

James 5:13-18 – The Power of Righteous Praying Part 1

INTRODUCTION

- Let's connect patience in trials to prayer. How do these work together?
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- READ James 5:13-18
- This passage brings up various _____.
- Questions we have to ask when determining the meaning of this passage:
 - What kind of suffering? (v. 13)
 - What type of sickness? (v. 14)
 - What is the difference between prayers of the elders and those of other believers? (vv. 14-15)
 - Does the prayer of faith always restore the sick? (v. 15)
 - How does sickness relate to sin? (v. 15)
 - What type of healing? (v. 16)
 - Why the rain illustration in the middle of this passage? (vv. 17-18)
- _____ is key to understanding these questions.
- So what is the context?
 - These ethnically Jewish Christians were being _____ by evil people.
 - Prayer is a means of grace. It helps us to spiritually endure _____.
- Prayer is the _____ of this passage.
 - The entire church is called to pray.
 - Individually (v. 13)
 - Elders (vv. 14-15)
 - Congregationally (v. 16)
 - Prayer is one of our main _____ weapons in spiritual warfare.
 - READ Ephesians 6:10-20
 - Spiritual warfare is meant to be done as the _____ of Christ.
 - **Voddie Baucham, "Spiritual Warfare and the Word of God"**
- Remember the context

- The subject isn't healing _____ illness. It is healing _____ weakness/exhaustion/depression.

- How do we know this?

- Overall, this section is about handling _____ through prayer.

- We will explore the relationship of prayer with: comfort, restoration, fellowship, and power.

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PRAYER AND COMFORT (v. 13)

- “Suffering”

- Greek is *kakopatheō*.

- This word is also used in James 5:10. It is at the hands of _____ not physical illness.

- What is the antidote to this type of suffering? _____

- If God is our ultimate source of _____, then we must be going to Him prayer. (2 Cor. 1:3-4; 1 Pet. 5:7)

- “...he must pray”

- The verb form indicates a _____ praying.

- This is the “God, help me” prayer. It is _____.

- “cheerful”

- If you are able to be cheerful in suffering, then _____ God for it.

- This is the “God, thank you” prayer.

- Greek is *euthumeō*.

- This means well in _____, not necessarily physically well.

- Both _____ and _____ are forms of prayer.

- Those who are suffering from spiritual persecution must do both!

- How is God our comfort even when He doesn't answer our prayers how we would like?
