Message Outline



The Power of Prayer

James 5:13-18

I. Introduction

II. The Power of Prayer

James 5:13 (CSB)

13 Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray. Is anyone cheerful? He should sing praises.

James 5:14 (CSB)

14 Is anyone among you sick? He should call for the elders of the church, and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

James 5:15 (CSB)

15 The prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up; if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

Q1: Does the prayer of faith heal the sick person always?

"But use a little wine because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses." (1Timothy 5:23b, CSB)

"I left Trophimus sick at Miletus." (2Timothy 4:20b, CSB)

"But I considered it necessary to send you Epaphroditus … because you heard that he was sick." (Philippians 2:25-26, CSB)

Q2: What is the prayer of faith?

"My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." (Matthew 26:39b, CSB)

Q3: Are illnesses consequences of sins?

"Neither this man nor his parents sinned." (John 9:3a, CSB)

"This is why many are sick and ill among you, and many have fallen asleep." (1Corinthians 11:30, CSB)

James 5:16 (CSB)

16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is very powerful in its effect.

James 5:17-18 (CSB)

17 Elijah was a human being as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the land. 18 Then he prayed again, and the sky gave rain and the land produced its fruit.

“Now Elijah the Tishbite, from the Gilead settlers, said to Ahab, ‘As the LORD God of Israel lives, in whose presence I stand, there will be no dew or rain during these years except by my command!’” (1Kings 17:1, CSB)

“Go and present yourself to Ahab. I will send rain on the surface of the land.” (1Kings 18:1b, CSB)

“He bent down on the ground and put his face between his knees.” (1Kings 18:42b, CSB)

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