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Woes Upon The Rich

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I. A Rebuke to the Rich - Vs. 1

II. Reasons for Rebuking the Wealthy

A. Selfish Hoarding - Vs. 2-3

Matthew 6:19-21 -

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

II. Reasons for Rebuking the Wealthy

B. Taking Advantage - Vs. 4

Malachi 3:5 -

“Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

II. Reasons for Rebuking the Wealthy

C. Self-Indulgence - Vs. 5

D. Oppression - Vs. 6

III. Implications

1) God Will Make it Right

I Peter 2:22-24 -

He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

III. Implications

2) With Wealth Comes Danger

Matthew 19:23 -

And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven.

III. Implications

2) With Wealth Comes Danger

I Timothy 6:9-10 -

But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

III. Implications

3) With Wealth Comes Responsibility

I Timothy 6:17-19 -

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

III. Implications

3) With Wealth Comes Responsibility

Luke 12:33 -

Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys.

III. Implications

4) We Should Join God in Standing for the Oppressed

Proverbs 31:8 -

Open your mouth for those with no voice, for the rights of all who are destitute.

III. Implications

4) We Should Join God in Standing for the Oppressed

Revelation 7:15-17 -

He who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.