

STUDY OF JAMES CHAPTER FIVE

I. “RUST AS A WITNESS”. (VERSES 1-6)

- a. verse 1 begins as did chapter 4:13—“Go to now...”—You know better than this—
- b. Speaks of rich oppressing the poor and riches gained in such manner—mean little or nothing in the grand scheme of things.
 - i. Material things will not endure—they decay.
 - ii. See Matt. 6:19-21 (SOM) as to where to “Lay up treasures”.
 - iii. Court scene: Rust is called by the Prosecuting Attorney as a first-hand witness to deeds done by the accused.
- c. Pleasures now (verse 5) and miseries later (verse 1).
- d. Rich used their position of power to beat down those who were already down—those who could not “fight” back. (Verse 6)

II. “PATIENCE, PATIENCE, PATIENCE!!! (VERSES 7-11)

- a. Note the word “therefore”----“Hold yourself in check”! Patiently endure in spite of persecution. (v. 7)
 - i. Example of farmer and his crop. (v. 7)
- b. Do so because the “coming of the Lord draweth nigh”. (v. 8)
 - i. “Stablish your hearts” = “strengthen”. (v. 8)
- c. “Grudge not” = “do not complain”. (V.9)
- d. Examples of those who persevered. (10-11)
 - a. The prophets. (10)
 - b. Job. (11)

III. AVOID OATH MAKING. (VERSE 12)

- a. The warning. (v. 12a)
- b. The reason for the warning. (v. 12b)

IV. IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER. (VERSES 13-18)

- a. Individual Prayer. (13)

- b. United Prayer. (14)

- c. Believing Prayer. (15) See chapter 1:5-8.

- d. Intercessory Prayer. (16a)

- e. Fervent and Effectual Prayer. (16b)
 - i. Earnest, active and powerful.

- f. Example of Elijah:
 - i. Definite Prayer. (17)

 - ii. Persistent Prayer. (18)

V. “AM I MY BROTHER’S KEEPER”? (VERSES 19-20)

- a. The need. (19)

- b. The results. (20)