

Handout for Lesson 9 – James & Jude

James 5:1-12

The Christian and Covetousness (vv. 1-6)

1. Are the rich people addressed Christians?

2. The Christian and social justice.
 1. Amos 3:10
 2. Amos 5:11
 3. Amos 8:4-7
 4. Isaiah 5:8
 5. Proverbs 11:28
 6. Luke 6:24; 18:24

3. The rich called to repentance – (v. 1) -- “Weep and howl – you are in trouble.

4. Four statements concerning the results of the wrong use and abuse of riches (Vv. 2 – 3).
 - a. Your riches are corrupted (v. 2).

 - b. Your gold and silver are corroded (v. 3).

c. Their corrosion will be a witness against you (v. 3).

d. They will eat your flesh like fire (v. 3)

5. Four reasons causing the problems of the rich (vv. 3d-6).

a. You have heaped up treasures in the last days (v. 3d).

b. You have stolen from your laborers whose unpaid wages cry out (v. 4).

c. You have lived in pleasure and luxury (v. 5).

d. You have condemned and murdered the just (v. 6).

How to be Patient (vv. 7-11)

1. Having addressed the oppression of poor Christians by those who misused wealth, James urges those who have been oppressed to be patient until the coming of the Lord.

2. James makes three contentions related to the believer and patience.
 - a. Be patient until the Lord’s coming (vv. 7-9).

 - b. Be patient in the face of suffering (vv. 10-11).

 - c. Be patient and you will be blessed (v. 11).