

Lesson 12

Reading Jas 5:1-9

1. Why might the rich have been specifically encouraged to grieve? What event(s) are thought to be referred to here?
2. Since money generally has negative spiritual associations, why should they grieve losing it?
3. In which way were these curses coming upon their money? (5:2,3)
4. What can we learn from v.4 about the causes of suffering?
5. What two attitudes basic were primarily the root of their punishment? (v.5,6)
6. How had they 'fattened their hearts'?
7. How had they 'murdered the poor'?
8. What is meant by the day of the Lord?
9. What was the time of suffering going to bring?
10. List the character traits that would help get Christians through this period and why.