James Chapter 5 Student

Contents: Warning to the rich. Exhortations in view of **CHRIST**'s second coming.

Characters: CHRIST, Job, Elias, James.

Conclusion: Great amassing of wealth will be a sign of the last days, but woe to those who then heap together treasure for themselves, for when **CHRIST** comes that in which they have placed their hopes will bring them eternal misery. Regardless of the prosperity of the wicked, or the affliction of the righteous, the blessed hope of **CHRIST**'s return will keep the believer steady and patient. Let this therefore incite **HIM** to all the duties of the Gospel, and especially to patience and prayer.

Key Word: Last days, 3.

Strong Verses: 7, 8,10, 16, 20.

Striking Facts: 7, 8. Here we see *CHRIST*'s waiting for the precious fruit of the earth, the gathering in of the elect. In 2Th_3:5 We have the saint's waiting for *HIM*. The hope of *HIS* coming is the only solution of the complicated problems that will arise in the last days between capital and labor. (James 5:1-6.)

Questions:

- 1. What is James' complaint against the wealthy?
- 2. Should we take oaths?
- 3. What should we do during suffering?
- 4. What should believers do when there is sickness?
- 5. What is the practice and belief of believers regarding prayer?
- 6. What should we do when we discover a "lost" believer?

Discussion Question: If you were a witness in a courtroom, should you place your hand on a Bible and swear, "to tell the truth"?