

Wealth Viewed From Eternity

James 5:1-6

Introduction: Today the Bible is going to take us to eternity and show us what life now will look like looking back. Are you ready? Are you interested in getting a peak from eternity?

Three flaws about the wealth of the wicked and powerful rich when seen from eternity.

Flaw #1

Verse 1 – The wicked rich believe their wealth is a guarantee of security and success.

From eternity: Their wealth and power are coming misery.

Flaw #2

Verses 2, 3 – The rich and godless see their wealth as enduring.

From eternity: The material wealth of the wicked will be used as evidence against them before God's judgment throne.

Flaw # 3

Verses 4-6 - The rich and godless see their wealth as their right to control and abuse other people.

From eternity: God will expose all their crimes and injustices and judge them according to what they have done.

Seven Life Lessons from James 5:

1. Money is not the problem; but love of it is.
2. God loves the rich and poor alike, but he opposes pride in anyone. It's hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God because of pride.
3. Beware that you do not set your security on wealth: Money is a woefully dangerous god.
4. You cannot serve God and money. Chose to serve God and use money.
5. Remember that God owns everything and He judges us in how we use it. Parable of Talents.
6. Cheating others only cheats yourself.
7. Grow in faithfulness and generosity and one day in heaven you will be happy that you did. Invest and lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven.