

Questions on James chapter 5

1. What is the difference between “weep” and “howl”? Verse 1.
2. Is this weeping different from the weeping in James 4:9? If so, what? Verse 1.
3. Can gold and silver really rust? Why is the term used? Verses 2-3.
4. How could a rusty coin be a witness (testimony, American Standard Version) against the rich? Verse 3.
5. What is the “treasure” that the rich have heaped together for the last days? Verse 3.
(See Romans 2:5)
6. “Sabaoth” does not refer to the Sabbath. What does it mean and what is its significance? Verse 4.
7. Pleasure is used in a bad sense here. What kind of pleasure is condemned? Verse 5.

8. In the days of “slaughter,” what is to be slaughtered and who does the slaughtering? Verse 5.

9. To whom do you think “the just” refers? Why? Verse 6.

10. The word “patient” here could be rendered “longsuffering.” With whom were they to be longsuffering? Verse 7.

11. Why be patient (longsuffering)? Verse 8.

12. What is meant by “grudge not one against another, brethren”? Verse 9.

13. Can you name some prophets who suffered and were patient? Verse 10.

14. In what way was Job an example of patience and how are we able to see the Lord's end (or aim), and that the Lord is pitiful and merciful? Verse 11.

15. What is swearing and why is it wrong? Verse 12.

16. What were they to do if afflicted? If merry? Verse 13.

17. Why call for the elders of the church? Couldn't others pray? Verse 14.

18. If this passage had application today and people did as directed, would anyone in the church die? Verse 15.

19. Why confess faults to one another? Verse 16.

20. What does James use as an illustration to show that God answers prayer? Verses

17-18.

21. What needs to happen when a brother (or sister) errs from the truth? Verse 19.

22. What soul is saved from death and whose sins are covered? Verse 20.

23. How do these verses affect the doctrine of “once saved, always saved”? Verses 19-20.