

THE CATHOLIC EPISTLE OF ST. JAMES

Wednesday Nights Holy Bible Study

St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Church of Nashville

Chapter 5

- 1) **"Therefore, because you tread down the poor and take grain taxes from him, though you have built houses of hewn stone, yet you shall not dwell in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink wine from them. For I know your manifold transgressions and your mighty sins: Afflicting the just [and] taking bribes; diverting the poor [from justice] at the gate" (Amos 5:11-12).** Which verses from James 5 is giving the same meaning as these verses from Amos?
- 2) Is it wrong to live in pleasure and luxury?
- 3) **"Be glad then, you children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God; for He has given you the former rain faithfully, and He will cause the rain to come down for you -- The former rain, and the latter rain in the first [month]" (Joel 2:23).** What is the difference between irrigation from rivers or from rains? And what is the spiritual meaning to us?
- 4) **"He shall come down like rain upon the grass before mowing, like showers [that] water the earth" (Psalm 72:6).** The rain falling refers to what?
- 5) Why does God condemn us when we grumble against one another?
- 6) In James 5:13-15, St. James gave us practical solutions for many different cases in our life. Discuss these solutions and cases.
- 7) St. James mentioned two of the Church Sacraments in this chapter, what are they?
- 8) Is there a relation between healing the sickness and confession?
- 9) **"The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."** What proof from this chapter supports this statement?
- 10) What is the Honor of one who saves (turn back) a sinner?