

Prayer and Praise

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James 5.13-20

A Christian, like everyone else in the world, faces all kinds of circumstances. The difference is in how these circumstances are handled. In the closing words of his letter, James reminds us of what we should do when suffering, cheerful, sick, or in sin...

When SUFFERING... Remember to go to _____ !

- He promises _____ ! (1.5)

When CHEERFUL... Remember to go to _____ !

- Praise him! Praise him!

When SICK... Remember to go to _____ !

- The method: call the _____
- The emphasis in on the _____ (v. 15)
- The oil: 2 possibilities (Anoint means "to rub"): Mark 6.13
1) _____ : Luke 7.46; Hebrews 1.8-9
2) _____ : Luke 10.34

Questions for thought and meditation:

- Is this a promise for all sickness—or sin-caused sickness?
- Is this a promise for healing—or salvation?
- What is a "righteous man"? (v. 16)
- What is consistent with the whole of Scripture?

Principles to Draw:

- 1) All healing ("miraculous"/ "natural") is _____
- 2) When asked, don't hesitate to pray in faith, leaving the _____ to _____
- 3) Remember the total Bible teachings on prayer
- 4) The main point: _____ **IS** _____ **! DO IT!**

When in SIN... Remember to go to _____ !

- Confess to God and to others: the offended, close Christian friends, others as needed. **Not** every sin to everyone!

Final Word: We _____ our brother's _____ .

- Be a loving encourager! (v. 19-20)
Who can you encourage today?