

Study 8 Prayer and things around prayer

Review Week one

Cultivating faith and works working together while dealing with Trials

The process was that **Trials = Perseverance = Maturity**

Of all God's creation, We his children are His...**PRIZED POSSESSION**

Review Week two

Cultivating faith and works working together to be a doer of Gods Word

Real religion or Real Christianity control the tongue...Real religion hears and does Gods Word...Real religion receives Gods Word.

Review Week 3

The obedience of Abraham in offering up his son Isaac was faith and works working together

The experience of Rahab was faith and works working together

We are His workmanship created to do good works.

Cultivating faith and works working together to do good works

Faith without Good Deeds Is Dead...We are His workmanship created to do good works... Abraham offering his son Isaac and the experience of Rahab are two examples of faith with good works

Review Week 4

Cultivating faith and works working together to control the tongue

The Tongue is small but it needs to be controlled because it is condemning... corrupting...compromising... like bit in the horse's mouth...like a rudder on a ship... like a spark that start a forest fire

Review week 5

Cultivating faith and works working together to practice true wisdom from above

Wisdom from above... Pure...Peace-loving...Considerate...Submissive

Full of mercy...Good fruit...Impartial

Wisdom From Below... Earthly...Self-Serving...Jealousy...Unspiritual

Demonic...Disorder and evil

Review week 6

Cultivating faith and works working together to heed the warnings of God

Warnings to Drawing to draw close to God...to Stop Slandering Each Other
Not to Brag About Your Plans for the Future...That life is temporary like the morning fog

Review week 7

Cultivating faith and works working together to heed the warnings about Riches

Warning... Your gold and silver have become worthless...It will stand as evidence against you on the Day of Judgment...The rich face ruin because wealth can become god, and a source of security...it can breed injustice and it steals patience...

The Farmer as an Example of Patience and Endurance..The Lord Jesus
Second coming is an example of Patience and Endurance... The Old Testament Prophets as examples of Patience and Endurance

Review Relationship of Jesus Sermon on the Mt and James

Matthew 6:19—21 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Prayer and things around prayer

Taking an Oath

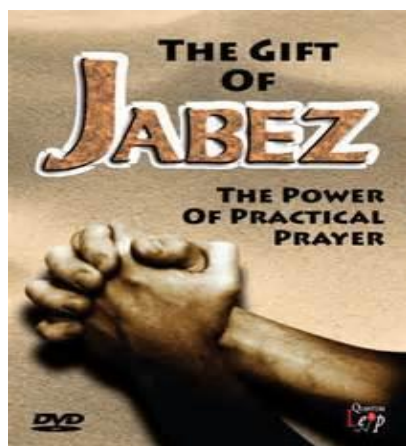


Taking an oath is not good for Brothers and Sisters... A yes or a no will do just fine

James 5:12 But most of all, my brothers and sisters, never take an oath, by heaven or earth or anything else. Just say a simple yes or no, so that you will not sin and be condemned.

Jesus teaching in Matt 5:33—37 “You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, ‘Never break your oath, but give to the Lord what you swore in an oath to give him.’ But I tell you don’t swear an oath at all. Don’t swear an oath by heaven, which is God’s throne, or by the earth, which is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, which is the city of the great King. And don’t swear an oath by your head. After all, you cannot make one hair black or white. Simply say yes or no. Anything more than that comes from the evil one.

The Power of Prayer



1 Chronicles 4:10 He was the one who prayed to the God of Israel, “Oh, that you would bless me and expand my territory! Please be with me in all that I do, and keep me from all trouble and pain!” And God granted him his request.

James 5:13—15 Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy? You should sing praises. Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven.

In our passage for today, James starts out by asking a question: “Is any one of you in trouble?”

In Connecticut, a man driving a stolen car inadvertently stopped a police officer to ask for directions out of the city.

First, we are to pray for ourselves in verse 13: “Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray...” Second, we are to call for the elders of the church when we are really sick to pray over him...” Third, we are to pray for each other in “Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed...”

There are four distinct times that we’re to come before God in prayer
When we’re suffering...When we have success...When we have sickness...
And, when we’re in sin.

He calls us to commune with God in prayer and in praise.

He is going to show us that faith that works is going to learn to communicate with God over, about, every situation in life. In every verse, from verse 13 all the way through verse 18, “prayer” is mentioned in every single verse.



The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

Call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil

Anoint Oil was applied to external wounds. It's all pictured in the twenty-third Psalm when it says of the great Shepherd, "He anoints my head with...what?...oil."...That's the shepherd's ministry to the sheep...the ministry of caring.



The Good Samaritan...anointed the wounded man's with oil

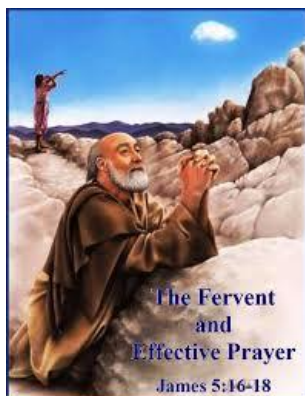
James 5:16 Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

AA Meeting...Hello my name is and I am an Alcoholic

It is in the present tense: keep on confessing “your sins to one another” and keep on praying (present tense) for one another “so that you may be healed.” Mutual honesty, confess your sins to one another. It doesn't mean pour out every bit of garbage in your life, it means don't hide your sins.

Galatians 5:2 Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.

If you share be sure to share with someone you trust...Illustration... Three Pastors sharing with each other.



James 5:17—18 Elijah was as human as we are, and yet when he prayed earnestly that no rain would fall, none fell for three and a half years! Then, When he prayed again, the sky sent down rain and the earth began to yield its crops.

1 Kings 17, it's the story of Elijah, he was just an ordinary man like we are yet when he prayed earnestly that no rain would fall, none fell for three and a half years! Then, when he prayed again, the sky sent down rain and the earth began to yield its crops.

The interesting thing James is saying think Elijah who was a man just like we are. And they knew he was a man like we are. He was strong at points and weak at points. And he said look at him, he prayed and look what God did. God literally controlled the rain in response to his prayer.

Illustration... As God sent the rain in response to the prayers of the ordinary man, so today he sends the restoring blessing joy refreshment to the parched dry weary exhausted weak struggling believer who needs so desperately a refreshing touch from heaven. What a ministry... The ministry of prayer.

Restore Wandering Believers

James 5:19—20 My dear brothers and sisters, if someone among you wanders away from the truth and is brought back, you can be sure that whoever brings the sinner back will save that person from death and bring about the forgiveness of many sins.

Galatians 6:1—3 Brothers and sisters, if a person gets trapped by wrongdoing, those of you who are spiritual should help that person turn away from doing wrong. Do it in a gentle way. At the same time watch yourself so that you also are not tempted.

Cultivating faith and works working together as we care for one another by the ministry of prayer and support.

Questions and Comments