

/Greetings./ Let us now begin with the 5th lecture on the book of James.

/The title of 5th chapter is the Second Advent./ First, mourning of the rich./ Verses 1-6/ Second, keep your faith through endurance./ Verses 7- 12/ Third, the life at church./ Verses 13 - 20

/The first sub-title is, brotherhood sharing joys and sorrows./ Verse 13/ Second, looking after the sick./ Verses 14 - 18./ Third,/ Bring back the people who have departed from faith./ Verses 19 - 20

/In verse 1,/ *Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming upon you.* This passage doesn't mean to confront the rich,/ but rather, it is more of a warning towards the rich.

/Pious people turn to evil and/ they oppress and commit evil actions towards the brothers./ In better words,/ it is about the people who don't themselves devote/ or turn away from their sin.

/It is a warning against those who are worldly, oppressive,/ earthly prosperous,/ intoxicated with pleasure,/ and filled with arrogance./ Kings,/ judges,/ rulers,/ and government officials/ who exploit their wealth and/ their power/ are included here./ It is easy for a rich man to be arrogant.

/It is difficult to possess wealth without committing sins./ 1 Tim. 6:9-10/ It is written, *Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail.* This is not a call for repentance/ but a judgment and a warning.

/It warns the nearing judgment/ and the complete cut off of their hope./ It portrays that the wealth will not last long/ and it urges the Christians to endure during oppressions.

/God judges people in many years./ They are, namely,/ invasion of enemies,/ being robbed,/ a conflagration or flood,/ business failure,/ being cheated,/ betrayal of a close friend,/ an accident/ or diseases..

/ In verse 2,/ *Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes.* The wealth is not being used for goodness/ and it is corroded until they are worthless./ This can be a kind of judgment God has poured upon the rich.

/God provides money to use it./ If we are simply possessing money without using it,/ it is equivalent to go against the plan of God,/ and against the common benefit of society./ We will be responsible for not taking care of the poor and starving people.

/If we do not share what we have, God makes them worthless./ Proverbs 11:24, 26/ and Matthew 6:19-20,/ it is written, *Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth.*

/In verse 3,/ *Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you/ and eat your flesh like fire.* The things that are used for unrighteousness will be/ corroded and disappear. This is the evidence.

/The phrase eat your flesh like fire/ means the quickly approaching wrath of God./ But it is written, You have hoarded wealth in the last days./ The prosperous man could have thought he was hoarding the wealth for the future./ But in fact, it was an investment in the wrath of God./ Luke 17:27-28/ 1 Thess. 5:3

/In verse 4,/ Look! The wages you failed to pay the workmen who mowed your fields are crying out against you./ The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty.

/Taking away the wages is vulgar./ If the wages are not given, harvesters will obviously cry./ Gen. 4:10;/ 18:20/ Exodus 3:9;/ 22:23/ Isaiah 58:3/ Deut. 24:15

/The oppression indicated in here is an act of not giving wages by abusing their high positions.

/Jeremiah 22:13/ Also, it is not giving an appropriate wage./ It is the act of giving such a little wage/ or not giving it at all.

/It is changing the amount of the wage/ or giving it later than the arranged time./ Leviticus 19:30/ It is written, reached the ears of the Lord Almighty./ This means that the God who controls all the creatures is listening to everyone./ Job. 18:22-23/ Isaiah 45:9

/In verse 5,/ You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter.

/They live an extravagant life but don't help others./ They live a luxurious life without helping others./ A sin from keeping a luxury lifestyle/ is the easiest sin that the rich can commit.

/The rich live extravagantly on earth,/ also they consider having the happiness on this earth as a complete happiness/ and think there is nothing higher or better than that. Luke 16:25/ Matthew 6:2/ Job. 21:23

/All the pleasures on earth will pass away in a moment./ Nevertheless, it is written, You have fattened yourselves./ This means, they have fed their greed./ It is letting lust take over the heart.

/In Ephesus 4:18,/ it is written, they have given themselves over to sensuality./ The phrase, You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter./ refers to the day that kills the goodness, righteousness, and the conscience of the saints./ It refers to the people who live amorally and luxuriously/ with the unfairly earned profits.

/Not only this,/ in verse 6,/ it says, You have condemned and murdered innocent men./ If we take part in ruining a righteous man's life, we must be responsible for it.

