

Should we PRAY? ~ James 5:13-16

→ Scripture Reading James 5:13-16

Praying in SICKNESS and in HEALTH ~ James 5:13

¹³ Is any one of you in trouble? He should PRAY. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise.

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry, Everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry, Everything to God in prayer!

APPLICATION

Deuteronomy 6:10-12 (NIV) When the LORD your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you - a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build, ¹¹ houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant - then **when you eat and are SATISFIED**, ¹² **be careful that you do NOT FORGET the LORD**, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

If we are Convinced that God is GOOD and that He Sovereign - then we will seek to Praise God even WHILE we are Suffering. Wiersbe

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV) Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks IN ALL circumstances, for THIS is God's WILL for you in Christ Jesus.

When Peace Like a river, attendedth my way, When sorrow like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say, It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet though trials should come, let this blessed assurance control.
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed His own blood for my soul.

It is Well (It is Well) - With my soul (With my soul) It is well, it is well with my soul.

Praying FOR Restoration ~ James 5:14-16

¹⁴ Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to PRAY over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the PRAYER offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven.

Applying of oil to the sick is a rich **SYMBOLIC act - setting the sick apart** to be MINISTERED to in a special way BY the Holy Spirit. PTW

1 Thessalonians 5:14 (NIV) And we urge you, brothers, warn those who are idle, encourage the TIMID, help the WEAK, be patient with everyone.

IMPLICATIONS

→ There are MANY different Reasons for SICKNESS

Some Reasons for Sickness...

- DISCIPLINE or PUNISHMENT from God for Sin
- CONSEQUENCES of MY own Sin

Galatians 6:7 (NIV) Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. **A man REAPS what he SOWS.**

- To SHOW the POWER of God

→It is God who HEALS it is not our FAITH

→There is no FORMULA or RITUAL that guarantees HEALING

1 Peter 5:6-7 (NET) And God will exalt you in due time, if you humble yourselves under his mighty hand BY casting all your cares on him because he cares for you.

APPLICATION

When we PRAY for HEALING Remember...

- God is SOVEREIGN
- God has the POWER to Act
- God is ALWAYS Good - ALL the Time
- God wants us to ASK for what will HONOR Him

God's Will is exactly what we would ask for if we knew ALL the facts. Thrasher

CONFESS your Sins and PRAY for Each Other ~ James 5:16

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APPLICATION

We should CONFESS our Sins to Each Other WHEN... LAB

- we have sinned AGAINST an individual
- our sin has AFFECTED the church
- we need SUPPORT as we struggle with a sin
- we DOUBT God's forgiveness
- we LONG for other to PRAY with us and FOR us
- we are FACING ongoing Temptation

TAKE AWAY ??

Galatians 6:1-2 (NLT) Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, **you who are godly should GENTLY and HUMBLY help** that person **back onto the RIGHT path**. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself.

² **Share each other's burdens**, and in this way obey the law of Christ.