

## The Prayer Of Faith

James 5:13-18

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## Review Of James

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- *“Speak not one against another...”* James 4:11-12
- Avoid arrogance & self-sufficiency. James 4:13-17
- Right attitude toward riches. James 5:1-6
- Patience. James 5:7-11
- Their word is binding. James 5:12

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Prayer and Praise go together.

- *Psalms 46:1 “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”*
- *1 Peter 3:12 “For the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, And his ears unto their supplication: But the face of the Lord is upon them that do evil.”*

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Prayer and Praise go together.

- *Psalms 62:8 “Trust in him at all times, ye people; pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us.”*
- *Matthew 7:9-11 “Or what man is there of you, who, if his son shall ask him for a loaf, will give him a stone; or if he shall ask for a fish, will give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father who is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?”*

## When Should One Pray?

When we are suffering. James 5:13

- The prophets suffered. James 5:10
- Paul was put in bonds. 2 Timothy 2:9; cf. 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
- A good soldier suffers. 2 Timothy 2:3; 4:5

We should “sing psalms” when we are cheerful.

- We can sing in adversity. cf. Acts 16:25; 5:41; James 1:2.
- Consider the attitude of David, the sweet singer of Israel – Psalms 92:1-2; 96:1-2; 101:1; 111:1; 113:1-3; 146:1-2; 147:1; 149:1

## When Should One Pray?

When we are sick. James 5:14-15

Questions:

- Is the sickness physical or spiritual?
- Is the anointing with oil medicinal or symbolic?
- Is the healing through providential means or miraculous?
- Is the healing spiritual or physical?

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## When Should One Pray?

When we are sick. James 5:14-15

- *asthenei* (verse 14) literally means “to be weak.”
  - Used for physical maladies. Matthew 10:8; Acts 9:37; Philippians 2:26-27
  - Used in Acts and the Epistles to refer to a weak faith or a weak conscience (cf. Acts 20:35; Romans 6:19; 14:1; 15:1; 1 Corinthians 8:9-12).
- *kamnonta* (verse 15) literally means “to be weary” cf. Hebrews 12:3

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## Why Call For The Elders?

They were to pray over him. James 5:16

- Spiritual guidance is implied. cf. 1 Thessalonians 5:14

They were to anoint him with oil.

- Physical illness implied. cf. Luke 10:34; Isaiah 1:6; Jeremiah 8

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## The Effectiveness Of Prayer

*“The prayer of faith shall save him that is **sick...**” James 5:15*

*“The supplication of a righteous man availeth much in its working.” James 5:16*

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## The Effectiveness Of Prayer

Does prayer demand a miraculous response?

- Paul left Trophimus at Miletus sick. 2 Timothy 4:20
- Timothy had a chronic stomach problem. 1 Timothy 5:23
- Epaphroditus almost died. Philippians 2:25-26

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## The Effectiveness Of Prayer

- Elijah’s prayer. James 5:16-18; 1 Kings 18:41-45
- Hezekiah’s prayer for deliverance. 2 Kings 19:15-19; cf. verse 35; cf. 1 Chronicles 29:11-12
- Nehemiah’s prayer. Nehemiah 1:11; 2:4,6
- Ask for wisdom ... James 1:5
- Ask (keep on asking) ... cf. Luke 11:5-13

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### The Effectiveness Of Prayer ... GOD IS ABLE!

- *1 Peter 5:6-7 "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time; casting all your anxiety upon him, because he careth for you."*
- *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 "Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus to you-ward."*

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