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| 1C. James 1:5 (:6-8) – "let him/her ask of God"                                      |
| 2C. James 5:13 – "Is any suffering? Pray."   |
| 2B. The Importance of the Scope of Prayer  |
| 1C. James 1 – circumstantial/financial trials  |
| 2C. James 5 – circumstantial/physical trials   |
| □ Asa (2 Chron. 16:12) "disease sever – he did not seek the Lord but the physicians" |
| 3B. The Importance of Faith in Prayer  |
| 1C. James 1:6-8 – "let him ask – nothing doubting"                                   |
| 2C. James 5:15 – "prayer in faith will heal the sick"                                |
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| > In Light of the Lord's Soon Return – 5:7-8         |
| > [1] We Must be People of Patience – 5:7-11         |
| > [2] We Must be People of Prayer – 5:12-20          |
| > Prayer (5:12-20) enables us to be Patient (5:7-11) |

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| > Notice the flow of James 5 in the Context of James |
| □ The Theme of 'Patience' – 5:7-11                   |
| □ The Theme of 'Prayer' – 5:12-20                    |
| > This Focus on Prayer is Not New in James           |
| □ James Begins with a Focus on Prayer in James 1     |
| □ James Concludes with a Focus on Prayer in James 5  |
| > Don't Miss this – It's So Crucial for Us to See    |

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| □ You can't miss James' emphasis on prayer from beginning to end |
| 2A. What Can Prayer Accomplish?                                  |
| □ As to What Prayer Can Accomplish, we find 3 things:            |
| 1B. The Statement – 5:16b  |
| 2B. The Illustration – 5:17-18                                   |
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| "The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much." |
| πολύ τοῦτοίς δίκαιος δυνάμει ἐνεργουμένη                       |
| δέποις δικαίους [the prayer of a righteous man]                |
| ἐνεργουμένη [when working/operating]                           |
| [when it becomes operative/when it keeps at work]              |
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| > "Elijah prayed ... it did not rain for 3 ½ years" – 5:17 |
| > "He prayed again ... the sky poured rain" – 5:18         |
| □ There were stages in Elijah's prayer life & faith        |
| 3B. The Application – 5:13-14                              |
| > You & I can see great things happen through prayer       |
| > Pray over the sick                                       |

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| > [1] I <sup>a</sup> Reference to "Church" in Book & NT |
| > [2] Notice "elders" – "Church" Leaders                |
| > [3] "Let the sick call" – for himself/herself         |
| > NOT "Let the elders keep their eyes open..."          |
| > Some people say, "Nobody cared"                       |
| > When in fact, "Nobody knew"                           |

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| 1B. A Common Person – 5:17                            |
| □ "Elijah was a man with a nature like ours"          |
| 2B. A Concerned Person – 5:14-16                      |
| □ "pray for one another"                              |
| 3B. A Cleansed Person – 5:16a                         |
| □ "confess your sins to one another"                  |
| 4B. A Convicted/Convinced Person – 5:16a              |
| □ "the prayer of faith will heal the sick"            |

## PATIENCE & BELIEVING PRAYER

James 5:1-20

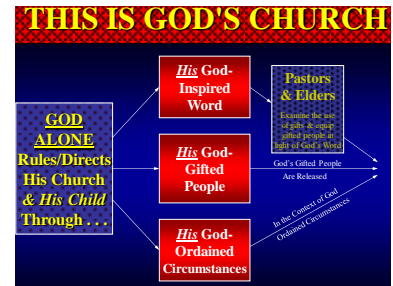
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- "Jesus is Coming" – 5:7-8
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1 Corinthians 4:6 – Μὴ ὑπερ ἅ γέγραπται

