

James 4:13-5:6 – the source of wrath

	A call to repentance	The result of ignoring the call
The audience	4:13 Men who have ambitious business plans	5:1a Successful, wealthy men
A change of perspective is required	4:14 Remember your weakness: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you don't know the future • your life is short and will end suddenly 	5:1b-3 Recognize your coming judgment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You didn't mourn for your sin, but you will mourn for the punishment • The objects of your lust are now destroyed (you "cannot obtain") • The objects of your lust are a liability instead of an asset
	4:15 Remember God's power: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued life is a gift from him • Your actions are subject to his will 	
Identifying sin	4:16-17 Motivation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't boast in your plans • Neglecting to acknowledge God's sovereignty is sin, and leads to sin 	5:4-6 Condemnation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You've become rich by oppression ("ye fight and war") • You've murdered ("ye kill") • You've lived only for the present ("consume it upon your lusts")

Howling for coming judgment

Isaiah 13:6 Howl ye; for the day of the LORD *is* at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.

Isaiah 14:31a Howl, O gate; cry, O city; thou, whole Palestina, *art* dissolved...

Isaiah 23:14 Howl, ye ships of Tarshish: for your strength is laid waste.

Zechariah 11:2 Howl, fir tree; for the cedar is fallen; because the mighty are spoiled: howl, O ye oaks of Bashan; for the forest of the vintage is come down.

Instructions for the wealthy

1 Timothy 6:17-19 ¹⁷ ¶ Charge them that are rich in this world...

¹⁸ That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; ¹⁹ Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.