



## LESSON 16: JAMES 5:13-18 (STUDENT)

1. What changes did you make as a result of applying last week's lesson?
  
2. Read James 5:13-16. Summarize what these verses are saying. How do they relate to the previous three paragraphs?

<p>5:1-6          The rich were to weep because the Lord of Hosts had heard the cry of those they were oppressing.</p>	<p>7-11          The afflicted brethren were to patiently await God's judgment on the wicked.</p>	<p>5:12          While the afflicted were waiting, they were to have integrity in oaths they currently were making and had made.</p>	<p>5:13-18</p>
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3. In column one below, list the declarative (statements) from verses 13-14 and then the commands in column three.

Declarative	Greek Word	Command
	<p>"Suffering" (<i>kakopathei</i>): to experience what is bad; to suffer misfortune</p>	
	<p>"Cheerful" (<i>euthemeo</i>): well in spirit</p>	
	<p>"Sick" (<i>asthenia</i>): to be without strength. The verb commonly refers to bodily weakness but can</p>	

	mean any kind of weakness.	
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4. The word "suffering" emphasizes the internal anguish caused by outward conditions. As an answer, James commands them to pray as a constant practice. Look at the following examples of people in distress. Who did they turn to and what did he/she pray?

Isaiah 36:1; 37:1-20

Psalm 50:15

Psalm 70

Psalm 91:15

John 17

5. How do these examples change the way you will pray when you are suffering?

6. The next situation described in verse 13 is one of cheerfulness, better translated as "joyful." Read *Galatians 5:22-23*. What kind of cheerfulness or joyfulness is James talking about? Is it based on favorable circumstances? Is it a fleeting emotion?
  
7. Who were clear examples of true joyfulness (*Acts 16:22-30*)? What were their circumstances? How did they respond? Why do you think they could respond in this way?
  
8. Songs play an instrumental part in the believer's life. They speak truth to us. During the Passover Feast, Jesus sang a hymn with His disciples before He went to the Garden of Gethsemane (*Matthew 26:30*). During the Passover, the people of Israel sang Psalms 113-118 as they traveled to Jerusalem. What truths were these songs meant to communicate?

Psalm 113

Psalm 114

Psalm 115

Psalm 116

Psalm 117

Psalm 118

9. Did you know that God Himself wrote a song? Why did God do this, according to Deuteronomy 31:19? Read the song in Deuteronomy 32 and list 5 truths about God the Israelites would keep in mind as they were singing this song.

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10. It is interesting to note that there are times when we might allow times of happiness to make us self-satisfied, resulting in less prayer. However the biblical instruction given here is to pray more. Are there such times when you have forgotten God? Have you forgotten to be grateful for this great salvation that has been bestowed upon you? Write out 3 ways you can develop a thankful attitude toward God in the future.

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11. According to verse 14, what 3 elements are involved in the praying process for the weak or sick?

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12. Why do you think it would be important for a weak or sick believer to call upon the spiritually mature, and wise men of the church?

13. According to verse 14-15, what kinds of prayers should the elders offer up in order to restore a sick one?

14. The third element mentioned in James 5:14 is anointing a person who is sick with oil. It is important to understand culture when studying the Bible. There were a variety of ways olive oil was used in ancient times. According to the references given, fill in the various usages of oil.

Exodus 25: 31-37; 1 Kings 7:48-50 \_\_\_\_\_

Leviticus 8:12; 1 Samuel 16:13; 1 Kings 1:39 \_\_\_\_\_

Exodus 29:38-40; Leviticus 7:11-12 \_\_\_\_\_

Isaiah 1:6; Luke 10:33-34; Mark 6:13 \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 26:12-13; Luke 23:52-56 \_\_\_\_\_

15. Prayer for the sick:

A. Two things are stated to be essential in the ministry of elders to ill people of the body. What are these, and what is given as the actual cause for healing?

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B. What can we expect as we practice the principle of prayer in His name (John 14:13-14; 15:16; 16:23-24)? How is this clarified in 1 John 5:14?

16. The believers are reminded again to pray in faith, as we learned in chapter 1:6-8. What 3 things are promised for the one who offers prayers in faith?

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17. In light of the 3 things listed in verse 15, what should be the response of believers (16)?

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18. According to verse 17-18, who is the example of a righteous man who prayed in faith? What two important observations do you make about him in these verses?

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19. **APPLICATION:**

How do you incorporate songs that speak truth into your daily life?

Is there anything you are going through right now that you need to entreat God about?