**"Do not go beyond what stands written"**

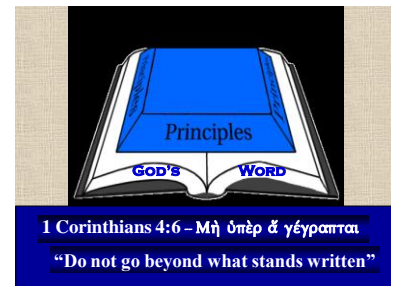
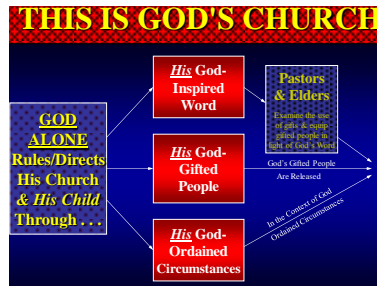
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| ➤ [2] Trials in Light of Christ's Coming – 1:2-8; 5:1-6  |
| ➤ [3] Patience & Endurance in Light of Christ's Coming – 1:2-8; 5:1-6                              |
| ➤ [4] The Rich & the Poor – 1:10-11; 5:1-6   |
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| > As in James: It's Not What You Say; It's How You Live  |
| > [1] 1 Jn. 3:3 – "He that hath this hope purifies himself ..."  |
| > [2] Titus 1:11-14 – We are "to deny ungodliness and worldly desires ... looking for that blessed hope ..."                             |
| > [3] 2 Pet. 3:11 – "Since all these things are to be destroyed, what sort of persons ought you to be ... looking for the coming of ..." |
| > [4] 1 Th. 4:13ff – "Comfort one another ..."   |

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| 1B. People – Cause us Trouble – 5:4-6 - <i>makrothumia</i> |
| ✧ The root of this word is found 4 times in these 5 verses |
| > [1] They withhold the salary due to us                   |
| > [2] They condemn us                                      |
| > [3] They put us to death                                 |
| 2B. Circumstances – 5:1-4 – <i>hupomenō</i>                |
| > [1] v. 10 – "Suffering"                                  |
| > [2] v. 11 – "bear patiently"                             |
| > [3] 1:1-8 – things suffered in the normal course of life |
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| ✧ External Trials Lead to Interpersonal Conflict           |

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| > [1] Go back with me to 4:1ff. – Notice external warfare stems from internal tensions.            |
| > [2] Now – in 5:9 – Notice that this thought is revisited once again but with a slight variation. |
| ✓ [1] When we face external trials – work related (v.4) or otherwise                               |
| ✓ [2] We tend to take our frustration out on those closest to us                                   |
| ✓ [3] Rather than internal resolution/confronting the problem causes                               |

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| 1B. The Key Verse/Verses – 5:7-8                                      |
| > [3] v. 7 – "Be patient ... until the coming of the Lord."           |
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| 2B. The Key Thoughts/Words  |
| > [1] Coming – emphasized 3x in vv. 7, 8, 9                           |
| > [2] Patience – 2x (v. 7); 1x (v. 8); 1x (v. 10)                     |
| > [3] Endurance – 2x (v. 11)  |
| > [4] Be strong – 1x (v. 8) – tied in with "patience" and "endurance" |

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| 1B. Farmers – 5:7 – Hard work – total dependence                 |  |
| > [1] "he waits" – intensive (ἐκδέχεται) but with much hard work |  |
| > [2] "being patient about it"                                   |  |
| > [3] "until he gets the early and late rains"                   |  |
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| > [1] "prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord" – represent Him |  |
| > [2] "as an example" – What an example prophets are to us!        |  |
| > [3] "of suffering and patience" – not 'patience in suffering'    |  |
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| > [2] "You have heard of the endurance of Job"             |  |
| > [3] "You have seen the outcome of the Lord's dealings"   |  |
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| 1C. He hears us – 5:4 – "cries reached ears of the Lord"       |  |
| 2C. He cares about us – 5:11 – "full of compassion..."         |  |
| 3C. He provides for us – 5:7 – "early-latter rains"            |  |
| 4C. He deals with those who oppose us – 5:4-6                  |  |
| > If we fail to depend on the Lord:                            |  |
| ✓ {1} We exchange the Bible's value system for the world's     |  |
| ✓ {2} We exchange dependence on God for dep. on worldly wealth |  |

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| > We become so attached to the world's value system but it's rotten                   |  |
| > Their standards/values are bad/rotten – 3 areas & verbs                             |  |
| ✓ {1} riches – <i>sesipen</i> [sēsēpen] – "stand rotted" – no value                   |  |
| ✓ {2} clothes – <i>gegonen</i> [gēgōnev] – "stand mother eaten"                       |  |
| ✓ {3} silver & gold – corrode not rust – <i>kattitai</i> – kata emphatic – rusted out |  |
| > {2} Their outlook is equally bad/rotten – v. 1 'miseries coming'                    |  |
| ✓ Why is their outlook so bad? Because God is going to judge them.                    |  |
| ✓ & Why is God going to judge them?   |  |
| > [1] for cheating – 5:4  |  |
| > [2] for comfortable living at the expense of others – 5:1, 5                        |  |
| > [3] for condemning others – 5:6   |  |
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| 2B. Be Patient/Longsuffering – <i>makrothumia</i>                    |  |
| > We need to keep ourselves from being overcome by actions of others |  |
| 3B. Be Patient/Enduring/Holding up under                             |  |
| > No matter what the circumstances are how overwhelming they are:    |  |
| ✓ Stop complaining about the circumstances – 5:9                     |  |
| ✓ Keep placing your trust & confidence in God & God alone            |  |
| 4B. Be Trustworthy – Be steadfast – Don't waver                      |  |

