

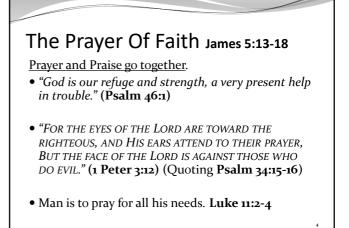
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- Dealing With Temptations. 1:2-4
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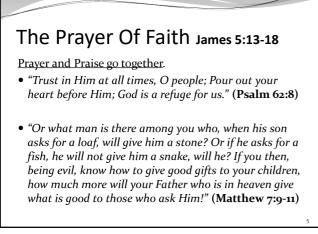
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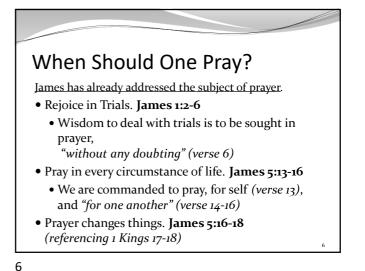
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- "Do not speak against one another ..." James 4:11-12
- Avoid arrogance and self-sufficiency. James 4:13-17
- Right attitude toward riches. James 5:1-6
- Patience. James 5:7-11
- Their word is binding. James 5:12
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When Should One Pray?

When we are suffering or afflicted. James 5:13

Kapopatheo: "Suffer hardship" (W.E. Vine); "Suffer misfortune; bear hardship patiently" (Arndt & Gingrich)

- Times of trouble and hardship.
 (Bridges this text with James 5:10)
- The prophets suffered. James 5:10
 - Jeremiah 38:6 (Jeremiah thrown into a cistern)
 - 2 Chronicles 24:20-21 (Zechariah killed, cf. Luke 11:45ff)
- Disciples of Christ will suffer. Matthew 5:11-12,
 - 2 Timothy 3:12

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 - Used in:
 - 2 Timothy 2:3, "Suffer hardship"
 - 2 Timothy 2:8-9, "Suffer hardship"
 - 2 Timothy 4:5, "Endure hardship"

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When Should One Pray? In Contrast ... We should "sing psalms" when we are cheerful. James 5:13 Greek "euthumeo": "Good cheer" (W.E. Vine); "... Keep up one's courage" (Arndt and Gingrich) Word used in the context of Paul's shipwreck. Acts 27:22, 25 We can sing in adversity. Acts 16:25; 5:40-41; James 1:2.

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When Should One Pray?

Consider the attitude of David, the sweet psalmist of Israel:

- "It is good to give thanks to the Lord and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; to declare Your lovingkindness in the morning and Your faithfulness by night ..." (Psalm 92:1-2)
- "Sing to the Lord a new song; Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless His name; Proclaim good tidings of His salvation from day to day." (Psalm 96:1-2)
- "I will sing of lovingkindness and justice, to You, O Lord, I will sing praises." (Psalm 101:1)
- "Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart, in the company of the upright and in the assembly." (Psalm 111:1)

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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?

When Should One Pray?

When we are sick. James 5:14-15

Two different Greek words for "sick" in verses 14-15

1. asthenei (verse 14) literally means "to be weak."

- Used for physical maladies. Matthew 10:8; Acts 9:37; Philippians 2:25-27
- Used to refer to a <u>weak faith</u> or a weak conscience Acts 20:35; Romans 6:19; 14:1; 15:1; 1 Corinthians 8:9-12

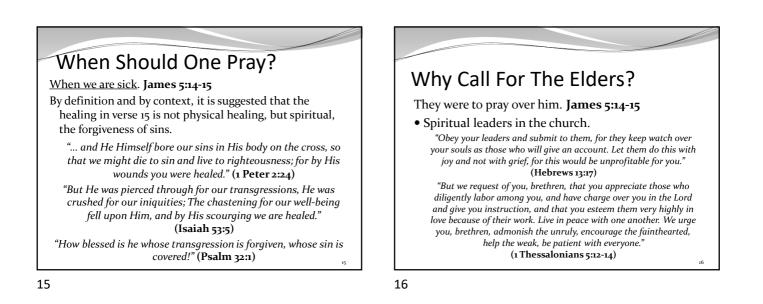
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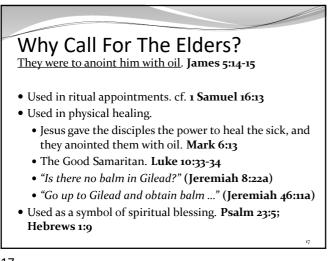
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- 2. *kamnonta (verse 15)* literally means "to be weary"
- "literally 'to <u>become tired in spirit</u>,' to gradually lose one's motivation to accomplish some goal – 'to become discouraged, to become tired of."" (Greek-English Lexicon Based on Semantic Domain.)
- Used in Hebrews 12:3
 - It "signifies to suffer hardship." (W.E. Vine)
 - "the prayer of faith shall save the EXHAUSTED one." (Berry's Greek Interlinear)

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Why Call For The Elders?
"A person who is fasting should not be sad and ungroomed, but should 'put oil' (aleipho) on his head, and wash his face" (Matthew 6:16-18).
Thus James' point is that the 'weak' (asthenei) and 'weary' (kamnonta) would be refreshed, encouraged, and uplifted by the elders ...
"For the fallen, discouraged, distressed weary believer,

 For the fallen, discouraged, distressed weary believer, restoration is assured and the elders' prayer offered in faith will make the sick person (lit., 'weary one') well (i.e., will restore him from discouragement and spiritual defeat), and the Lord will raise him up." (Bible Knowledge Commentary/Old Testament)

The Effectiveness Of Prayer

- Spiritual guidance is implied.
 "… and the prayer of (offered in) faith will restore the one who is sick …" (James 5:15a)
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 - "... The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much." (James 5:16b)
- Strength for the weary is the objective.
 "My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth and one turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins." (James 5:19-20)

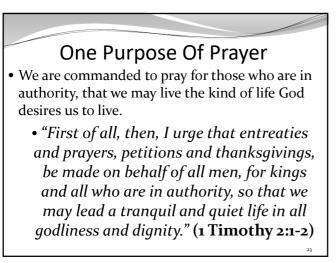
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The Effectiveness Of Prayer (cont'd) • The work of elders is in shepherding the church

- The work of elders is in shepherding the church and watching over souls.
 - "Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood." (Acts 20:28)
 - "Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you." (Hebrews 13:17)

The work of elders is not in becoming guardians of church members' physical health. They are not miracle workers or medical doctors.

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How To Obey The Gospel of Jesus Christ Hear the word of God (2 Thessalonians 2:14-15; James 1:21) Believe the gospel message (Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24) Repent of sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30-31) Confess Jesus Christ (Romans 10:10; Matthew 10:32-33)

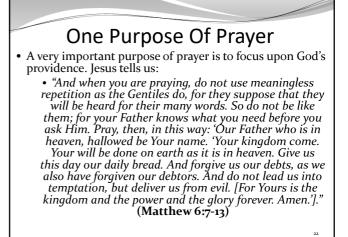
Be Baptized for Forgiveness of Sins (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Galatians 3:26-27; Romans 6:3-4)

Remain Obedient (Matthew 7:21; Revelation 2:10; Hebrews 3:12)

The Effectiveness Of Prayer (cont'd)

- Natural healing is aided by those who are physicians.
 - "But when Jesus heard this, He said, 'It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick."" (Matthew 9:12)

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