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Series: James: Faith in Action 2024-12-15

**Here Today, Gone Tomorrow**

***James 4:13 – 5:6***

**Purpose: Warning about Presumptuous Arrogance and Oppressive Greed**

I. Peril for the Presumptuous 4:13-17

 A. 13: Audience - Description could be anyone running a business

 B. 14a: Issue - The future is uncertain

 C. 14b: Explanation - Life is short

 D. 15: Alternative - Humble dependence on God (this also reveals the real issue)

 E. 16: Rebuke & Warning - Boasting in arrogance is sinful

 F. 17: Accountability: - A call to demonstrate faith in action

 Also seen in 1:22, 2:17, & 3:13

 Applications:

* Don’t be presumptuous. Instead, Plan with humility before God, not prideful self-reliance.
* Turn boasting in to belief / We must commit ourselves to discover the will of God as we make our plans for the future.

The phrase ‘come now you’ demonstrates these two passages are closely related.

II. Ruin for the Rich 5:1-6

A. 1a: Audience - Description could be anyone with wealth

B. 1b: Judgment Pronounced - The overarching declaration of doom

C. 2-3: Evidence Presented - Specific illustrations of their corruption and decay

D. 4: Testimony Provided - Witness against the rich

E. 5-6: Charges Posed - Specific moral and ethical failures

F. Alternative - Not specifically provided by James in this section

**Summary: Humility and Justice Honor God, while Arrogance and Greed lead to Judgment.**