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| So the connection between 5:5-11 & 5:12-20 is:                           |  |
| > [1] Wait in Eschatologically Driven Patience – 5:7-11                  |  |
| > [2] Wait in Faith Driven Prayer – 5:12-20                              |  |

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James 5:1-11

### "Be Patient" & "Have Faith" in light of "the Coming of Christ" – 5:1-20

- 1A. Waiting in Eschatologically-Driven Patience – 5:1-11
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- [1] The Lord is Coming
  - [1] v 3 – "It is in the last days" – a term which refers to that period of time immediately preceding the return of Christ - II Tim. 3:1
  - [2] v 7a – "Be patient - until the coming of the Lord"
  - [3] v. 8 – "the coming of the Lord is at hand"
  - [4] v 9 – "the Judge is standing right at the door" – He's right there.
- [2] "Be Patient"
  - [1] v 7 – "Be Patient"
  - [2] v 8 – "You too Be Patient"
  - [3] v 10 – "As an Example of Suffering and Patience"
  - [4] v 11 – "We count those blessed who endured – endurance of Job"

### The Indictment of the Rich

James 5:1-6

- 1A. The Warning to the Rich – 5:1
  - It's interesting to see this passage in its broader context
  - There is a distinct grammatical connection between 4:13-17 and what follows – 5:1-6
  - Notice something very significant in 4:13 & 5:1:
    - 4:13 – *ἀγε νῦν* ("ἄγε νῦν") – "go to now"/"come now"
    - hoi legontes* (οἱ λέγοντες) – "the ones saying"
  - 5:1 – *ἀγε νῦν* ("ἄγε νῦν") – "go to now"/"come now"
  - hoi plousioi* (οἱ πλούσιοι) – "the ones rich"
  - Notice the similarity – Both begin with "go to now"
  - Notice the contrast – Both have different recipients
  - 5:1-6 is addressed to the – *hoi plousioi* (οἱ πλούσιοι) – "the ones rich"
  - 4:13-17 is addressed to – *hoi legontes* (οἱ λέγοντες) – "the ones saying"

### The Indictment of the Rich

James 5:1-6

- 1A. The Warning to the Rich – 5:1
  - What becomes quite evident is that:
    - [1] 5:1-6 is addressed to people who are actually rich
    - [2] 4:13-17 is addressed to people who want to get rich
  - We are reminded a bit of the warning to Timothy in 1 Tim. 6
    - [1] "Instruct those who are rich" – 1 Tim. 6:17
    - [2] "But those who want to get rich" – 1 Tim. 6:9
  - We see here in James 4:13-5:6 as we see in 1 Tim. 6 that:
    - [1] There are unique problems faced by the rich – 5:1
    - [2] There are unique problems faced by those who seek to become rich – 4:13-17
  - One can consider where they fit in that spectrum
  - The emphasis here is on those who actually have riches

### The Indictment of the Rich

James 5:1-6

- 1A. The Warning to the Rich – 5:1
  - Some important things to keep in mind:
    - This passage makes strong remarks against the rich
    - But having said that – it should be kept in mind that:
      - The passage doesn't address the possession of riches
      - The passage instead addresses the tendency of the rich
      - That these are unrighteous rich is evident from the message &
        - [1] The word 'brother' does not appear in 5:1-6
        - [2] But it appears 3x in 5:7-11
    - Notice some strong remarks made about these rich
      - [1] They have hoarded wealth – 5:2-3
      - [2] They have defrauded workers – 5:4
      - [3] They have followed a self-indulgent lifestyle – 5:5
      - [4] They have oppressed the righteous – 5:6

