

**The Book Of James**  
**#12-Prayer, Healing, and Restoration**

**Memory Verse - Hand Out Scriptures to read**

James 5:13-20; 1 John 5:14; 1 Cor. 15:54; Heb. 12:12-13; John 8:43-45; Prov. 10:12.

**James 5:16** (NKJV) *Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.*

**The Essential Christian Toolkit**

**James 5:13** (NKJV) *Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. **All Christians have ups and downs***

**Romans 12:15** *Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.*

**Acts 9:16** (NKJV) *For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake."*

**2 Timothy 2:9** (NKJV) *for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, even to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained.*

**\*2 Timothy 3:12** (NKJV) *Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.*

**Prayer For The Sick**

**James 5:14–15** (NKJV) *Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.*

**\*Mark 6:12–13** (NKJV) *So they went out and preached that people should repent. And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them.*

The kind of illness mentioned should be an incapacitating one and, perhaps, too urgent to be done in connection with a regular church gathering.

**What does the oil represent?**

**Exodus 30:25** *And thou shalt make it an oil of holy ointment, an ointment compound after the art of the apothecary: it shall be an holy anointing oil.*

**Exodus 30:30** *And thou shalt anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office.*

**Isa 61:1** *"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor;*

**Acts 10:38** (NKJV) *how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.*

To those who desire prayer for their restoration to health, it should be made plain that the violation of God's law, either natural or spiritual, is sin, and that in order for them to receive His blessing, sin must be confessed and forsaken.-EGW., The Ministry of Healing, p. 228.

**Healing For The Soul**

**Psa 103:2, 3** *Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, **All physical healing is at best temporary.***

**Mark 2:10, 11** *"But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"; He said to the paralytic, "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."*

"It was not physical restoration he desired so much as relief from the burden of sin. If he could see Jesus, and receive the assurance of forgiveness and peace with Heaven, he would be content to live or die, according to God's will."-Ellen G. White, DA, p. 267.

**Isaiah 53:5** *... And by His stripes we are healed.*

**1 Peter 2:24–25** (NKJV) *who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.*

**Hebrews 12:12–13** (NKJV) *Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed.*

**Malachi 4:2** *But to you who fear My name The Sun of Righteousness shall arise With healing in His wings;*

**\*James 5:15** *And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.*

**James 1:6–8** *But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.*

**1 John 5:14** *And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:*

**Matthew 21:22** (NKJV) *And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.*”

**John 15:7** (NKJV) *If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.*

**Mark 9:22–23** *And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do anything, have compassion on us, and help us.* <sup>23</sup> *Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.*

### If God Says No?

**Many of us have known about anointing services, or have even been involved in them, in which the sick are not healed but in fact die.**

**2 Corinthians 12:7–9** (NKJV) *And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.*

*Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*

### Models of Prayer

**\*James 5:17–18** (NKJV) *Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.*

**1 Samuel 1:10–11** (NKJV) *And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed to the Lord and wept in anguish. Then she made a vow and said, “O Lord of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a male child, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and no razor shall come upon his head.”*

**Judges 16:28** *And Samson called unto the Lord, and said, O Lord God, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.*

### Restoration and Forgiveness

**James 5:19–20** (NKJV) *Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins. We should be just as interested in evangelizing backsliders.*

**\*Galatians 6:1** (NKJV) *Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.*

**Luke 1:16–17** (NKJV) *And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, ‘to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,’ and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”*

**Acts 3:19** *Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,*