

JAMES – LESSON 11

XI. PRACTICAL FAITH: SPIRITUAL SOLUTIONS TO LIFE'S CIRCUMSTANCES (5:13-20)

- A. If you suffer – pray (5:13a)
- B. If you are cheerful – sing praise (5:13b)
- C. If you are sick: (5:14-18)
 - 1. Call for the elders of the church.
 - 2. Let them pray over you
 - a. Anointing you with oil.
 - b. In the name of the Lord
 - 3. Prayer of faith will save the sick.
 - a. Lord will raise you up.
 - 4. If sins were committed – forgiveness.
 - 5. Confess sins one to another – Pray for one another – be healed.
 - 6. Prayer of a righteous man availeth much in its working.
 - a. Example: Prayer of Elijah (I Kings 17:1; 18:1, 41-46)
 - (1). Prayed fervently that it might not rain.
 - (2). No rain for three years and six months.
 - (3). Prayed again – heaven gave rain, earth brought forth fruit.
- D. If you err from the truth – be converted (5:19-20)
 - 1. The one who converts you will be saving a soul from death.
 - 2. The one who converts you will cover a multitude of sins.

QUESTIONS:

- 1. What suffering were James' readers experiencing?
- 2. What was the remedy?
- 3. What kind of songs should be in the heart and on the lips of the cheerful Christian?
- 4. What type of sickness (physical or spiritual) is under consideration in v. 14? Explain your answer.

5. How does sin relate to sickness?

6. What two things should brethren be ready to do with another?

7. What is effectual in its working?

8. What is the point of referring to Elijah in James 5:17?

9. Why should you work hard to convert your erring brethren?