### The Indictment of the Rich

James 5:1-6

- 1A. The Warning to the Rich – 5:1
  - This passage makes strong remarks against the rich
  - Although it is about 'unrighteous rich' there are lessons
    - [1] Be Mindful/Careful – You can be influenced by rich
    - It provides a warning to those who want to be rich
      - [1] Don't be drawn away to riches – 5:1-5
      - [2] Don't place your confidence in riches – 5:1-5
      - [3] Don't be caught up in a luxurious life-style – 5:5
      - [4] Don't be self-indulgent – 5:5
    - [5] Don't use/abuse others in order to get ahead – 5:4
  - [2] Be Assured – God is watching out for you – 5:4
  - "the outcry ... has reached the ears of the Lord of hosts" – 5:4
  - [3] Be Consistently Righteous – 5:6
  - "the righteous man ... does not resist you" – 5:6

### The Indictment of the Rich

James 5:1-6

- 1A. The Warning to the Rich – 5:1
  - So – in summary – as we progress in our study:
    - This passage is addressed to the unbelieving rich
    - There are exhortations & pleas for change in 4:13-17
    - There is nothing more than pronouncing doom in 5:1-6
    - Why is this section found in an epistle to believers?
    - Although the words are addressed to unbelievers
    - There are some important lessons for believers
  - [1] You long to be rich – but don't be like the rich
    - [1] They place their confidence in riches . Don't you.
    - [2] They live luxuriously. Don't you.
    - [3] They indulge themselves. Don't you.
    - [4] They use & abuse others. Don't you.
  - [2] You are oppressed by the rich – but trust God

### The Indictment of the Rich

James 5:1-6

- 1A. The Warning to the Rich – 5:1
  - Rich people tend to place their confidence in their riches
    - Prov. 18:11 – "A rich man's wealth is his strong city, And like a high wall in his own imagination."
  - & in light of this, God provides some warnings to them
  - 1B. What Should They Be Doing? – 5:1a-b
    - 1C. "Weep" – not in repentance but in despair
    - 2C. "Wail"/"Howl" – intensifies their despair
  - 2B. Why Should They Be Doing This? – 5:c
    - "your miseries (plural) are (certainly) coming upon you"
    - The pres. ptc. emphasizes the certain impending judgment
    - These are not earthly but eschatological miseries
    - "Miseries" (plur.) suggest intensity & multiplicity



| The Indictment of the Rich                                    |  |
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| James 5:1-6   |  |
| 1A. The Warning to the Rich – 5:1                             |  |
| 2A. The Assessment of the Rich – 5:2-3a                       |  |
| ➤ In assessing the rich – James uses the perfect tense 3x     |  |
| ➤ the certainty and permanent result of the judgment          |  |
| ➤ In addition, James uses short & unconnected statements      |  |
| ➤ This rapid-fire series of statements is in vv. 2-3          |  |
| 1B. “Your riches stand rotted” – 5:2a                         |  |
| 2B. “Your garments stand moth-eaten” – 5:2b                   |  |
| 3B. “Your gold stands corroded” – 5:3a                        |  |
| ➤ There may be a reference to their 3-fold measure of wealth  |  |
| ☐ {1} Riches = Possession of ‘agricultural things’: wool/corn |  |
| ☐ {2} Garments = Possession of ‘clothing’                     |  |
| ☐ {3} Gold = Possession of special metals                     |  |

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| James 5:1-6  |  |
| 1A. The Warning to the Rich – 5:1                                    |  |
| 2A. The Assessment of the Rich – 5:2-3a                              |  |
| ➤ Whatever James is referring to may be uncertain                    |  |
| ➤ But the point he is seeking to make is hard to miss                |  |
| ➤ Whatever one owns down here on earth will not last                 |  |
| ➤ It is transitory – will certainly pass away – has no lasting value |  |
| 1B. “Your riches stand rotted” – 5:2a                                |  |
| 2B. “Your garments stand moth-eaten” – 5:2b                          |  |
| 3B. “Your gold stands corroded” – 5:3a                               |  |
| ➤ These things that ‘you have treasured up’                          |  |
| ☐ {1} They “will be a witness against you”                           |  |
| ☐ {2} They “will consume your flesh like fire”                       |  |
| ☐ {3} “You have hoarded your wealth in the last day”                 |  |
| ➤ Not only will earthly wealth have no lasting benefit               |  |
| ➤ It will actually act as a judgment against you in that future day  |  |

