**CHAPTER 5**

*A woe to the rich that oppress the poor. Exhortations to patience, and to avoid swearing. Of the anointing the sick, confession of sins and fervor in prayer.*

**1** Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl in your miseries, which shall come upon you.

**2** Your riches are corrupted: and your garments are motheaten.

**3** Your gold and silver is cankered: and the rust of them shall be for a testimony against you, and shall eat your flesh like fire. You have stored up to yourselves wrath against the last days.

**4** Behold the hire of the labourers, who have reaped down your fields, which by fraud has been kept back by you, crieth: and the cry of them hath entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth.

**5** You have feasted upon earth: and in riotousness you have nourished your hearts, in the day of slaughter.

**6** You have condemned and put to death the Just One, and he resisted you not.

**7** Be patient therefore, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth: patiently bearing till he receive the early and latter rain.

**8** Be you therefore also patient, and strengthen your hearts: for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

**9** Grudge not, brethren, one against another, that you may not be judged. Behold the judge standeth before the door.

**10** Take, my brethren, for an example of suffering evil, of labour and patience, the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord.

**11** Behold, we account them blessed who have endured. You have heard of the patience of Job, and you have seen the end of the Lord, that the Lord is merciful and compassionate.

**12** But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, nor by the earth, nor by any other oath. But let your speech be, yea, yea: no, no: that you fall not under judgment.

**13** Is any of you sad? Let him pray. Is he cheerful in mind? Let him sing.

**14** Is any man sick among you? Let him bring in the priests of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

**15** And the prayer of faith shall save the sick man: and the Lord shall raise him up: and if he be in sins, they shall be forgiven him.

**16** Confess therefore your sins one to another: and pray one for another, that you may be saved. For the continual prayer of a just man availeth much.

**17** Elias was a man passible like unto us: and with prayer he prayed that it might not rain upon the earth, and it rained not for three years and six months.

**18** And he prayed again: and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

**19** My brethren, if any of you err from the truth, and one convert him:

**20** He must know that he who causeth a sinner to be converted from the error of his way, shall save his soul from death, and shall cover a multitude of sins.