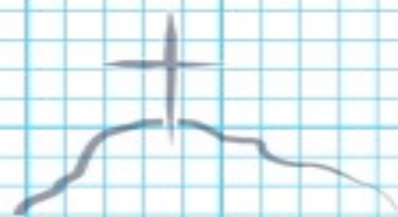


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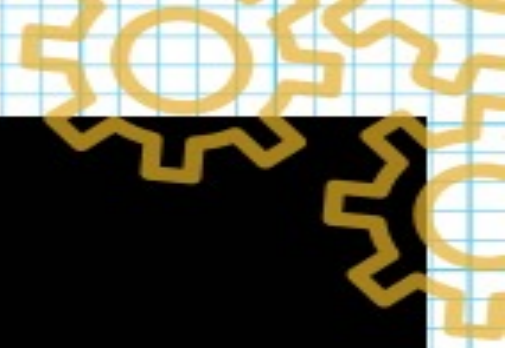
# What do you expect?

James 5:13-20



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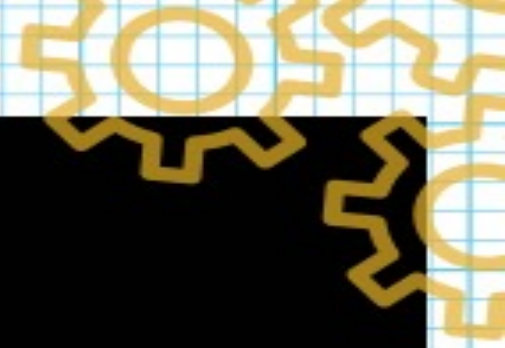
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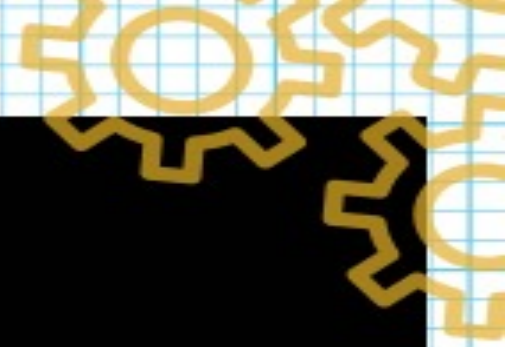
“If my every prayer was answered as I wish,  
I would wonder about the wisdom of God.”

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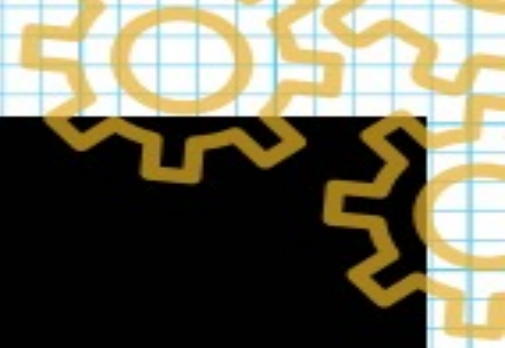
13 Is anyone among you suffering? Then he must pray. Is anyone cheerful? He is to sing praises.



14 Is anyone among you sick? Then he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord;

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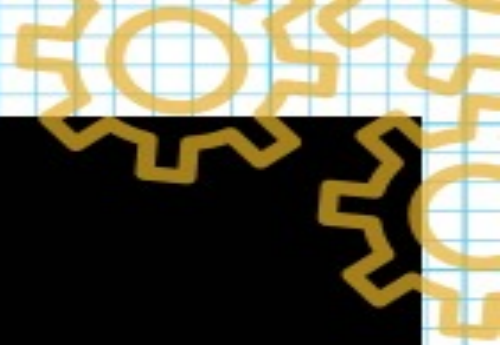


15 and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him.



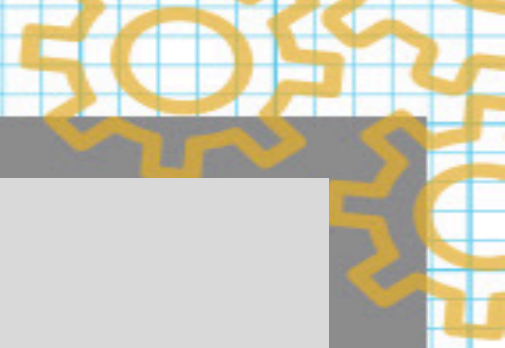
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“The Church is looking for better methods;  
God is looking for better men.”

