

Why? James 5: 1-7 - men, don't pray because nothing happens + burned gold
& answer in by not answering prayer - according - because they behaved
wrongly - & turns on busy signal, stuffs ears w/ cotton -
turn away - w/draw mercy & favor - Belief not enough - Behave
like a parent -
don't even want to listen
Isa 59; Psa 66: 18;

because of their behavior = what was it?

I - Wrong motive - only when in trouble - sin catching up w/ them.
James 4. "I promised God if he'd help me" - "I didn't believe you."

II - Disregard God's Word - "vs 1 - you" - vs 3 & 4 - "They" they
turned away from his message. they turned a deaf ear on God, now he turns a
deaf ear on you - John 15 - 1 Sam. 15: 22, 23 - Prov. 28: 9; Psa 39: 9
They turned back on him, now he does same -
vs 1 - you - vs 3 - They = The people turned away & wouldn't listen to
Satan rebel
Slim - TV pray
There is a relation between prayer & God's word

III - Mistreatment of Others - vs 2, 3 - they ignored cries of
needy, others - would hear them, now he treats them same way.
- proportion between sin & punishment - Prov. 21: 13 - Indifferent
to their needs - Matt 5: 23, 24; Mark 11: 22, 23; Mal 2: 13, 14
- Cain + did talk to God but bloodily Abel cried louder, so God wouldn't
hear - Cain

SIN matches Punishment

IV - Abuse, Responsibility - vs 1 - "It's not for you to
know" - James = "to him that knoweth to do good."

Reason, S.S. -
Rulers = abused privilege of lead - politically
Prophets = " " " " spiritually - Reasons, Preacher

V - Too Late - vs 4 - "Then" - "at that time" Day of
judgment, mercy past. took God for granted, their
audacity - when judgment begins, day of mercy is past -
Jer 17: 11; 11: 11; 1 John 5: 16 - God retires prayer -
Rich man in hell = David = If he'd prayed before
Nathan came, God might have heard -
no answer = no revelation, no assurance.