

Biblical Prayer

James 5:13-20

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Theme of James

- To know how to demonstrate belief in Jesus as you live, work and play in a fallen world that will be filled with many difficulties.

“If you want to embarrass the average Christian, simply ask them about their private prayer lives.” - DA Carson

Biblical Premise

- James will help us understand the “why” and “how” of prayer.

Our Goal

- To read the Bible and obey it.

“Life is war. Not all of it is war, but part of it is always war. Prayer is a war time walkie talkie.” - John Piper

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Defining Terms

“Suffering”: literally distressed. Any sort of affliction.

James Point

- Prayer is the first response to any sort of affliction.

Defining Terms

“Sick”: weak, feeble, broken.

- Scripture teaches 366 times says do not fear, anxiety is a cousin to fear.
- Let’s do in prayer what we cannot do in person.

How Does It Work?

- A call for elders.
- Anoint them with oil.

- Oil is a symbol of the power of the Holy Spirit and shed blood of Jesus in scripture.

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“Righteous person”: Does not mean a perfect person. It means right standing before God through faith in Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:21

- A prayer of faith...is a request for help to the One who can do what you were unable to do on your own.

What Does Healing Mean?

- At times, Jesus heals through prayer.

What Is A Miracle?

- When the unexplainable meets the undeniable.

Understand This

- Every believer in Jesus Christ will be healed.

How Do We Pray?

- I know you can heal.
- I believe you will.
- Even if you don’t, I will praise you.

Proverbs 13:12

- We often go from hoping to coping.

3 Lessons For Praying Biblically From Elijah

1. His prayer was biblical.
2. His prayer was desperate. He admits with his posture he was helpless.
3. His prayer was persistent.

“Do in prayer what you cannot do in person.”

Isaiah 59:21