

Sermon Outline

James 1:9-12

James 1:9-12 takes up the issue of riches & having a proper attitude
The importance of having a Biblical attitude to wealth:

- Jer. 9:23-24; Matt. 6:19-20,24; 19:24; 1Tim. 6:9-10; etc

1: The Rich Poor Believer: Exaltation: 9

A counter cultural statement if every there was one!

It is only through the eyes of faith that it will be understandable

We must learn to see life with the wisdom of God, not the worlds'

- not being envious of the wealthy, but

- knowing our standing in Christ - Rom. 8:16-19; 1Jn. 3:2

We must never seek our security in wealth (or anything else)

2: The Poor Rich Unbeliever: Perishes: 10-11

Another counter cultural statement - to be taken for unbelievers

- James 2:6-7, 5:1-6, and the whole testimony of the Bible

The future when things take drastic change of events:

- Luke 12:13-21; cf. 1Tim. 6:17-19; Matt. 6:19-21

All their pride and glamour will quickly come to an end

The judgement day will be a time when true riches will be revealed

A word about pride - Prov. 3:34; Ja. 4:6; 1Pet. 5:5; Matt. 11:29

3: The Eternal Blessing: A crown of life: 12

A summary statement from verses 2-11, and a link to verse 13

The crown of life is given to us by the Lord - not something we earn

- John. 5:24; Eph. 2:8-9; Rom. 6:23b

A crown which is not going to perish - 2Tim. 4:8; 1Pt. 5:4; Rev. 2:10

We love the Lord because He first loved us - 1Jn. 4:9

Application:

Let us not be worldly in our thinking of riches - 1Tim. 6:17

Think of the "heavenly city" to come - Heb. 11:16; Rev. 21:1-5