



## “Healing” James 5:13-20

If our prayer life reflects the quality of our relationship with God, then how can we have a prayer life that is filled with passion, power and the presence of God?

Along with the Word of God and the People of God nothing will bring greater HEALING to our spirit, soul and body like communication, conversation and communion with God.

### WHEN SHOULD WE PRAY?

- 1) When we are hurting or happy EMOTIONALLY.  
v13; Ps55:22, 34:1, 92:1
- 2) When we are hurting PHYSICALLY.  
vv14-15a; Luke 10; 1Sam16

#### 3 Kinds of Sickness:

- Sickness for DEATH. (1John5:16; John11:4)
- Sickness for DISCIPLINE. (1Cor11:28-32)
- Sickness for the GLORY OF GOD. (John11:4)

#### 4 Attitudes toward Healing:

- The SENSATIONALIST. Lights, camera, action, emotionally charged atmosphere, flamboyant healer, people are put on display. (Matt7:22-23)
- The CONFESSIONALIST. It is God's will for everyone to be healed. If you're not healed, it's either sin or a lack of faith. (1Pet4:19)
- The DISPENSATIONALIST. Healing was only for New Testament times. (Heb13:8)
- The REALIST. It is always in God's power to heal, but it is not always in God's purpose to heal. (2Cor12:7-10; 1Tim5:23)

- 3) When we are hurting SPIRITUALLY.  
vv15b-16a, 19-20

### WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE PRAY?

V16b; 2Cor5:21; Rom1:16-17

- 1) Prayer is the greatest PRIVILEGE of the Christian life. (Heb4:16)

- 2) Prayer is the greatest POWER of the Christian life.
- 3) What prayer can do is what GOD CAN DO.

### WHAT KIND OF PERSON CAN PRAY?

vv17-18; 1Kings18-19

- 1) God uses ORDINARY people to do extraordinary things through prayer. v17a “Elijah was a man with a nature like ours...”
- 2) In prayer it is better to have a HEART without words, than words without a heart. v17b “He prayed fervently...” Hosea6:6
- 3) You don't have to be a spiritual giant to get GIANT ANSWERS from God. v17c “He prayed...it did not rain...” v18 “Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain...” Matt17:20

### Growing Notes

- 1) What does a person's prayer life tell you about their spiritual life? Which of these two best describes your prayer life: A meaningless, monotonous monologue? Or A dynamic dialogue with a living Savior? How would you encourage someone in their prayer life?
- 2) Read James 5:13-20. What stands out to you from this text? What are we to do when we are suffering? Cheerful? Sick (v13)? What should we be doing in the church family for one another (v16a & 19-20)? What difference does prayer make (v16b)? What kind of person was Elijah and what difference did his prayers make (vv17-18)?
- 3) When Should We Prayer (vv13-16a)? What does this tell you about the frequency of prayer (1Thess5:17)? What are the three kinds of sickness? What are the four attitudes toward healing? What is it important to know the different kinds of sickness and attitudes toward healing?
- 4) What Happens When We Pray (v16b)? What is a righteous person (2Cor5:21; Rom1:16-17)? Satan trembles when he sees the weakest saint upon his knees. –(William Cowper) What are your thoughts and feelings about that quote? What kind of privilege is prayer (Heb4:16)?
- 5) What Kind of Person Can Pray (vv17-18)? God uses what kind of people to do extraordinary things (v17a)? Why is it our earnestness not our eloquence that matters most to God (Hosea6:6)? It's not the size of our faith but the object of our faith that matters most (Matt17:20). Explain. What is God teaching you through this study? Pray.