/Although Romans executed Jesus,/ all of the Jewish were responsible for it./ It is further written, who were not opposing you./ A weak man has no strength to fight./ Isaiah 53:7;/ 50:6/ We must follow the steps of Jesus as well.

/In verse 7,/ it is written, *then.*/ It urges the oppressed, poor and faithful brothers to endure well./ Although such sufferings are in us,/ it is written to,/ *Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming.*

/The endurance of the Christians is like this./ It is being submitted to the Word of God./ Isaiah 39:8/ And we should meditate on the justifiable evidence and reason for enduring./ We must turn our eyes upon the sovereignty of God./ Psalms 39:9

/Through enduring,/ we can discover the attribute of God./ We realize that God is just,/ merciful/ and faithful./ Deut. 27:26/ Psalms 119:71

/We must let God take over on every aspect of our lives./ God tells us to endure,/ *until the Lord's coming*

/A farmer/ waits for rain during the spring and autumn hoping that the land will yield valuable crops./ In fact, waiting for such rain is not very important./ A farmer hopes the land to yield valuable crops in the autumn through rain.

/As such,/ for the people who put their hopes in the Heaven,/ it is natural to wait for the day in which Jesus returns.

/So in verse 8,/ *You too, be patient and stand firm.*/ "Stand firm" means/ to stand on the faith firmly in the midst of persecutions.

/It says, *because the Lord's coming is near.*/ The Word tells us that judgment of God will be poured out upon/ those who judge the righteous man,/ who does not give fair wages to the workers,/ and to those who live a wasted life by committing such deeds.

/The life on this earth is momentary./ 2 Peter 3:8/ Psalms 90:4/ It is written that it will pass shortly.

/In verse 9,/ *Don't grumble against each other, brothers.*/ Why is it written not to grumble against each other?/ It further means that we must not grumble/ as if God punishes His children/ and makes the evil men prosper.

/At church, everything cannot be satisfactory to everyone./ And if you are involved in a certain denomination, an administration can be unsatisfactory./ But God still urges not to grumble.

/God is not the one who prospers the unrighteous man and/ errs the righteous./ God is righteous-a-just-God.

/God will surely judge one's unrighteousness/ and will reward one's good deeds./ So, we can be saved from the judgment/ by not grumbling.

/This passage mainly tells us to be saved from the judgment of God/ by not grumbling./ We must not be judged/ by stubbornly insisting our ideas./ False brothers/ and wealthy oppressors will all be judged.

/It is written, *The Judge is standing at the door!* The fact that the judgment is at the door/ becomes a motive to fulfill our duties/ with fear./ When we are ready to sin, God is ready to judge.

/In verse 10,/ *Brothers, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord!* Here, prophets showed us two examples./ They endured well,/ and persevered.

/The word “endurance”/ refers to suffering/ without grumbling/ and losing something without seeking vengeance./ Matthew 5:12/ The reason that this passage contains the suffering prophets is/ to reduce our sadness.

/The prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord,/ are those who were given an authority to speak to people/ as the ministers of God,/ and those who received special gift through the Holy Spirit.

/Jeremiah was imprisoned,/ saint Stephen died of stoning,/ and prophet Isaiah was sawed./ They were persecuted due to the name of the Lord.

/If Christ is exalted,/ it doesn't matter if/ we are mistreated/ or forgotten.

/In verse 11,/ *As you know, we consider blessed those who have persevered!* It further refers to the perseverance of Job./ Job suffered greatly./ Job grumbled a little,/ but God does not say about it.

/Job had perseverance,/ and he surrendered to God./ Also, he said that God is good,/ and he became humble/ when hHe was rebuked./ Job 41-42./ If we persevere and wait, God will bring us great outcome.

/Also, God is full of mercy and compassion./ In the end of Job,/ we can see he was blessed with multiple blessings.

/In verse 12,/ *Above all, my brothers, do not swear!* The reason is,/ first,/ swearing without thinking deeply/ is a sin./ Exodus 20:7/ Second,/ it implies that we must fight/ common and subtle sins with our strength.

/When does a man swear?/ First,/ in the Old Testament,/ a man swore in a doubtful situation/ that could not be determined in any other ways./ Exodus 22:11-12

/Second,/ the law itself allowed swearing./ Exodus 2:7/ Legally using the name of the Lord was allowed./ Deut. 6:13/ Isaiah 45:23/ Matthew 5:17-18/ Third,/ in the New Testament, a man swore at something that was gravely important./ 2 Cor. 1:23/ Phil. 1:8/ Gal. 1:20/ Heb. 6:16/ Rev. 10:4-6

/Then, when is it wrong to swear?/ Unless a man uses the name of God/ or something that is offered to God,/ it is okay to swear with the names of certain creatures.

