

James 5:1-19

v1 – weep	(verb)	cry
v1 – wail	(verb)	make long, loud cries to express sadness or pain
v1 – misery	(noun)	deep sadness
v2 – rotted	(verb)	decayed; destroyed by natural processes over time
v2 – moths	(noun)	



v3 – corrosion	(noun)	damage done to something by rust or a chemical reaction
v3 – testify	(verb)	tell other people about something you have seen first-hand
v3 – flesh	(noun)	the soft parts of a person's body
v3 – hoarded	(verb)	stored things away because they are important to you
v4 – wages	(noun)	payment for work that is done
v4 – mowed	(verb)	cut down grass with a hand tool or a machine
v4 – harvesters	(noun)	people who cut and collect a crop of wheat, corn etc when they are full grown
v5 – luxury	(noun)	very great comfort, especially among beautiful and expensive things
v5 – self-indulgence	(noun)	the act of allowing yourself to have or do things that you really enjoy
v6 – condemned	(verb)	judged to be guilty
v6 – murdered	(verb)	deliberately killed
v6 – innocent	(adjective)	did not commit the crime they were accused of
v7 – 'the Lord's coming'		Jesus' return
v7 – yield	(verb)	produce; make
v7 – crop	(noun)	plants that are grown in large quantities for food
v9 – grumble	(verb)	complain in a bad-tempered way
v10 – prophets	(noun)	people who received and passed on God's messages to his people
v11 – blessed	(adjective)	favoured by God
v11 – persevered	(verb)	continued on despite very difficult circumstances
v11 – compassion	(noun)	feeling of pity or understanding for someone who is suffering
v11 – mercy	(noun)	the act of not giving someone the punishment that they deserve
v12 – swear	(verb)	make promises in a very serious way
v14 – elders	(noun)	leaders in the church
v14 – anoint	(verb)	pour oil on someone's head
v16 – confess	(verb)	admit that you have done something wrong
v16 – righteous	(adjective)	just; behaves in a way that is obedient to God's instructions

v17 – Elijah	(proper noun)	a prophet in the Old Testament
v17 – earnestly	(adverb)	seriously
v19 – wander	(verb)	walk around without any particular destination in mind
v20 – multitude	(noun)	a large number

James 5 (New International Reader's Version)

¹ You rich people, listen to me. Cry and weep, because you will soon be suffering. ² Your riches have rotted. Moths have eaten your clothes. ³ Your gold and silver have lost their brightness. Their dullness will be a witness against you. Your wanting more and more will eat your body like fire. You have stored up riches in these last days. ⁴ You have even failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields. Their pay is crying out against you. The cries of those who gathered the harvest have reached the ears of the Lord. He rules over all. ⁵ You have lived an easy life on earth. You have given yourselves everything you wanted. You have made yourselves fat like cattle that will soon be butchered. ⁶ You have judged and murdered people who aren't guilty. And they weren't even opposing you.

⁷ Brothers and sisters, be patient until the Lord comes. See how the farmer waits for the land to produce its rich crop. See how patient the farmer is for the fall and spring rains. ⁸ You too must be patient. You must remain strong. The Lord will soon come back. ⁹ Brothers and sisters, don't find fault with one another. If you do, you will be judged. And the Judge is standing at the door!

¹⁰ Brothers and sisters, think about the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. They are an example of how to be patient when you suffer. ¹¹ As you know, we think that people who don't give up are blessed. You have heard that Job was patient. And you have seen what the Lord finally did for him. The Lord is full of tender mercy and loving concern.

¹² My brothers and sisters, here is what is most important. Don't make a promise by giving your word. Don't promise by heaven or earth. And don't promise by anything else to back up what you say. All you need to say is a simple "Yes" or "No." If you do more than this, you will be judged.

¹³ Is anyone among you in trouble? Then that person should pray. Is anyone among you happy? Then that person should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Then that person should send for the elders of the church to pray over them. They should ask the elders to anoint them with olive oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ The prayer offered by those who have faith will make the sick person well. The Lord will heal them. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. ¹⁶ So confess your sins to one another. Pray for one another so that you might be healed. The prayer of a godly person is powerful. Things happen because of it.

¹⁷ Elijah was a human being, just as we are. He prayed hard that it wouldn't rain. And it didn't rain on the land for three and a half years. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again. That time it rained. And the earth produced its crops.

¹⁹ My brothers and sisters, suppose one of you wanders away from the truth. And suppose someone brings that person back. ²⁰ Then here is what I want you to remember. Anyone who keeps a sinner from going astray will save them from death. God will erase many sins by forgiving them.

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