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Effective Prayer Accomplishes Much, Pt. 1

James 5:13-16

- 1) Christians suffering? Pray for wisdom (5:13a; cf. 1:5)
- 2) Christians feeling cheerful? Sing songs of praise (5:13b)
- 3) What about Christians who are “sick”? (*astheneō*; 33x)
 - a) *Physically ill* (Matt 10:8; 25:36, 39; Mk 6:56; Lk 4:40; Jn 4:46; 5:3, 7; 6:2; 11:1-3, 6; Acts 19:12; Phil 2:26-27; 2 Tim 4:20)
 - b) *Spiritual weak* (Acts 20:35; Rom 4:19; 8:3; 14:1-2; 1 Cor 8:11-12; 2 Cor 11:21, 29; 12:10; 13:3-4, 9)
- 4) Church elders “pray” over the sick for restoration (5:14-15)
 - a) Healing process begins w/ confession, repentance, & prayer
 - b) *Anointing* (modifying participle) w/ oil in Christ’s name
 - c) *Being present with*: near, at, before
- 5) God does not heal all our infirmities; all will finally die
 - a) Paul prayed for physical healing but didn’t receive it (2 Cor. 12:7ff)
 - b) Paul could not heal Trophimus physically (2 Tim. 4:20)
- 6) The prayer of one righteous person is powerful (5:16; cp. Matt. 18:19-20)
 - a) Let us confess our sins to each other w/o judgment
 - b) Confession of sin is the avenue for spiritual healing