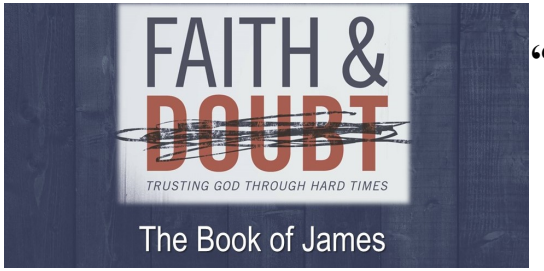

"The Unrighteous Rich"

James 5:1-6

Week of July 26, 2020

I. Judgement on Rich Oppressors
Whom is James addressing in James 5:1?

How do you define "being rich"?

How do the rich get treated? Why?

What would make you think of yourself as rich?

Why does it seem counter intuitive to have the rich weep and wail, the rich to have misery coming upon them?

Why would James talk about a coming judgement of the rich?

II. Riches will be Destroyed
James speaks about riches being destroyed. What does James list first in James 5:2?

What kind of riches rot? Why do these riches rot?

What is the next evidence of riches mentioned in James 5:2?

What happens to these riches?

What kind of riches are mentioned in James 5:3?

What happens to these precious metals?

How does wealth get corroded or get eaten away?

How does our wealth eat away at us? And become toxic for us?

How does this corrosion and toxicity specifically testify against us?

How is this seen in the message of Galatians 6:7?

III. Evidence of Injustice
What is the complaint of James 5:4 against the rich?

What is the message found in Deuteronomy 24:14-15?

How does Deuteronomy 24:14-15 and James 5:4 connect with each other?

What is the complaint of James in James 5:5? What would Paul tell us about this in 1 Timothy 6:17-18?

What does James 5:5 say is coming for these people who have gotten rich by wickedness and oppression? What does this mean?

What is the last charge that James brings in James 5:6?

How would the rich have condemned and murdered the poor?

How does Matthew 5:21-22 and 1 John 3:15 give a different perspective on what is meant by murder?

What is God's message to us about our riches and how we treat others?