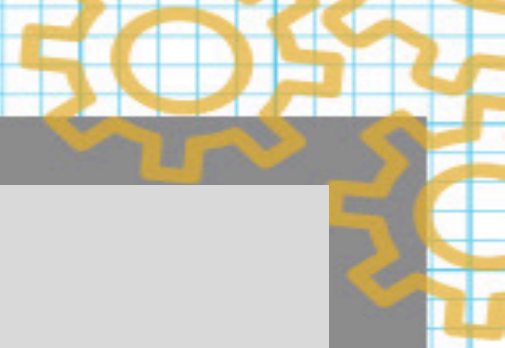
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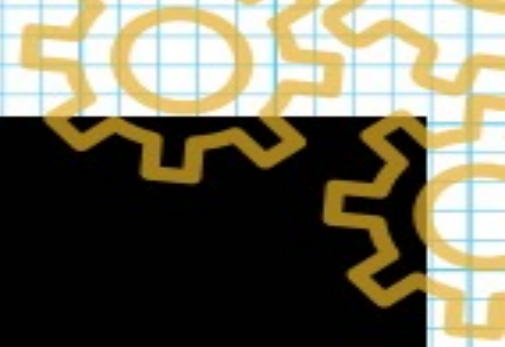
# Expectations – Restore 13-15

- Contrasted to account of Job – 10,11
- Contrasted to vows – 12
- Suffering – pray
- Cheerful – sing
- Sick (weak) – support! (ἀσθενέω)
- Oil = medication or dedication?





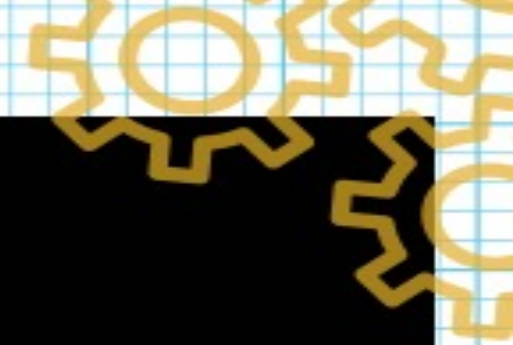
*“Men may spurn our appeals, reject our message, oppose our arguments, despise our persons, but they are helpless against our prayers.”* J. Sidlow Baxter



16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

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“Talking to men for God is a great thing,  
but talking to God for men is greater still.”  
E.M. Bounds,



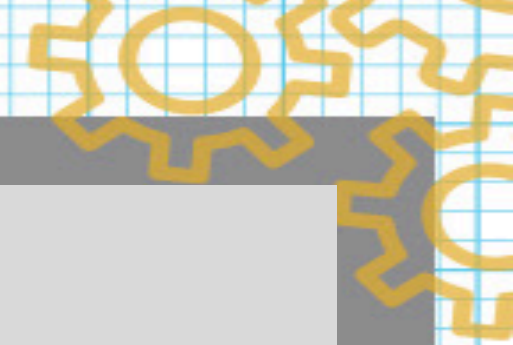


# Expressions – Righteous 16

- Prayer of faith – God will do...
- Confess to one another – God has done...
- Effective & Fervent - ἐνεργέω – energize!
- Righteous – God knows
- Accomplish – God’s strength

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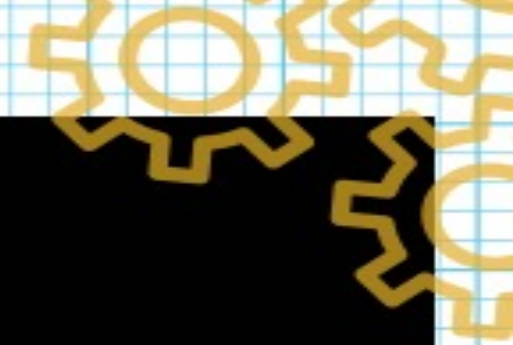


*“In prayer it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart.”*

**John Bunyan**

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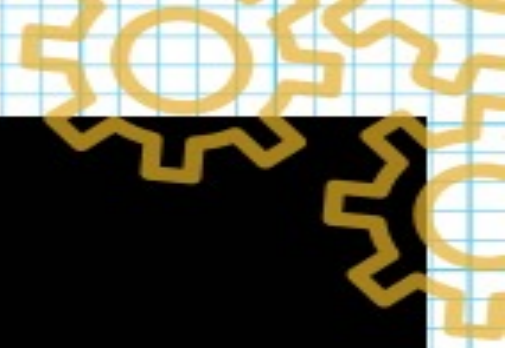


17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months.



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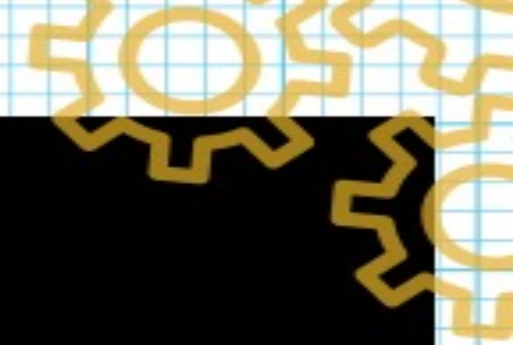
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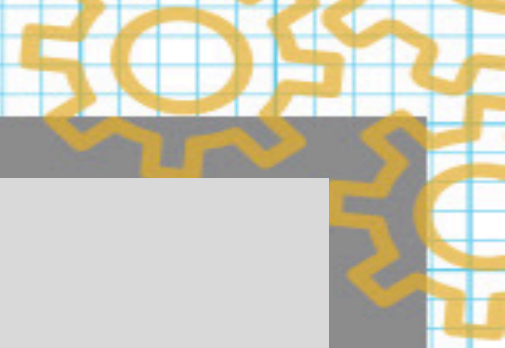
18 Then he prayed again, and the sky poured rain and the earth produced its fruit.

