

**James 5:13–18 (KJV) —**

**James 5:13** Is any among you **afflicted? let him** pray. Is any **merry? let him** sing psalms

- I. Cause for Prayer
  - A. Hardship is a Cause for Prayer
    - 1. God expect US to call on Him in prayer.
  - B. Happiness is a Cause for Praise
    - 1. God expects US to give Him praise.

**James 5:14** Is any sick among you? .....

- II. Call for Prayer
  - A. Healing from the Call to Pray
    - 1. God expects the family or the sick person to call, not the elders.
      - a. Elders (are the church leaders)
    - 2. God heals, not man. Yahweh Rapha. The Lord that heals you. Ex 15:26; Deut 8:4.
    - 3. God may heal through prayer (Spiritual – miraculous)
      - a. Our prayers are part of God’s healing process (emotionally...etc.
    - 4. God may heal through medicine. Oil. (Physical – message / prescribed)
    - 5. God wants us to pray in the NAME OF THE LORD. Jesus is that name.

**James 5:15** - And the prayer of faith shall save the sick.....,

- B. Hope in Prayer
  - 1. God expects the faithful to pray (not the faithless).
  - 2. God heals. Faith doesn’t heal.
  - 3. God’s will is what’s subject or key in our prayers by faith.
    - a. Prayer is not a faith thing, it’s a God thing. Not name it and claim it.
  - 4. God doesn’t always respond to our faith in our way.
    - a. God healed people with less faith. Acts 3:4-8
    - b. God didn’t heal Paul who had serious faith. 2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 12:7-10.
    - c. God heals in His time, not ours (now, later, eternity).

**James 5:16-18** - – Confess your faults.....

- III. Confession in Prayer
  - A. Humans in Prayer
    - 1. You are part of the prayer process. God wants prayer for you.

2. You need others praying for you. (1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:9 – Royal priesthood)
    - a. Faith is people praying with God's purpose (1<sup>st</sup> John 5:14)
  3. You need forgiveness as a result of prayer.
- B. Holiness in Prayer
1. Prayer is a result of true faith righteously lived out.
    - a. Get people praying for you who are living a righteous life.