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| ➤ Notice each statement individually  |  |
| 1B. “Your riches stand rotted” – 5:2a   |  |
| ➤ It summarizes all that follows/describes what happens to grain  |  |
| 2B. “Your garments stand moth-eaten” – 5:2b   |  |
| ➤ They treasured clothes but as Jesus said they would be moth-eaten   |  |
| 3B. “Your gold stands corroded” – 5:3a  |  |
| ➤ ‘ <i>kallitai</i> ’ (καλλίται) < ‘ <i>kata</i> ’ (κατά) – thoroughly/completely   |  |
| ➤ This verb is used rarely – but gold doesn’t rust – so:  |  |
| ☐ {1} James was poor and only had the poor gold that rusted   |  |
| ☐ {2} Coins of that day was a mixture of alloys & rusted  |  |
| ☐ {3} James knew that gold didn’t rust but used this verb to emphasize his point & suggest that their gold in that future day would be as worthless to them as rusted out iron. |  |

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| ☐ There is a strong possibility that it was used proverbially  |  |
| ☐ Sirach 29:9-12:  |  |
| “Help the poor for the commandment’s sake,<br>and grieve not for the loss.<br>Lose money for the sake of a brother or a friend,<br>and let it not rust under a stone or a wall...” |  |
| ➤ In all this, one shouldn’t miss the point: Even gold – as valuable as it is – is not going to last: it is temporary. Don’t depend on it.   |  |

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| 3A. The Impending Judgment of the Rich – 5:3b                                 |  |
| ➤ All they do brings condemnation against them                                |  |
| 1B. “Their rust/decay will be a witness against you”                          |  |
| ➤ {1} You trusted in what decays, not what lasts – that testifies against you |  |
| ➤ {2} You hoarded it instead of giving it – that testifies against you        |  |
| 2B. It “will consume your flesh like fire”                                    |  |
| ➤ Just as “rust” eats away at iron and eventually destroys it                 |  |
| ➤ So will their mistaken confidence eat away at them in that day              |  |
| 3B. “It is in the last days you have stored up your treasure”                 |  |
| ➤ vv. 7-9 seems to suggest that ‘last day’ is ‘day of judgment’               |  |
| ➤ They are stock-piling toward that coming day of judgment                    |  |

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| 4A. The Condemnatory Action of the Rich – 5:4-6                  |  |
| 1B. Their failure to pay others their due – 5:4                  |  |
| ➤ “the pay of the laborers who mowed your fields”                |  |
| ✓ ‘pay – “reward” ‘their due’ ✓ plur. ‘fields’ – multiple fields |  |
| ➤ “which has been withheld by you”                               |  |
| ✓ Plf. stems – ‘having been withheld’ – uncorrected action       |  |
| ➤ It “cries out against you”                                     |  |
| ✓ Continuously ‘screams out’ – a cry that reaches heaven         |  |
| ➤ “the outcry ... has reached the ears of the Lord of hosts”     |  |
| ✓ see vv. 7-11 – Justice lies in the future – not the present    |  |

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| ➤ We should be mindful of the warnings of God:  |  |
| ✓ Lev. 19:13 – “You shall not oppress your neighbor, nor rob him. The wages of a hired man are not to remain with you it night until morning.”  |  |
| ✓ Deut. 24:14-15 – “You shall not oppress a hired servant who is poor and needy, whether he is one of your countrymen or one of your aliens who is in your land in your towns.<br>You shall give him his wages of his day before the sun sets, for he is poor and sets his heart on it; so that he might not cry against you to the Lord and it become sin to you.” |  |
| ✓ Isa. 5:8 – “Woe to those who add house to house and join field to field, Until there is no more room...”  |  |
| ✓ Neh. 5:1-13   |  |

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| ✓ Neh. 5:1 – “And there was a great outcry of the people and of their wives against their Jewish brothers.”  |  |
| 5:2 – “For there were those who said, ‘We, our sons and our daughters, are many; therefore let us get grain that we may eat and live.’”  |  |
| 5:3 – “& there were others who said, ‘We are mortgaging our fields, our vineyards, & our houses that we might get grain because of the famine.’”   |  |
| 5:4 – “Also there were those who said, ‘We have borrowed money for the king’s tax on our fields and our vineyards.’”   |  |
| 5:5 – “And now our flesh is like the flesh of our brothers; our children like their children. Yet behold, we are forcing our sons and daughters to be slaves, and some of our daughters are forced into bondage already, and we are helpless because our fields and vineyards belong to others.” |  |
| 5:6 “Then I was very angry when I had heard their outcry & these words”  |  |
| 5:7 “And I consulted with myself, & contended with the nobles...”  |  |