/First,/ frequent swearing./ Second, swearing in the name of certain creatures./ Swearing/ has no reasons and foundations./ Matthew 23:20-22. So we must say it is what it is and what is not, it is not.

/In verse 13,/ *Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray./* It is also written, *Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise*

/These are the things we must pray for in trouble./ First, endurance./ Second,/ persistence to avoid sin.

/Third, [ask for](#) hope./ A hope that God will provide fatherly love and protection to us./ Fourth, [for the sake of](#) progression./ The edification and reprimand from the God's Word can be regarded as a fruit of grace. [Psalm 125:3](#)

/Fifth,/ obedience to God./ Psalms 34:6/ We should pray with these things in mind./ Also, it is written *sing songs of praise./* Praising and singing the songs of gratitude is/ our suitable responsibility./ Psalms 50:15/ Matthew 26:30/ Acts 16:25/ Eph. 5:19

/In verse 14,/ *Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him/* Here, a sick person may refer to a weak person/ and suffers from a disease that is extremely painful or severe./ John 11:3/ 2 Cor. 12:7-9

/When we are sick, we may be skeptical about the love of God./ But we must believe that through this pain, God will/ remove our sins/ and bless us with better things.

/It is written, *call the elders of the church./* In 2 Chronicles 16:12,/ When King Asa was ill, he sought the help from physicians./ But here, verse 14,/ it urges us to *call the elders of the church.*

/Being sick is,/ God's message that we must meet God./ In current verse, *to call* implies us *to "certainly" call.*

/It is good to call the spiritual leaders of the church or someone who has duty at church./ For they have received a gift,/ they can advise and pray for us./ Gen. 20:7/ Jer. 27:18

/It is said, *call the elders of the church to pray over him./* It is letting God take control./ John 3:2/ Satan can show some kinds of miracles./ 2 Thess. 2:9/ Matthew 24:24

/Even Satan can show [some](#) miracles./ But in this passage, it is written,/ *anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord./* Doing in the name of the Lord is showing His glory through praying with the empowerment of Christ.

/"Anoint him with oil" refers to/ praying for a sick person's spirit to/ rise/ through the power of truth and works of the Spirit./ 1 John 2:27

/In verse 15,/ *And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well./* The "prayer offered in faith"/ is a prayer with faith/ and from faith.

/It is a prayer that it would be done according to the God's will./ It is because this can be done when there is a special revelation/ and assurance./ Matthew 9:22/ Mark 6:5-6/ Acts 3:16/ Matthew 17:16-17/ James 1:6

/It is written, *will make the sick person well.*/ This means that the disease of flesh would be healed./ Matthew 9:21/ Mark 6:56/ It says that God would raise those people./ It is done by God.

/If he has sinned, he will be forgiven./ The outcome of sin is not always being sick./ In John 9:2,/ It is written, "*but this happened/ so that the work of God might be displayed in his life.*

/The reason that Lazarus died was,/ in John 11,/ for the glory of God./ Generally, sickness results from sin,/ but sometimes, a person may be sick for the glory of God.

/Some people claim that/ sickness resulted from sin,/ and since they came from Satan,/ driving Satan away will heal the sickness./ But it is wrong.

/We must recognize that not every sickness is from Satan or a sinful nature,/ but it may be for the glory of God.

/In verse 16,/ *Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.*/ Proverbs 28:13/ 1 John 1:9/ Jeremiah 3:12-13/ Psalms 32:5

/What good does it do if our sicknesses are healed/ but our sin remains?/ So we must ask God's forgiveness./ If God heals our sicknesses/ but remains our sin,/ it may be considered as probation/ rather than salvation.

/Confession of sin/ is a throw up of soul./ Confession is a shameful action.

/Once we throw up, we tend to dislike food./ If we confess our sins, we begin to hate sins./ Psalms 51:2-3

/We must spread out our sin in front of God./ A confession of sins is an appealing-clamor for mercy of God./ The reason that confession does not comfort us is,/ because we are not honest about it.

/It is written, *Therefore confess your sins to each other.*/ It does not mean confessing our sin to a Catholic priest./ We must confess our sin to God.

