

# JAMES 5:13-20

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### Patience in Prayer

#### Call For Prayer: 5:13-15

##### 1. Suffering (Vs. 13)

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- b. “in trouble” - κακοπαθεω (Gr.) – kakopatheo – to undergo hardship; to be afflicted; suffering
- c. “pray” - προσευχομαι (Gr.) – proseuchomai – to pray to God; supplicate, worship

##### 2. Cheerful (Vs. 13)

- a. “happy” - ευθυμεω (Gr.) – euthymeo – be of good cheer; be merry
- b. “songs of praise” - ψαλλω (Gr.) – psallo – to sing to the music of the harp; to sing a hymn to celebrate the praises of God in song

##### 3. Sick(vss. 14-15)

- a. “anyone” - τις (Gr.) – tis – an indefinite pronoun for any person or object
- b. “sick” - ασθενεω (Gr.) – astheneo – to be sick or weak
- c. “elder” - πρεσβυτεροζ (Gr.) – prebyteros – those who preside over the assemblies
- d. “The Lord will raise them up.”
- e. “...they will be forgiven”

**QUESTION: What role does prayer play in your daily life? What about worship? Has there ever been a time when you should’ve called upon the elders?**

#### Sharing In Prayer: 5:16-18

##### 1. It’s the purpose of confession (vs. 16)

- a. “confess” - εξομολογεω (Gr.) – exomologeō – to acknowledge or agree fully
- b. “sins” - αμαρτια (Gr.) – hamartia – violate God’s law, sin
- c. Two reasons
  - i. For prayer
  - ii. To be healed

- d. “righteous” - δικαιοζ (Gr.) – dikaios – one whose way of thinking, feeling, and acting is wholly conformed to the will of God
  - i. Their prayers are powerful
  - ii. Their prayers are effective

## **2. The example of Elijah (Vss. 17-18)**

- a. He was human – Anthropos in the Greek
- b. He prayed that there would be no rain (1 Kings 17:1) after Ahab became king of Israel
  - i. Ahab did more evil in God’s sight than any other Israelite king
- c. He prayed that there be rain (1 Kings 18:41-46)
  - i. After defeating the prophets of Baal at Mt. Carmel

**QUESTION: How does righteousness differ from perfection? Why does un-righteousness weaken a prayer?**

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### **1. Change of Heart**

- a. To the one confronting
- b. To the one being confronted

### **2. A Desire for your Brothers and Sisters**

- a. It’s hard to pray for someone you hate.
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