

The Poverty of Abundance

James 5:1-6^{*}

This passage contains a fearful denunciation of rich people who use their wealth to hurt the poor. It reads like something one of the Old Testament prophets might have written. It is a scathing indictment of the rich. It offers no hope, but simply announces judgment from God. There is no call to repentance. There is no good news at all. These words are so harsh that we instinctively assume he must be talking about someone other than ourselves.

James advances four warnings to us all . . .

Beware of arrogance (1-3)

Beware of hard-heartedness (4)

Beware of extravagance (5)

Beware of brutality (6)

Check out your net income compared to the rest of the world:
<http://www.globalrichlist.com/>

^{*} These notes are prayerfully provided to aid, not replace, your personal study of God's Word.