

James 4:13-17 & 5:1-6

13-15. Come now, **you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"**, whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For **WHAT is your LIFE? It is even a VAPOR that appears for a little time and then VANISHES away.** Instead **you ought to say, "IF the LORD WILLS,** we shall live and do this or that."

- **I Corinthians 4:19** "But I will _____ to you _____, _____ the Lord _____, and I will know, not the word of those who are puffed up, but the power."
- **I Corinthians 16:6-7** "But it _____ be that I will remain, or even spend the winter with you, that you may send me on my journey, wherever I go. For I do not wish to see you now on the way; but I _____ to stay a while with you, _____ the Lord _____."
- **Job 14:1-2** "Man, who is born of woman, is short-lived and full of turmoil. Like a _____ he comes forth and _____. He also flees like a shadow and does not remain."
- **Psalms 90:5-6** "You carry them away like a flood; they are like a sleep. In the morning they are like _____ which grows up; in the evening it is cut down and _____."
- **Psalms 103:14-16** "For He knows our _____; He remembers that we are _____. As for man, his days are like _____; as a _____ of the field, so he flourishes. For the _____ passes over it, and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more."
- **James 1:9-11** "Let the lowly brother glory in his exaltation, but the rich in his humiliation, because as a _____ of the _____ he will pass _____. For no sooner has the sun risen with a burning heat than it _____ the grass; its flower falls, and its beautiful appearance perishes. So the rich man also will _____ away in his pursuits."

Definition: "WHAT is your LIFE? It is even a VAPOR" - Our physical life here on this earth seems so permanent to us, but in God's sight it is as short-lived as a vapor (hot air that dissipates in a few seconds of time), or in length as a "handbreadth" (a few inches - the width of a person's hand).

- **Psalms 39:4-5** "Lord, make me to know my _____, and what is the _____ of my _____, that I may know how _____ I am. Indeed, You have made my _____ as handbreadths, and my _____ is as nothing before You; certainly every man at his best state is but _____."
- **Psalms 144:4** "Man is like a _____; his _____ are like a passing _____."

Definition: "You OUGHT to SAY, "IF the LORD WILLS" - James tells us that we "do not know what will happen tomorrow", so we need to trust and rely on God in every area of our lives, including our plans for the future. It's okay to make plans, write up a schedule of chores or things to do during the day, and have goals in life - **just leave room for God to CHANGE your plans if He so WILLS.** Be flexible to the moving and leading of the Holy Spirit, as He may decide that it's more important for you to witness to a neighbor or help someone in their need today, than it is to wash and wax your car or do the laundry!

- **Acts 18:20-21** "When they asked him to stay a longer _____ with them, he did not _____, but took leave of them, saying, 'I must by all means keep this coming feast in Jerusalem; but I will return again to you, God _____'....."
- **Proverbs 27:1** "Do not _____ about _____, for you do not know what a _____ may _____ forth."
- **Luke 12:15-21** (Verse 20) "But _____ said to him (the rich man), 'You _____! This night your _____ will be required of you (you will die); then _____ will those _____ be which you have provided?'"

16. But now **you BOAST in your ARROGANCE. All such BOASTING** is evil.

- **Jeremiah 9:23-24** ".....Let not the wise man _____ in his wisdom; let not the mighty man glory (boast) in his might; let not the _____ man glory in his _____ but let him that _____ glory in this, that he understands and _____ Me, that I am the _____ who exercises loving kindness, judgment and righteousness in the earth; for in these things I delight, says the _____."

Definition: "You BOAST in your ARROGANCE" - It is **PRIDE and ARROGANCE** that makes a person think **THEY are in control of their own destiny**. As believers in Jesus Christ, we must humbly surrender our lives to God, and allow Him to be in control of our future, and put aside all boasting.

- **Isaiah 2:11-12** "The proud look of man will be abased (brought down), and the loftiness of man will be _____, and the Lord alone will be exalted in that day. For the Lord of hosts will have a day of reckoning, _____ everyone who is _____ and lofty, and against everyone who is lifted up, that he may be abased."

17. Therefore, to him **who KNOWS to do GOOD and does NOT DO it**, to him it is sin.

- **Luke 12:42-44 & 47-48** "And the Lord said, 'Who then is that _____ and wise steward, whom his master will make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season? _____ is that _____ whom his master will find so _____ when he comes. Truly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all that he has.'" (Vs. 47-48) "And that servant who _____ his master's _____, and did _____ prepare himself or _____ according to his _____, shall be beaten with many stripes. But he who did not _____, yet committed things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few. For everyone to whom _____ is _____, from him much will be _____; and to whom much has been committed, of him they ask the more."

Definition: "Who KNOWS to do GOOD and does NOT DO it" - There are two kinds of sins: sins of commission and sins of omission. "Commission" means the sins we have committed, or done. "Omission" means the things we have omitted or neglected to do, that we should have done. We tend to think only of the **many SINS which we have committed**, but what about the many times we have FAILED to KEEP God's commandments, and the MANY TIMES we have NOT DONE something we knew we SHOULD do? Jesus took the punishment for OUR SINS, both sins of commission and sins of omission, and took our sins upon Himself, and we can ACCEPT God's FREE GIFT of eternal life through Him.