/We must confess our sins we have committed before we became believers/ and the sins that have been committed after we became believers as well./ Also, not only public confessions to God,/ but personal confession is necessary./ That is, when we have harmed our neighbors./ Luke 17:4

/When we have committed adultery or planned a robbery,/ we must confess our sins to each other and pray./ When our consciences have been damaged by wounds,/ we must confess to each other.

/For it is written to *confess your sins to each other,*/ helping others through prayer is a responsibility of believers./ 1 John 5:16

/First,/ we must pray for all believers./ Ephesus 6:18/ Col 2:1/ Second,/ for the intimate people./ Romans 9:3/ Ephesus 3:14-15

/Third, for public officials or church leaders./ 1 Timothy 2:1-2/ Romans 15:30/
Fourth,/ a weak person must pray for the strong,/ and a strong person must pray for
the weak. 1 Cor. 12:21-22

/It is also written, *and pray for each other so that you may be healed.*/ The illness of
soul or flesh is included here./ Sin causes a person to suffer from the illness of soul./
An illness of flesh causes the death of a flesh,/ but the illness of soul causes the
eternal death of soul and flesh.

/In verse 16, *The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.*/ The
“righteous man” may be referring to a believer./ The prayer of righteous man is,
honest,/ and it pours out all his strength./ Also, it is a prayer of earnest request./
Luke 11:8/ Genesis 32:26

/When we pray, we must pour out all our strength and eagerness./ If a bird stops
flapping its wings, it will fall./ It is written, *The prayer of a righteous man is powerful
and effective.*/ It bears fruit./ And by praying,/ he receives blessing through
believing and asking it to the throne of grace.

/In verse 17,/ it is written, *Elijah was a man just like us.*/ 1 Kings 17:22;/ 19:8/ 2
Kings 1:10;/ 2:8;/ 2:11/ Matthew 17:3

/The phrase “was a man just like us” refers to/ physical and/ moral weaknesses./
Even if we are weak, God still guides us to His grace./ A praying implies/ the
seriousness and eagerness of living in Spirit./ Romans 8:26

/When we pray,/ Holy Spirit resides and aids our prayers./ When we pray, we must
not pray for the vengeance but,/ for blessing and well-being./ Luke 23:34

/When Elijah prayed,/ there was no rain for 3 years and 6 months./ When God pours
out His judgment, He does it for a long period./ The clamor of a prophet has a huge
impact./ By examining this,/ a prophet being silent is a sad warning.

/In the Old Testament, when God wanted to destroy His people,/ a prophet was
silent./ If God does not speak through prophets,/ that is the time when we must
truly fear.

| /So if the people **does** not listen to the words of God’s servants/ and rejects the
prophets,/ that country and those people cannot receive the blessings of God.

/In verse 18,/ *Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced
its crops.*/ 1 Kings 18:42/ Here, Elijah once again prayed with humility and strength.

| /As he prayed not to rain,/ and **later** to rain,/ it is necessary to continually pray.

/There is such saying,/ “A man who is careless about prayer/ is being careless about
the best way/ of communicating with God./ Also, he is being careless/ about the
most effective way/ to persuade God.”/ God used nature to pour out rain.

/In verse 19,/ *My brothers, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone
should bring him back,*/ “one of you” refers to the believers./ The children of God
may wander from the truth and go to a wrong path./ Matthew 24:24;/ 24:4

/False Christs and false prophets will appear/ and if they can, they will deceive the elect./ Saving souls is a grave responsibility./ But deceiving is a grave sin.

/If there is a person who deceives even a single person,/ we must get involved to stop the deceitful deeds.

/Being colored and/ trapping over are related altogether./ We should look out for a lie or deceit so that they will not be at church.

/And if we bring a man who wandered off to the truth,/ God will rejoice./ Bringing him back means, making him repent./ They are the acts of God,/ but He uses the people as tools.

/In verse 20,/ *remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way/ will save him from death and cover over a multitude of sins.*/ We believers should expose our sin,/ speak the words about our wretched hearts/ and words that would prevent apostasy,/ and encourage each other.

/And by doing so, we can save a man's soul/ if we turn a sinner from the error of his way./ This refers to the soul of a man who repented.

/The "death" refers to the eternal death./ Salvation is only possible through Christ./ It is also written, "cover over a multitude of sins."/ "Justification" is covering of sin./ Romans 5:16

/With this I end the 5th lecture on the book of James.

/God bless you.