

16 May 2010 - Preached by Preacher Joshua Yong  
Message Topic: **Miserable to live for Money**  
Scripture Text: James 5: 1-6

1. James 5:1-6 is primarily addressed to non believers who live for money and money is their goal in life. We must note and remember that not all rich people are wicked and neither is it true that poor people are godly.
2. From verses 1-3, we see the misery that rich people are facing who live only for money. The bible uses the phrase "howl and weep" as we see the future of these people who will face the judgment of God and be eternally condemned.
3. Riches and wealth are only temporary and will pass away and decay. Judgment is sure and the treasures accumulated will turn out to judge these wicked rich people.
4. The application is not to envy these rich wicked people knowing their misery and also we must never strive to live for riches in this life.
5. From verses 4-6, we see that God is a Just God. The Lord will defend the poor people who may be unjustly treated by the wicked rich people. Jesus will return one day to judge the world and He will be just in His judgment.
6. The application is that we must live our lives in humility and be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. We cry to the Lord for help and in times of oppression. We depend on the Lord and trust Him to live for Him and not for this world.