I. Miseries of the rich: vs. 1-3
A. Weep and howl, because miseries will come upon you.
B. Riches of this world deteriorate; they become corrupt.
C. Moths eat clothes.
D. People trust riches instead of trusting God and looking for the second coming of Christ.
II. God hears the cry of the hire of the laborers: vs. 4 - 6
A. God knows the rich deceive the laborers and cheat the laborers out of their pay (salaries).
B. The riches themselves cry out to God.
C. The rich live in pleasure on the labor of others.
The same world condemned Christ. Christ yielded Himself God's purpose.
III. An example of the farmer waiting for the harvest: vs. 7 – 9
A. Be patient!
B. Wait for the early and latter rain from God.
C. Establish your heart – be ready.
D. The Judge is at the door. God knows all; God sees all; God is the Judge.
IV. There is one lawgiver; do NOT judge each other: vs. 11, 12
A. Use Bible prophets like Job as examples.
B. Don't swear; don't say oaths. Trust God and let your word be true.
V. Pray for those who are hurting: vs. 13 - 16
A. Have the right heart attitude. In affliction or hurt, pray; in joy, sing.
B. Pray for the sick.
C. Call for the elders to come pray over you.
D. Use medical help if you can.
E. Sick people can recover. God can heal the sick.
F. If you are spiritually backslidden, you can be restored.
VI. How to help those who err (go wrong): vs. 17, 18
A. Pray.
B. Elijah prayed and God answered his prayer.
C. Jesus' blood can cover sins.