



TALK IS CHEAP

A STUDY OF JAMES

Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. ² Your riches have **rotted** and your garments are **moth-eaten**. ³ Your gold and silver have **corroded**, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have **laid up treasure** in the last days.

⁴ Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. ⁵ You have lived on the earth in **luxury** and in **self-indulgence**. You have **fattened** your hearts in a day of slaughter. ⁶ You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.

James 5:4–6

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⁷ Be **patient**, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord **is at hand**.

James 5:7–8

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⁹ Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰ As an example of **suffering** and **patience**, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is **compassionate** and **merciful**.

James 5:9–11

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¹² But above all, my brothers, **do not swear**, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

¹³ Is anyone among you suffering? Let him **pray**. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing **praise**. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them **pray** over him, **anointing** him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will **save** the one who is sick, and the Lord will **raise him up**...

James 5:13–15

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¹⁵ ...And if he has committed sins, he will be **forgiven**.

¹⁶ Therefore, **confess** your sins to one another and **pray** for one another, that you may be **healed**. The prayer of a righteous person has **great power** as it is working.

James 5:15b–16

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¹⁷ Elijah was **a man with a nature like ours**, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth.

¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

James 5:17–18

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¹⁹ My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, ²⁰ let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will **save his soul** from death and will cover a **multitude** of sins.

James 5:19–20

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