

***Sermon Scripture Passage: James 4:10-17, 5:1-6***

10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

11 Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. 12 There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?

13 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit" — 14 yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. 15 Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." 16 As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. 17 So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. 2 Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. 3 Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. 4 Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. 5 You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. 6 You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.

**Scripture References:**

**Psalm 5:5** – The arrogant cannot stand in your presence. You hate all who do wrong;

**Psalm 51:17** - My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.

**Psalm 62:8-10** – Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. Selah 9 Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath. 10 Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, set not your heart on them.

**1 Timothy 6:6-9** – But godliness with contentment is great gain, 7 for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. 8 But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. 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.

**1 Timothy 6:17-19** – 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. 18 They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, 19 thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

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James: Looking Into the Mirror #5 – James 4:10-17 - 5:1-6 – Spiritual Arrogance

*God Opposes the Proud: Spiritual Arrogance will keep one from drawing near to God.*

Psalm 5:5 The arrogant cannot stand in your \_\_\_\_\_

*Only in humility can we draw near to the Lord:*

Psalm 51:17 - A broken and \_\_\_\_\_ heart God, you will not despise.

Matthew 5:3 – *Who is able to gain the Kingdom of God?*

James 4 – 5:6 – Spiritual Arrogance is manifested in three ways:

4:11-12 A \_\_\_\_\_ attitude toward others

*What did Jesus say when a man wanted him to tell his brother to share the inheritance?*

4:13-17 In boasting about one's plans or \_\_\_\_\_.

What attitude lies behind such boasting?

5:1-6 Spiritual Arrogance is seen in how we \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ our wealth

*Why does the Scripture warn against becoming wealthy?*

One – We \_\_\_\_\_ our wealth or possessions above God

Two – We \_\_\_\_\_ in riches rather than God –

Three – We gain or \_\_\_\_\_ wealth through Injustice

Four – We end up living in self- \_\_\_\_\_

If this is so, what do we do?

Go back to James 4:10 –

1 Timothy 6:6-9 –

1 Timothy 6:17-19 –

Answers for the blanks:

- Presence
- Contrite

Matthew 5:3 – *Who is able to gain the Kingdom of God?*

- The poor in spirit

- Judgmental
- Abilities
- Gain or spend
- Treasure
- Trust
- Protect
- Indulgence
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