



## **Title: Wisdom Concerning Prayers**

**Text: James 5:13-18** “13 Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. 14 Is any sick among you? 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: 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. 16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. 17 Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. 18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.”

**Pagsasalin:** 13 Ngunit hindi nakilala ng taong pinagaling kung sino iyon, sapagkat si Jesus ay umalis na sa maraming tao na naroroon. 14 Pagkatapos ay natagpuan siya ni Jesus sa templo, at sinabi sa kanya, Tingnan mo, ikaw ay gumaling na; huwag ka nang magkasala, baka may mangyari pa sa iyo na lalong masama. 15 Umalis ang lalaki at ibinalita sa mga Judio na si Jesus ang nagpagaling sa kanya. 16 Dahil dito'y inusig ng mga Judio si Jesus sapagkat ginagawa niya ang mga bagay na ito sa araw ng Sabbath. 17 Subalit sinagot sila ni Jesus, Hanggang ngayo'y patuloy sa paggawa ang aking Ama, at ako'y patuloy rin sa paggawa. 18 Dahil dito ay lalong pinagsikapan ng mga Judio na siya'y patayin sapagkat hindi lamang nilabag niya ang araw ng Sabbath, kundi tinatawag din na kanyang sariling Ama ang Diyos, at ginagawa ang sarili niya na kapantay ng Diyos.

### **Wisdom concerning prayers:**

- I. **Prayer and Affliction:** (v.13)
  - A. Afflicted – to undergo hardship or to suffer trouble.
  - B. Pray – to pray to God, to supplicate, to ask with earnest appeal.
- II. **Prayer and Merrymen** (cheerfulness): (v.13)
  - A. Merry – to cheer up or to be of good cheer.
  - B. Let him sing psalms –
    - a) Singing is an expression of joy.
    - b) Psalms are to be sung – The Old Testament Theological Songbook.
- III. **Prayer and Sicknesses:** (vv.14-15)
  - A. Sick – to be feeble, weak, diseased (in any sense). – he is the initiator.
  - B. Let him call (same root word as pray) for the elders.
  - C. The elders are to pray over him.
  - D. The anointing with oil is purely medicinal – not ceremonial.
    - D.1. Ceremonial anointing – *chrisma*
    - D.2. Medicinal anointing – *aleipho*
  - E. The prayer of the elders (the prayer of faith) shall save (deliver) the sick; the Lord will heal him, and forgive him his sins (this could indicate that this was a church discipline issue that was resolved by repentance and confession).
- IV. **Prayer and Righteousness:** (vv.16-17)
  - A. Confess your faults one to another (corporately as a church).
  - B. Pray for one another (corporate prayer).
  - C. Ye (corporate pronoun) may be healed – body and soul.
  - D. The effectual fervent prayer – *energeo* – active, mighty, efficient, effective.
  - E. Of a righteous man – sincerely righteous like Elijah.
  - F. Availeth much – effective, powerful in obtaining what is desired or asked or petitioned of God.