Text: James 5:1-11

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## In Light of Imminent Judgment

I. Warning for the Upper Class (1-6)

Wealth that is <u>unjustly</u> gained and <u>selfishly</u> used will be reason for <u>condemnation</u> on judgment day!

II. Wisdom for the Lower Class (7-11)

Those who suffer unjust hardships should strive to maintain *godly conduct* while trusting in *God's character*.

The imminent judgment of God is both a warning and encouragement!

<u>Application Questions</u> - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.

- 1. Have you ever felt like you were being judged on your money, whether how much, how little, or your use of it? What was the outcome in you?
- 2. Read James 5:1-6. Who is James addressing?

What wrong conduct and its consequences does he point out? Notice the metaphors and word pictures.

Think about who James is addressing. Why might he speak so direct and harsh to them?

What is the message to the believers in the churches, and to you and I?

3. Read James 5:7-11. Who is James addressing?
What does he instruct his readers to do and not do?

What does he say about God and how would that help them?

- 4. How is the judgment of God both a warning and encouragement?
- 5. Look back through the topics covered in this passage. What's one topic you believe God wants you to address? How?