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| 5:7 “And I consulted with myself & contended with the nobles & rulers”  |  |
| 5:7 – “And I said to them, ‘You are exacting money, each from his own brother’. Therefore, I held a great assembly against them.”   |  |
| 5:8 – “And I said to them, ‘We according to our ability have redeemed our Jewish brothers who were sold to the nations; now would you even sell your brothers, that they may be sold to us?’”                                     |  |
| 5:9 – “Then I said, ‘The thing which you are doing is not good; should you not walk in the fear of our God because of the reproach of the nations...?’”   |  |
| 5:10 – “And likewise I, my brothers and my servants, are lending the money and grain. Please, let us leave off this usury.”   |  |
| 5:11 – “Please, give back to them this very day their fields, their vineyards, their olive groves, their houses, also the hundredth part of the money, and of the grain, the new wine & the oil that you are exacting from them.” |  |
| 5:12 – “Then they said, ‘We will give it back and will require nothing from them; we will do exactly as you say.’”  |  |

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| 2B. Their opulent life style – 5:5                                     |
| 1C. “You have lived luxuriously”                                       |
| ➤ You have lived a soft life – in contrast to those who serve you      |
| 2C. “You have lived a life of wanton pleasure”                         |
| ➤ a life of self-indulgence; wanton pleasure; even dissipation         |
| 3C. “You have fattened yourself up in slaughter”                       |
| ➤ Like an ox – right up to slaughter; heart – satisfying inner desires |
| 3B. Their opposition to the righteous – 5:6                            |

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| 1C. You have oppressed & dragged him into court–2:6   |
| 2C. “You have condemned the righteous man”            |
| 3C. “You have put him to death”                       |
| ☐ “And he – the righteous man – does not resist you.” |

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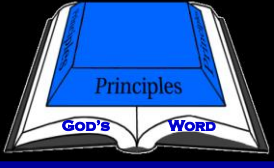
## The Indictment of the Rich

James 5:1-6

*“You have lived a life of wanton pleasure”*

| Doing Things God's Way   |
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| James 4:13-17  |
| 1A. What in Our Lives Must Be Yielded to God?                                      |
| ➤ If one is going to get ahead in this world, he/she will have to make some plans. |
| ➤ Following are some of the issues they will face:                                 |
| 1B. Each Point in Time – “today/tomorrow”  |
| 2B. Each Place We Go – “such & such a city”  |
| 3B. Each Plan We Make – “stay a year”  |
| 4B. Each Purpose We Establish – “do trade”   |
| 5B. Each Profit We Anticipate – “make profit”                                      |
| ➤ You better not go into business if you don't plan to make a profit.              |
| ➤ If it's not going to pay for itself, why do it?                                  |
| ➤ Since this is a warning, what is a Christian's concern?                          |

| Doing Things God's Way  |
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| James 4:13-17   |
| ➤ So let's reconsider the questions we asked earlier.                               |
| 1. Is it wrong to set specific dates as goals in our lives?                         |
| 2. Is it wrong to plan to go to a specific place/places?                            |
| 3. Is it wrong to plan the length of time for an endeavor?                          |
| 4. Is it wrong to plan a specific action at a specific time in a specific place?    |
| 5. Is it wrong to sit down and plan what results we would like to see accomplished? |
| ➤ The answer is certainly & decidedly: “NO!”  |
| ➤ So, what is the problem? What is the concern?                                     |
| ➤ Before going further in James, look at Matt. 24                                   |



1 Corinthians 4:6 – Μὴ ὑπερ ἃ γέγραπται

**“Do not go beyond what stands written”**

| Doing Things God's Way   |
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| James 4:13-17  |
| 1A. What in Our Lives Must Be Yielded to God?  |
| ➤ Look at Matthew 24-25 – esp. 24:37-39  |
| ➤ 24:37 – “For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah.”   |
| ➤ 24:38 – “For as in those days which were before the flood they were eating and drinking, they were marrying and given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark.” |
| ➤ 24:39 – “and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so shall the coming of the Son of Man be.”   |
| ➤ What's wrong with the items listed in v. 38 (eating, etc)?   |
| ➤ As in James 4:13 – God is left totally out of the equation.  |





**Look at an example of God's Direction**

They later returned to Rome – when they were allowed to – and were part of the church there.