5:1-6. Come now, **you RICH, WEEP and HOWL for your MISERIES that are COMING upon you!** Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver

are corroded, and **their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have heaped up treasure in the last days.** Indeed the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the reapers (farm workers) have reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. **You have lived on the earth in pleasure and luxury;** you have fattened your hearts as in a day of slaughter. You have condemned, you have murdered the just; he does not resist you.

- **Ephesians 6:9** "And you, _____, do the same things to them, giving up _____, knowing that your own Master also is in heaven, and there is no _____ with Him."
- **Romans 2:11** "For there is no _____ with God."
- **James 2:1-4** "My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with _____. For if there should come into your assembly a man with _____, in _____ apparel, and there should also come in a _____ man in _____ clothes, and you _____ _____ to the one wearing the _____ clothes and say to him, 'You sit here in a _____ place, ' and say to the _____ man, 'Sit here at my footstool,' have you not shown _____ among yourselves, and become judges with _____ thoughts (motives)?"
- **Read Luke 16:19-31** (Verse 19) "There was a certain _____ man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously (in pleasure and luxury) every day." (Verse 22-25) "So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the _____ to Abraham's bosom. The _____ man also _____ and was buried. And being in _____ in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have _____ on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am _____ in this _____. But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your _____ you received your good _____, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are _____."
- **Matthew 6:19-21** "Do not lay up for yourselves _____ on earth, where _____ and _____ destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves _____ in _____, where neither _____ nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your _____ is, there your _____ will be also."

Definition: "You RICH, WEEP and HOWL for your MISERIES that are COMING upon you!" - In James chapter 1, James is speaking to "brothers" who are rich, so he means a **RICH man who is a Christian** brother. The Christian who is wealthy or well-off financially **should not be PROUD** or glory in his riches, but should humbly depend on God, and **use his riches for God's glory** in expanding His kingdom. However, here in chapter 5, James is speaking about RICH UNBELIEVERS who are **cruel masters to their servants**, and who are depending on their wealth and worldly riches to save them in the Last Days. We know from many verses in Scripture that **God is not a respecter of persons, and He does not look upon someone's riches** as anything to help get them into heaven. Only faith in His Son Jesus Christ will get anyone into heaven. **The rich, proud and arrogant**, and all others who reject Jesus Christ will have to stand before God and be judged, and their lives, including **all their riches and so-called good works, will be found imperfect and insufficient to save them.**

- **Psalms 9:7-8** "But the Lord shall endure forever; He has prepared His throne for _____. He shall _____ the world in righteousness, and He shall administer _____ for the peoples in uprightness."
- **Luke 6:24** "But _____ to you who are _____, for you have received your consolation."

- **Matthew 16:26-27** "For what is a man profited if he _____ the whole world, and _____ his own _____? Or what will a man _____ in exchange for his _____? For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will _____ each according to his _____."

Definition: "Will eat your FLESH like FIRE - you have heaped up treasure in the LAST DAYS" - We repeat, anyone who is depending on their wealth and worldly riches to save them in the Last Days and in the Day of Judgment will be in for a rude awakening. **Jesus said, "What will a man give in exchange for his soul?" meaning that all the riches and wealth in the world will not get him in heaven if his soul is not right with God.** For the unsaved, there is one SPECIFIC "day" of resurrection and judgment, but not a 24-hour day as we know it. It is an appointed TIME of judgment, which may take hundreds of years in time as we know it, because billions and billions of people will be judged, and their lives and works will be read from the books and weighed and judged by God. The **RESURRECTION of CONDEMNATION** will take place immediately after the thousand years of the Millennium are over (Rev. 20:5) and is **for unbelievers only**. This is also referred to as "The Great White Throne Judgment" (see Rev. 20:11). They will then be **judged on the basis of their WORKS** and their **WORKS will NOT be enough to save them!** Because they have REJECTED CHRIST and His atonement, they must bear their own punishment for their sins, and they will be thrown into the lake of fire (also called "The Second Death" - see Rev. 20:12-14, Rev. 21:8).

- **Revelation 20:6 & 10** "Blessed and _____ is he who has part in the first _____. Over such the second _____ has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a _____ years." "And the devil, who deceived them, was cast into the _____ of _____ and brimstone where the beast (Anti-Christ) and the false prophet are, and they will be _____ day and night _____ and ever."
- **Revelation 11:18** "The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, and the _____ of the dead, that they should be _____, and that You should _____ Your servants the prophets and the saints, and those who fear Your name, small and great, and should destroy those who destroy the earth."
- **Revelation 20:11-15** "Then I saw a great white _____ and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the _____, small and _____, standing before God, and books were opened. And another _____ was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were _____ according to their _____, by the things which were _____ in the _____. The sea gave up the dead [bodies] who were in it, and Death (the grave) and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were _____, each one according to his works. Then death and Hades were cast into the _____ of _____. This is the second death. And anyone who was _____ found written in the _____ of _____ was cast into the _____ of _____."