

James 4:13-17 James 5:1-11



LIVE LUXURIOUSLY

James 5:1

This section addresses someone NOT physically present, but for the intended benefit of those who are present

These unbelieving rich were oppressing believers, who were fully dependent upon those rich for their survival



"Weep" = uncontainable, audible grief; wailing and sobbing



The miseries which were already on their way, are God's condemnation and punishment on the future day of judgment

Although it presently looks like people are getting away with wickedness – that won't last forever

James 5:2-3



Possessions are temporary and our security can't rest in what we have - it must center around who we worship Matthew 6:19-21 John 3:16-18

The ONLY way ANY of us are found acceptable in the Holy presence of God is through the shed blood of Jesus



James 5:4-6

These rich landowners were rich because they exploited their laborers

"Withheld" = deprived, robbed; defrauded another



"Luxurious" = carries with it the idea of animals, which are well fed and abundantly comfortable to the seams

"Wanton Pleasure" = to live in excess

Keep trusting and clinging to the Lord – the present ISN'T permanent – our hope goes beyond our circumstances

James 5:7-11



What's the proper response for followers of Jesus Christ?

John 13:34-35

