

James 5:5~ You have lived in luxury upon the earth, and have gone in for sensual pleasure.¹ You have fattened your hearts on the day of slaughter.

Footnote: Literally, you behaved voluptuously

1· Such men are only concerned with living in luxury upon the earth, and with filling their days with sensual pleasure. These are signs of the Last Days that Paul told us to look out for, for then they would be lovers of themselves, lovers of pleasures.

[Question] What are the primary concerns of such men?

[Question] What are some of the signs of the last days that Paul told us to look for, and are they present today? (**2 Timothy 3:1-5**)

2· They do not even see the approaching day of judgment and accounting from Yehowah God that is fast approaching all of the human family, the day order slaughter, they only go on fattening their own hearts.

[Question] What day of approaching judgment do they not even see coming?

3· But, look! Exultation and rejoicing, the killing of cattle and the slaughtering of sheep, the eating of flesh and the drinking of wine, Let there be eating and drinking, for tomorrow we shall die. (**Isaiah 22:13**)

[Question] How did the people act, when their city was about to fall to the enemy?

4· **You** men that are lying down on couches of ivory and are sprawling on their divans, and are eating the rams out of a flock and the young bulls from among **fattened** calves. (**Amos 6:4**)

[Question] How did the prominent ones among, them feed themselves in the day of slaughter?

5· But Abraham said; Child, remember that you received in full your good things in your lifetime, but Lazarus correspondingly the injurious things. Now, however, he is having comfort here, but you are in anguish. (**Luke 16:25**)

[Question] In Jesus' parable of the rich man and Lazarus, what did the rich man and Lazarus contrastingly get during their lifetimes?

- 6· But the one that goes in for **sensual** gratification is dead though she is living. (1 Timothy 5:6)

[Question] What is an anointed Christian who goes in for sensual gratification, though still alive?

- 7· And you yourself, O Yehowah, know me well, you see me, and you **have** examined my heart in union with yourself. Single them out like sheep for the slaughtering, and set them apart for the **day** of killing. (Jeremiah 12:3)

[Question] What did Jeremiah confess that God knew well?

[Question] How did he ask for God to deal with the wicked ones when he came for judgment?

- 8· From men, by your hand, O Yehowah, from men of this system of things, whose share is in this life, and whose belly you fill with your concealed treasure, who are satisfied with sons and who do lay up for their children what they leave over. (Psalms 17:14)

[Question] To whom do men generally leave all the excess things that they have stored up during their lives?

- 9· They **have** grown fat, they **have** become shiny. They **have** also overflowed with bad things. No legal case **have** they pleaded, even the legal case of the fatherless boy, that they may gain success. The judgment of the poor ones they **have** not taken up. (Jeremiah 5:28)

[Question] What do those who are overflowing with good things, often forget and not take into account?

- 10· And I will say to my soul: Soul, you **have** many good things laid up for many years, take your ease, eat, drink, enjoy yourself. (Luke 12:19)

[Question] How did the rich man whose fields produced well plan to spend his later years, and how is that mirrored today in modern society?

- 11· But know this, that in the **last days critical times hard to deal with will be here**. (2 Timothy 3:1)

[Question] What kind of a time will the Last Days be?

- 12· For men will be **lovers of themselves, lovers of money, self-assuming, haughty, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, disloyal. (2 Timothy 3:2)**

[Question] How would people come to act within the Last Days?

- 13· **Having no natural affection, not open to any agreement, slanderers, without self-control, fierce, without love of goodness. (2 Timothy 3:3)**

[Question] What are some additional qualities that they would exhibit?

- 14· **Betrayers, headstrong, puffed up with pride, lovers of pleasures rather than lovers of God. (2 Timothy 3:4)**

[Question] What would they come to love rather than Yehowah God?