

~MISERY (24)

[English, unhappiness, sadness, depression, desolation, gloom, wretchedness, melancholy, despair, grief, sorrow, distress, agony, misfortune, Opposite of, **happiness**]

- They tear down what is good, and their **misery** over a life devoid of spiritual values shows through, in all they do. They are unhappy, and tend to blame God for their misery, shunning good counsel.
- Ruin and **misery** are in their ways. (**Romans 3:16**)
- James now tells them to get serious about their spiritual lives and turn away from just enjoying the good material life, and to experience **misery** and mourning and weeping over their sinfulness for this seriousness will produce good results for them spiritually. They should take a serious look at themselves in the mirror of the spirit and make any needed changes to grow into a finer relationship with their God.
- Give way to **misery** and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned into mourning, and your joy into dejection. (**James 4:9**)