

**A REORIENTING REVERSAL**  
*James 5:1-6 // December 21, 2025 PM*

*God's future vengeance ought to engender both consternation and consolation.*

**I. Final judgment will bring a reversal of *fortune* (vv. 1-3).**

**II. Final judgment will bring a reversal of *fate* (vv. 4-6).**

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Why would the Christmas story have resonated with the believing exiles James wrote to?
2. Though we might not be rich landowners or poor day laborers, how is this oracle of judgment relevant to us?
3. Is being rich sinful? Why, or why not?
4. What does James teach us here about earthly treasures? How does it relate to what Jesus teaches us about the same?
5. How does greed lead us to mistreat people? How had this played itself out with these landowners?
6. How had these believers responded to the oppression they faced?
7. Who was the ultimate righteous person condemned and murdered? How does looking to Him and remembering His sufferings help us to not take vengeance into our own hands?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. How does future judgment engender both consternation and consolation? While consternation is writ large over James 5:1-6, where is consolation present?
2. Does my heart preeminently prize and prioritize the things of earth or the things of heaven?
3. How does eyeing future judgment deliver me from greed, covetousness, and bitterness in the present?