

# Prayer

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## I. Praying and Singing

<sup>13</sup> Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. <sup>14</sup> Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

- **What kind of suffering? Worries, concerns, anxiousness, aches, pains, persecutions, unfairness.... Etc.. for these pray.**
  - Instead of evil speaking, or grumbling, or anger, pray ask the Lord for help!
  - Pray for relief, for patience, for wisdom, for endurance for grace to turn our eye to the Lord
  - If you lack wisdom... pray
  - If you lack strength..... pray
    - Can a suffering person be cheerful? Even in the midst of suffering, it is possible to count it all joy, to be joyful.
- **Is any one cheerful, full of cheer!**
  - Cheerful, courageous in Acts 27
  - The Joyful should sing
    - Num. 21:17 the song of Moses
    - Luke 1:46-55 the song of Mary
      - Singing spreads the joy as long as it is not too early in the morning.....
- **Three reasons to pray and three forms of prayer**
  - Suffering, prayer for relief
  - Cheerful, praises and psalms of joy

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- Sick, ask the elders to pray the prayer of healing and release.

## II. Praying With Authority

<sup>14</sup> Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

- What kind of sickness? G770 *astheneō* From G772; to *be feeble* (in any sense): - be diseased, impotent folk (man), (be) sick, (be, be made) weak.
  - A sickness, physical, emotional or spiritual that has worn you down.
- Call the elders of the church *presbuteros*—the pastors or older mature believers
- They can pray the prayer of faith and anoint with oil
  - Jesus sent his disciples out to pray-

**Mar 6:13** And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed *them*.

- They likely used olive oil... some believe that they were using the oil as a kind of medicine. They get this from the particular word in Greek.... *Aleiphō* that we have translated anoint..
  - It could be correct that the oil was merely a medicine used in conjunction with prayer... or just a continuation of the custom of anointing with oil during prayer.
  - We anoint with oil during prayer from these examples in Mark and James.
    - We do so by faith believing God for His will in healing the sick in the name of the Lord.. It is that phrase that causes me to believe that the oil is part of the prayer

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not a natural part of the healing process... we are doing this based upon the instructions and the invitation of the Lord to pray in His name... Both, in His authority and in light of His character....

- **The sick should call upon the elders or pastors of the church...**
- <sup>14</sup> Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him,
- **We offer prayer here during worship and other times. We can come to hospitals and to your home.... But too often the sick don't call us for prayer.**
    - **We can pray over the phone or in person, but the point is we can pray... and that is the point here.....**

<sup>15</sup> And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

- **If sin is the cause of the sickness, the prayer of faith will save you.**
- **Sin will be forgiven when you call for prayer.**

### III. Confession and Healing

<sup>16</sup> Confess *your* trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

- **This is in context with having the elders pray, so this is a confession not just to anyone, but to this group of men or women who will pray for you**
  - **There are some-things, ladies, that you should go to Godly Women who are mature in faith for prayer**
    - **They can more likely hear your problem and perhaps confession without it stumbling them like it might cause a man to stumble.**

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- **Confess and pray, and be healed**
  - **Effective prayer....**

<sup>17</sup> Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. <sup>18</sup> And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

- **What was a man just like us... not super human, but a man of faith.. he believed God.**
- **What kind of prayer did He pray? The prayer of faith.....**
- **What does earnestly mean?**
  - *pros-yoo-khay' to pray an oratory or pray out loud*
- **What reason did he have to believe that God would answer?**
  - **Because He was doing God's work!**

## IV. Reverting the Wanderer

### Bring Back the Erring One

<sup>19</sup> Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, <sup>20</sup> let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

- **What does wander from truth mean?**
- **How can you turn him back? *ep-ee-stref'-o* Reverts.....**
- **Whose sins would be covered?**

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**19-20** It is clear from the words "my brothers" that James addresses this last exhortation to believers. It is also apparent that he speaks of the possibility that one of them may "wander from the truth." [Verse 20](#) gives reason to believe that the truth from which the wanderer turns is the saving truth of the gospel. James's purpose in these closing verses is to encourage Christians to make an effort to bring the wanderer back. Two worthy results of such an accomplishment are cited. First, it will "save him from death." That this cannot be physical death may be inferred from the literal translation of the Greek text: it "shall save his soul from death." So it would seem that spiritual death is in view. Since Scripture teaches that once a person is regenerated he can never be lost, it may be assumed that his hypothetical wanderer is not a genuine believer. He would be one who had been among the believers and had made a profession of faith, but his profession had been superficial. To bring him to genuine faith in the truth is to save his soul from eternal death. The result of bringing the wanderer back is that "many sins" will be covered. Genuine faith brings full forgiveness of the wanderer's sins; and they are covered, never to be held against him again. As difficult as it may be to win such a person to saving faith, the eternal results make it infinitely worthwhile. For a similar situation see [Hebrews 6:4-8](#).

See [James 5 Notes](#).