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“A prepared heart is much better than a prepared sermon. A prepared heart will make a prepared sermon.” E.M. Bounds,



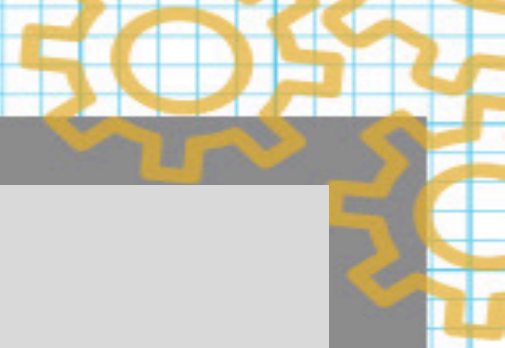
## Example – Rain 17,18

- ‘nature like ours’ – 1 Kings 17
- Demonstration of God’s power
- Demonstration of God’s answer



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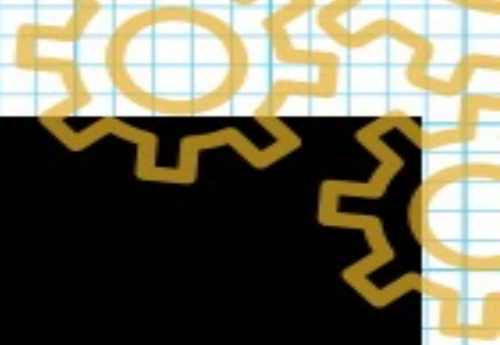


*“There must be the inward worship within the shrine if there is to be outward service.”*

**Alexander MacLaren**

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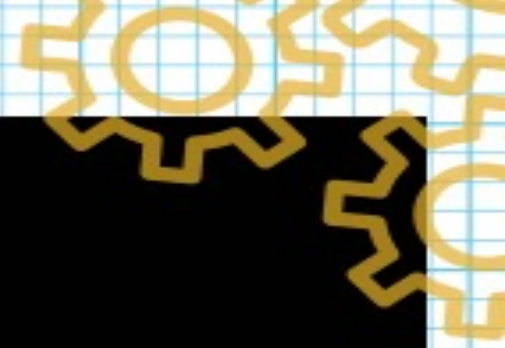
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19 My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth and one turns him back,

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20 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.

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“Preaching never edifies a prayerless soul.”

E.M. Bounds



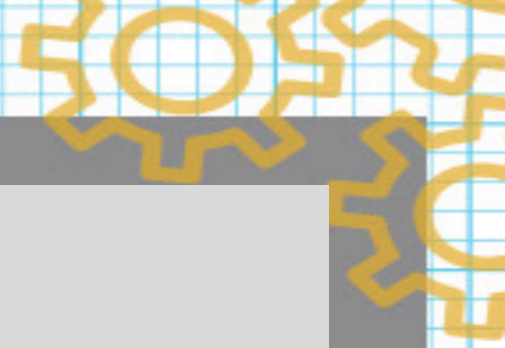


## Errors – Redeemed 19,20

- ‘wanders’ - *πλανάω* - planets
- Isaiah 53 – too much or too little
- Ends abruptly – as does Proverbs, Eccl.
- God’s Word uses God’s servants – be one!

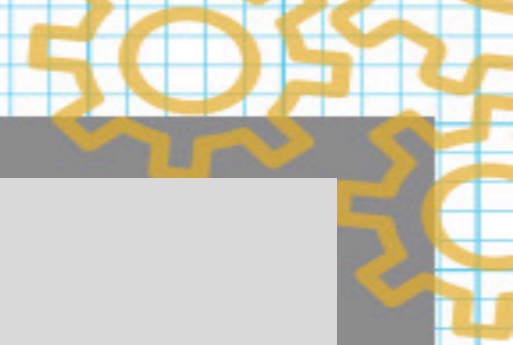
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*“It is possible to move men, through God,  
by prayer alone.”*

**J. Hudson Taylor**



# Prayer – what do I expect?

- God's Word – what does He want
- God's Will – what do we know
- God's Way – it will honor Him first & most!
- My prayer – My heart – My ask – My expect
- *"To pray well is the better half of study."* M. Luther

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*“I know better how to pray  
than how to listen”*



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“What the Church needs to-day is not more machinery or better, not new organizations or more and novel methods, but men whom the Holy Ghost can use -- men of prayer, men mighty in prayer. The Holy Ghost does not flow through methods, but through men”

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