Aquila & Priscilla decided if we have to leave, we might as well find a good place to do business – thus Corinth & in God's plan they helped start a church there.

Aquila & Priscilla later decided to expand their business & went to Ephesus and helped start another church there.

In God's plan – Claudius expelled Jews from Rome

Coupled with a believer's wise planning

**Doing Things God's Way**  
James 4:13-17

1A. What in Our Lives Must Be Yielded to God?

- > We understand planning in & of itself is not wrong
- > We do need to understand the problem of all self-planning

2A. Why Must We Yield This Aspect of Our Lives to God?

1B. We Have No Control Over the Future

- > The statement of 4:14a is so pertinent to our times
- > "You do not know what your life will be like tomorrow"
- > Even the smartest financial people have no idea
- > "You are just a vapor that appears & vanishes away"
- > Our life is so short and so uncertain (the plane accident)

2B. We Would Be Arrogant to think we do – 4:16

- > "You boast in your arrogance; all such boasting is evil."
- > We have absolutely no control over our lives – accidents/death
- > We have absolutely no control over financial ups and downs

**Doing Things God's Way**  
James 4:13-17

1A. What in Our Lives Must Be Yielded to God?

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3A. How Must We Yield This Aspect of Our Lives to God?

"you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that.'" – 4:15

- > Notice – there are some key things to keep in mind
- > {1} This is not just a cliché – something we say
- > {2} This reflects a way of life for each believer.
- > Every plan we make must be submitted to the will of God

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- > I remember the key points of a message in 1960
- > {1} Give God the 1<sup>st</sup> hour of every day.
- > {2} Give God the 1<sup>st</sup> day of every week.
- > {3} Give God the 1<sup>st</sup> portion of every paycheck.
- > {4} Give God the 1<sup>st</sup> consideration in every decision.

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- > James has clearly established the principle.
- > Notice with me how that is reflected in Paul's life

**Doing Things God's Way**  
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Acts 16:6 – "And they (Paul & Silas) passed through the Phrygian and Galatian region, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia;"

> 16:7 – "And when they had come to Mysia, they were trying to go into Bithynia, and the Spirit of Jesus did not permit them;"

> There's nothing wrong with planning – but be submissive to God's will and be willing for God to change the plans.

16:8 – "and passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas."

MACEDONIA

Thessalonica

Berea

Philippi

Neapolis

CAPELLONIA

Troas

MYSIA

ASIA

Ephesus

Iconium

Derbe

LYSTRA

GAUL

CYPRUS

Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> missionary journey

"16:9 – "And a vision appeared to Paul in the night, a certain man of Macedonia was standing and appealing to him, and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.'"

**Principles**

**God's Word**

1 Corinthians 4:6 – μή ὑπερ ἃ γέγραπται

"Do not go beyond what stands written"

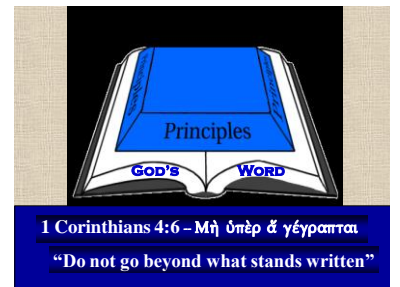
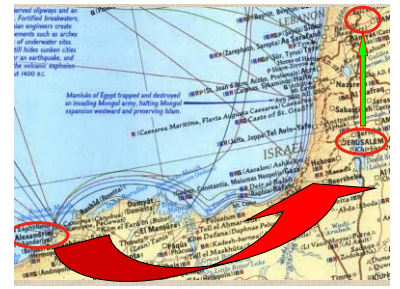
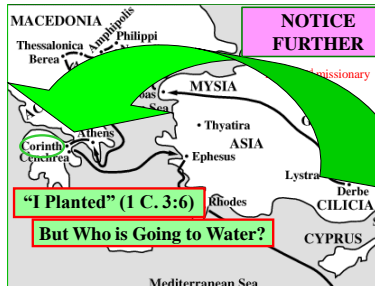
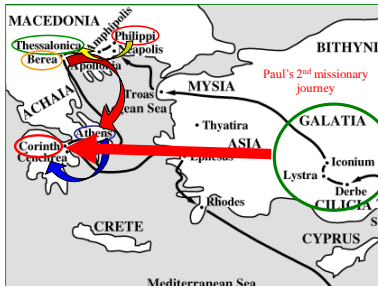
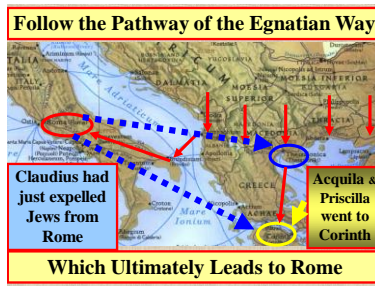
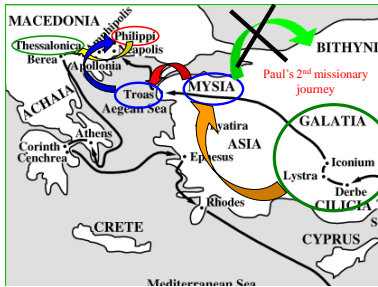
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1A. The Command – 4:11  
"Stop speaking down on/against one another"

