

James: Prayer

James 5:13-18

“Satan dreads nothing but prayer. His one concern is to keep the saints from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work, prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, he mocks our wisdom, but he trembles when we pray.”- Samuel Chadwick-English Pastor

According to ancient historian Eusebius, James was known as ‘camel knees’ because of his devotion to prayer. Eusebius testified that the knees of James grew hard like a camel’s because of his constant worship of God in prayer. Just as a laborer’s hands testify to his occupation, or a runner’s feet to his training, James callused knees gave evidence to the life of a serious prayer. James walked his talk... ‘on his knees’. – Chuck Swindoll

“The best thing, where it is possible, is to keep the patient from the serious intention of praying altogether.”- Satan to his protégé: Screwtape Letters-C.S. Lewis

❖ Prayer in all of life! (vs. 13)

❖ Prayer from the spiritual leaders for those who are sick! (vs. 14-15)

❖ Prayer with and for one another! (vs. 16a)

❖ Prayer is powerful! (vs. 16b-18)

So What?

Resources: *Prayer* by Tim Keller/ *Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools* by Tyler Staton/ Jpatton@fbcrc.org for Lord’s prayer guide/resource