

“A Prayer for Healing”

JAMES 5:13-20

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Introduction

1. When should I pray?

a. When I am hurting _____.

***James 5:13** – “Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise.”*

***Psalms 55:22** – “Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken.”*

b. When I am hurting _____.

***James 5:14-15** – “Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.”*

***2 Corinthians 12:7-8** – “or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me.”*

c. When I am hurting _____.

***James 5: 15-16a** – “And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be*

healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”

There are different types of sickness

- A sickness unto _____

***1 John 5:16** – “If you see any brother or sister commit a sin that does not lead to death, you should pray and God will give them life. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. There is a sin that leads to death. I am not saying that you should pray about that.”*

- A sickness for _____

***1 Corinthians 11:28-32** – “Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves. That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. But if we were more discerning with regard to ourselves, we would not come under such judgment. Nevertheless, when we are judged in this way by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be finally condemned with the world.”*

- A sickness for the _____ of God

***John 11:4** – “When he heard this, Jesus said, “This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God’s glory so that God’s Son may be glorified through it.”*

***John 9:3** – “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him.”*

2 Corinthians 12:9 – “But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.”

2. How do I pray?

a. Ask in _____

James 5:15-18 – “And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.”

James 4:2 – “You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God.”

b. Ask with the right _____

James 4:3 – “When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.”

c. Ask with a _____ heart.

James 5:15 – “And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.”

Psalms 66:18 – “If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened;”

Isaiah 59:2 – “But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.”

3. Who should pray?

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James 5:19-20 – “My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.”

Prayer is rooted in 2 truths, my _____ and my Father’s sovereignty when I pray, I live and breathe my faith and theology, even as I engage in Spiritual warfare. When I pray, I spend time resting in His presence, His power and His promises.