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James 5

James ends by telling us that faith is tested by patience and prayer.

5:1-6 - Social oppression of the poor, (Amos 4:1; 6:1, 3)

5:1 - Rich - Some say they are non-believing Jew's others believing.
 - Ja. 1:10; 2:1-7; 4:13-17
 - miseries - 1Tim. 6:9-11, 17

5:2-3 Wealth determined by crops, garments and precious metals

- 1) **Their sin was hoarding. Lk. 12:16-21**
rich fool
 - last days - time when Christ could return at any moment.

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- 2) They robbed the poor of their wages.
Deut. 24:14-15; Lev. 19:13
 - Lord of Sabbath - Lord of host, Old Testament reference to the commander of the armies of heaven
 - David came to Goliath in this name.

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- 3) They loved extravagance and pleasure.
 - 1Tim. 5:6 - dead while living.

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- 4) They abused their power in the courts. Ja. 2:6

5:7-12 Patient perseverance in view of Christ's return.

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- 1) God will avenge all the wicked at His coming.
 - Christ's return is the incentive for patience
- 2) The early and latter rain - Nov. - Oct. and Mar. - Apr., germinate and mature the harvest.
- 3) Vengeance is mine, Rom. 12:19b

5:8 Believer should press to maturity.

5:9 Every idle word. Mat. 12:36

5:10 Prophetic- Matt. 5:11-12; 2Tim. 3:12; Heb. 11:30-40

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Job 13:15 even though He slay me.
Job 42:12 blessed Him more than the beginning.

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- Jesus. Matt. 5:33-37
- law made provisions, Deut. 6:13; 10:20
- Aharaham & Eleazar, Jesus & Paul

5:13-18 Specific needs.**5:13**

- 1) If suffering pray. Ja. 1:5; 4:6; 2Cor. 12:7-10, thorn in flesh.
- 2) If cheerful sing praises. Act. 16:25, Paul and Silas. Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16

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- 3) If any sick call elder. - Acts 14:23 appointed elders.
 - Sometimes due to sin, at other times not. Jn. 9:1-2
 - Sometimes God takes some home. 1Cor. 11:30
 - Not all are healed, Phil. 2:27 Epaphroditus. 2Tim. 4:20
 - Paul's thorn not removed. 2Cor. 12:7-9

5:15 - Prayer of Faith. 1Jn. 5:14-15; Rom. 8:26

- 1) Healing.
- 2) Forgiveness of sins.

5:16 Faults. Matt. 5:23-24

- 1) Confess trespasses to each other.

- 2) Pray for one another.
- 3) In order to be healed.
- 4) Effective and fervent prayer of a righteous man accomplished much.

5:17-18 Elijah. 1Kings 17-18**5:19-20** The restoration of one who departs from the faith.

- 1) Restoration. Gal. 6:1; 1Pet. 4:8; "Prov. 10: 12 prodi cal son
- 2) Save a soul from spiritual death, not physical. 1Jn. 5:20; 1Cor. 11
- 3) Lk. 22:32 Peter.