

13 Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.” **14** Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. **15** Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.” **16** As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil. **17** If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn’t do it, it is sin for them.

5 Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. **2** Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. **3** Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. **4** Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. **5** You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. **6** You have condemned and murdered the innocent one, who was not opposing you.

Humble yourself before God in your plans and your possessions.

Be wise in your planning (VV 13-14)

- Unwise future planning for profit V13
- Rebuke of unwise, arrogant planning V 14
- Time and life belong to God V 14B

Depend on God in all your planning (v15)

- Paul, “if God wills” Act 18:21
- Not as I will, but as You will, Matt 26:39

The sin of boasting and omission (vv16-17)

- Boast in the Lord (Jer. 9:23-24)
- The cure for boasting is humility
- Willful disobedience V.17

Judgment on wealth wrongly obtained (James 5:1-6)

- Hoarding is the misuse of wealth, VV 2-3

- Self-indulgence at the expense of others (VV4-5; Due 24:14-15)
- Misuse of power against the poor V6

Conclusion: James calls believers to live with:

- Humility instead of boasting
- Generosity and justice instead of selfish accumulation
- Eternal awareness instead of temporary indulgence
- Don't live as if you're in control of tomorrow
- Live under God's will with righteous action before His coming judgment.

Sunday Feb. 22 Benediction

20 Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, **21** equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Depart in the joy and peace of our God

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