

James 5:1-6

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Sermon Study Guide

(Reminder: The purpose of the questions is to explore the text and themes of the sermon. **Do not feel a need to go through all of the questions.** The goal is to stimulate discussion/reflection and transformation related to the sermon text and themes.)

1. Is James writing to rich people who are members of the church or outsiders? What difference does this make in how we interpret what he's saying?
2. Is James against 'saving for a rainy day'? How do you think he would view the attitude you take to your possessions and wealth?
3. Are you aware of any situations in verses 4–6 that apply to you? Is there anything that you need to put right? What can you do about any such situations?
4. Alec Motyer, in the Bible Speaks Today writes: 'The more we surround ourselves with possessions which only minister to creature comfort, the less we are likely to cultivate the spiritual trimness of physique which keeps us fit in the battle for holiness.' Do you agree or disagree, why??