

The Worries of Wealth

James 5:1-6

_____ of the rich (1)

*Wail, for the day of the Lord is near;
as destruction from the Almighty it will come!* (Isaiah 13:6)

²⁴ *"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵ "Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. "Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.* (Luke 6:24-25)

So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God. (Luke 12:21)

²⁴ *Jesus, seeing that he had become sad, said, "How difficult it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!*

²⁵ *For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God."*
(Luke 18:24-25)

⁹ *But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.* (1 Timothy 6:9-10)

_____ of the rich

The sin of _____ (2-3)

¹⁹ *"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.* (Matthew 6:19-21)

²⁸ *Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like a green leaf.* (Proverbs 11:28)

Sins of the rich (continued)

The sin of _____ wages (4)

"You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. (Leviticus 19:13)

You shall give him his wages on the same day, before the sun sets (for he is poor and counts on it), lest he cry against you to the Lord, and you be guilty of sin. (Deuteronomy 24:15)

²⁷ *Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it.*

²⁸ *Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come again, tomorrow I will give it"—when you have it with you.*
(Proverbs 3:27-28)

The sin of _____ living (5)

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.
(1 Timothy 6:17)

¹ *"Hear this word, you cows of Bashan, who are on the mountain of Samaria, who oppress the poor, who crush the needy, who say to your husbands, 'Bring, that we may drink!'*

² *The Lord God has sworn by his holiness that, behold, the days are coming upon you, when they shall take you away with hooks, even the last of you with fishhooks.*

³ *And you shall go out through the breaches, each one straight ahead; and you shall be cast out into Harmon," declares the Lord.* (Amos 4:1-3)

The sin of _____ (6)