

# **A Study of the General Epistles**

## **(NT Survey Lesson 195--James 5)**

Introduction: In this chapter James discusses how true faith expresses itself toward life's varying circumstances. Whether one experiences oppression or persecution, good times or bad times, sickness or health, there is a proper faith response. In addition James shows faith is manifest not only toward our own sins, but also the sins of others.

**Lesson aim: To help us know how to respond to the various circumstances of life.**

### **Responding to oppression--Jas. 5:1-11**

1. What are the rich urged to do? What had happened to the wealth they had hoarded?
2. How had the rich obtained their money?
3. How were they treating the righteous man?
4. What was the response of the righteous man to this mistreatment?
5. What kind of life had the rich man lived? To what does James compare him in the latter part of v. 5?
6. What had the rich man done to the righteous man? How had the righteous man responded?
7. What would God do to the rich who did not repent?
8. What was the oppressed man urged to do?
9. List several things that would give the poor Christian encouragement to be patient (v. 7-11).
10. What particular sin was the Christian to avoid "above all" while suffering? (v. 12) Why?

## **Responding to both good times and suffering--Jas. 5:13-18**

1. How were the suffering and the cheerful to respond to their circumstances?
2. What was one to do who was sick? What were the elders to do for him?
3. What was one to do who was in sin?
4. What does James say about the fervent prayer of the righteous? Who illustrated this? How?

## **Responding to the erring brother--Jas. 5:19-20**

1. What should we do for those who have fallen into sin?
2. What will be the result of these efforts?