

# James Series Going Deeper

## 5- Day Devotional

### Week 4, Day 3: The Illusion of Earthly Wealth

#### Verse of the Day

**Primary Scripture:** James 1:10-11

**9Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, 10and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. 11For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.**

#### **Primary Focus Statement:**

Wealth is temporary and unreliable, and when it becomes your source of identity or security it creates a false sense of stability that will eventually fail you. Humility allows you to see clearly that everything in this world fades, and it anchors your life in the eternal truth that only God can sustain, satisfy, and secure you.

#### **Devotional Teaching:**

James now turns his attention to the rich and gives an equally powerful and sobering instruction. Let the rich boast in his humiliation. This is not a call to shame but a call to clarity. Wealth has a way of creating illusions. It can make life feel secure, stable, and within control. It can quietly convince the heart that it does not need God as deeply.

James uses the imagery of a flower in the field to expose the reality of wealth. It blooms, it appears strong, it draws attention, but under the heat of the sun it withers and fades away. This is not just poetic language. It is a spiritual warning. Everything rooted in this world is temporary.

The danger of wealth is not in possessing it but in trusting it. When wealth becomes your confidence, you begin to build your life on something that cannot last. Markets change. Health fades. Opportunities come and go. Life is fragile and unpredictable. If your identity and security are tied to what you have, then your life will always feel unstable beneath the surface.

Humility is the gift that allows the rich to see clearly. It strips away the illusion and reveals the truth. You are not sustained by your resources. You are sustained by God. Wealth cannot save

you. Wealth cannot satisfy you. Wealth cannot secure your future. Only God can do those things.

When you embrace this truth, it changes how you live. You begin to hold wealth loosely instead of tightly. You become generous instead of guarded. You trust God instead of trusting your own ability to provide. Humility does not diminish you. It aligns you with reality.

James is not condemning wealth. He is calling for a heart that is anchored in eternity rather than in temporary gain. When you see clearly, you live wisely.

**Reflection Questions:**

Where might you be placing trust in something that will not last?

How has comfort or success shaped your dependence on God?

What would humility look like in your current season?

**Action Step:**

Ask God to reveal any false sense of security in your life. Surrender it and choose to trust Him as your true provider.