. While the land owners were _____ to the cries of their employees, those same cries “reached the _____ of the Lord of Sabaoth”. (v. 4b, cf. Gen. 4:9-10; 18:20-21; Luke 16:13-15)

* What does this title emphasize about the Lord?

4. What the rich _____ they do in secret, and without any fear of prosecution, is certainly _____ from *the Lord of hosts*.

5. The third accusation that James brings against the rich is their luxurious lifestyle that is wrapped up in _____ - _____ and the pursuit of an “_____” life. (v. 5a)

* Is it healthy to evaluate our expenditures periodically to make sure we are not entirely selfish?
(Prov. 23:4-5; Luke 12:15)

6. These wealthy, self-absorbed landowners were enjoying their easy life _____,
but ironically, they were being _____ like animals for the day of _____.
(v. 5b, cf. Prov. 11:4, 28; Jer. 12:1-3; Luke 16:25; Rev. 19:15-21)

7. The word “*condemned*” is a _____ term, and it suggests that the rich were
_____ legal processes against the righteous in order to gain more wealth.
(v. 6a)

8. To deprive a poor laborer who worked hard but did _____ receive his wages could be a
matter of _____ or _____ for him and his family. (v. 6b, cf. Ps. 10:8-11;
37:32-33;

9. James condemns the love and pursuit of money because if you allow it...

a. Riches can erode your _____.

b. Riches can make you _____, and consequently, very worldly.

c. Riches will _____ the Lord out of your thinking.