➤ What is the Problem With Our Standards of Judgment?

➤ {1} They're Influenced by the Flesh/Our Personal Desires  
➤ That's where all our fights come from – 4:1-3

➤ {2} They're Influenced by the World/Worldly Values  
➤ That's the cause of enmity with man & God – 4:4-6

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1B. One Arrogantly Places Oneself Above Others  
➤ Using oneself/one's opinion as a standard sets one above others

2B. One Arrogantly Places Oneself Above Scripture

1C. The Judgment

➤ {1} One who speaks down on his brother judges his brother  
➤ {2} One then speaks down on what is by quality law of God  
➤ {3} One thus 'judges' that which is by quality law of God

2C. The Result

➤ {1} You are not 'by quality' a 'doer of the law'  
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**Once Again – Let's Remind Ourselves**  
**What Creates So Much Division?**

➤ Why Do So Many Tensions Exist?

➤ It's Tied Up in the Greek Word – καταλάλω – 'katalaleō' (4x in vv. 11-12)

➤ It means literally – 'to speak' (laleō) + 'down on' (kata)

➤ When we go beyond Scripture (when Scripture is no longer the sole standard)

➤ Then we *set ourselves up* as the standard

➤ & from that lofty standpoint – we 'speak down on' {1} others & {2} God's Law



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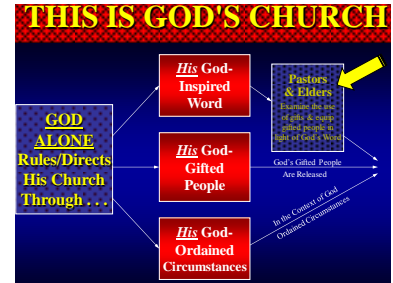
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3A. The Conclusion – 4:12

➤ "Who are you who judges his/her neighbor?"

➤ *Who in the world are we to think that we are in a position to pass judgment on anybody else?*

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1 Corinthians 4:6

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**G O D'S**

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1 Corinthians 4:6 – Μὴ ὑπὲρ ὃ γέγραπται

"Do not go beyond what stands written"

**"ge-grap-tai"**  
(γέγραπται)

**"It Stands Written"**

It was written in the past – and the results continue to the present time

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By Peter —  
 1 Peter 4:11  
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 word, but the thought

**HOW THIS TERM  
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**To Defend Against Temptation**  
 — Matthew 4:4, 7, 10  
 & Luke 4:4, 8, 10

**GE-GRAP-TAI (γέγραπται)**

The Word of God is  
 Foundational to **ALL**



**"Stop Passing Judgment"**  
 1 Corinthians 4:1-6

➤ **"The One Who Examines Me is the Lord"**

**1A. The Principle of Self-Examination – 4:6a**  
**2A. The Principle of Biblical Exclusiveness – 4:6b**  
**"Do NOT Go Beyond What Stands Written"**  
**3A. The Principle of Biblical Exclusiveness Applied to the Judgment of Others – 4:1-6**

**1B. Scripture Alone Must Be the Only Standard**  
**2B. Observable Actions Alone Must be Assessed**  
**3B. Motives Must Never be Judged – 4:5**  
**4B. God's Judgment Must be the Only Concern**  
**5B. Failure to See Personal Sin Does Not Free Us**  
**6B. Standards Other than Scripture Prove Arrogance**

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