

## **Truth as seen in the book of James -Outline**

- I. Introduction to James 5:1-6
  - A. Warning about the challenging nature of the passage
  - B. Relevance for all, not just the wealthy
  - C. Reading of James 5:1-6
  
- II. Call for Repentance (v. 1)
  - A. Urgent language: "Come now"
  - B. Emotional response: "weep and howl"
  - C. Impending judgment: "miseries that are coming"
  
- III. Audience of James' Warning
  - A. Debate on whether it's addressed to believers or unbelievers
  - B. Argument for addressing complacent Christians
  - C. Consequences of backsliding into worldly priorities
  
- IV. The Nature of Wealth (v. 2-3)
  - A. Temporary nature of material possessions
  - B. Symbols of stability crumbling
  - C. Misused wealth as evidence in God's judgment
  
- V. Unjust Labor Practices (v. 4)
  - A. Fraud and theft of wages
  - B. God's attention to the cries of the oppressed
  - C. Application to modern contexts

- VI. Self-Indulgent Living (v. 5)

- A. Extravagance and wasteful pleasure-seeking
- B. Obliviousness to impending judgment
- C. Contrast between worldly pleasures and spiritual fulfillment

- VII. Oppression of the Righteous (v. 6)

- A. Unjust condemnation and metaphorical murder
- B. Non-resistance of the righteous
- C. God's awareness and future vindication

- VIII. Application and Conclusion

- A. Universal relevance of the passage
- B. Call for repentance and generous living
- C. Emphasis on eternal perspective in handling wealth