



~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, that when ever we have a plan we seek You and Your will first, that we ask for confirmation. I pray we seek You first always for council before we seek council with another person. I pray that all of us keep You first. If any are in the waiting room than I pray Lord, that we wait patiently for Your will and Your timing, not our will and time. Led us each day in Your will for us and plans. Help us always to remember Your yoke is easy and Your burden is light. Lord I pray for conviction if we are ever off track, so that we can correct ourselves with Your help. I ask it in Jesus' name.
Amen.

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Scripture

James 5 (2005)

James 5: 1-20 (KJV)

- ¹ Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you.
- ² Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth eaten.
- ³ Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.
- ⁴ Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth.
- ⁵ Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter.
- ⁶ Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you.
- ⁷ Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.
- ⁸ Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.
- ⁹ Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door.
- ¹⁰ Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.
- ¹¹ Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.
- ¹² But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation.
- 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.
- ¹⁹ Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him;
- ²⁰ Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

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James 5:1–20. Riches. Patience. The Tongue. Prayer

The rich (vv. 1–6). This is James' fourth and strongest blast at the rich (the others are in 1:9–11 ; 2:1–13 ; 4:1–10). There must have been a good many rich people in the Judean church who were thoroughly unchristian in their deeds, who were bent on worldly pleasure instead of caring about the things of God. James' warning of coming retribution is frightful to those who hoard wealth in these last days

Patience under suffering (5:7–11). One day the Lord will come, and all suffering will be over. Keep your eyes and your heart fixed on that glad day.

The tongue once again (v. 12). Our sinful tongue, which is the cause of so much trouble. This time James addresses the problem of swearing an oath: "I swear that such and such is true." If we bring God into our casual oath, it is a serious sin that is very displeasing to God—it is a profaning of God's name. Even a pious phrase such as "The Lord told me ...," if used casually and without thought simply to reinforce something we say, can fall under this warning by James. Yet how many professed Christians, in their ordinary conversation, profane God's name by using it lightly, as a formula, and without a sense of awe before the majesty of God? A better use of the tongue is to sing (v. 13).

Prayer, again (vv. 13–18). Believing prayer will surely be answered. Elijah's closing and opening of the heavens was a rare and mighty miracle (1 Kings 18)—yet it is quoted to us as an incentive to pray!

Anointing with oil (James 5:14). The word for "anointing" James uses may be used here as an outward sign of the healing to be brought about by God in response to prayer offered in faith. Oil is often used as a symbol of the Holy Spirit (see Mark 6:13). Others believe that James may be using the application of oil as a recognized medical treatment (Isaiah 1:6 ; Luke 10:34). The application of oil was to be reinforced by prayer, not to be used for magical purposes.

Winning a soul for Christ (James 5:19–20) pleases God immensely. For this He loves us and overlooks our weaknesses. For this we shall shine as the stars forever (Daniel 12:3).

(Halley's Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; 2000; Zondervan; history and commentaries; pages 870-871)

The Latter Rain: V3 Many people are trying to protect themselves financially by hoarding gold and other valuables in these uncertain times. V7 Though we continually see evil men afflicting and mistreating good men and going unpunished. James encourages the Church to wait patiently for the Lord's coming. He reminds us that God is also waiting patiently to gather the "precious fruit." The 'early rain' refers to the first outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church after Christ's ascension into heaven (Acts 1:8, 2:4). The "later rain" is the final outpouring of the Holy Spirit before the harvest is reaped. We're experiencing the latter rain now. VV 10-11 The prophets are an example to us of the patience in enduring affliction. V12 A person who habitually lies will often make an oath in order to convince people that he's telling the truth. V13 Sometimes we're afflicted as the result of God's chastening in our lives. We should pray and ask God what He wants us to do when we're afflicted. V14 There's a difference between sickness and affliction. We're to ask the elders to pray for us in our sickness. VV16-18 Elijah is an example of a righteous man whose earnest prayers brought results. V20 Our sins are all put away from us when we're born again and become new creatures in Christ. Kakopatheo=afflicted, suffer trouble (5:13).

(New Testament Study Guide; The Word For Today; 2005; Chuck Smith; commentaries; page 168-169)

Patience is not just the ability to wait; it is the ability to keep a good attitude while waiting. James 5:7 does not say to be patient *if* you wait; it says to be patient "as you wait." Waiting is part of life. Many people do not "wait well," and yet, we actually spend more time in our lives waiting than we do receiving. Ask God to help you wait well!

After making a decision, stand firm. Let your "yes" be a simple yes and your "no" be a simple no. I believe indecision and double-mindedness not only bring confusion and complication, but, as James 5:12 noted, they also cause condemnation. If we believe in our hearts that we should do something and then allow our heads to talk us out of it, we leave an open door for condemnation. We often labor over decisions when actually we just need to pray and then follow our hearts. Seek confirmation from God, if it does not line up with the Word, than it is not God's will. Start making decisions without worrying about them. Take it to God and ask. If your heart is right and you make a decision and have God's confirmation, step out, it is faith to believe it. If it is not in accordance with God's will, He will correct you, seek confirmation on decisions. Once you do make a decision, do not let self-doubt torment you. Being double-minded and never deciding anything is complicated. Doubting your decisions after they are made will steal the enjoyment from everything you do. Keep it simple. I learned a long time ago, if I ask God first, His will and plans are a whole lot smarter, and a lot less wasteful. Similarly, make decisions in life as simple as you can, whether your decisions are small ones like I just described, or big decisions that affect your future. Be prayerful and seek to obey God; then make a decision and go on without looking back.

James 5:16 teaches us that confessing our faults to one another aids us in the process of healing and restoration. Many times we receive a release from what is troubling us when we finally tell someone else those things that have been hidden in our lives—sometimes for years. Anything we feel we have to hide has power over us, but when things are exposed, the truth will make us free. I caution you to use wisdom as you choose a person to confide in. Be Spirit-led. Choose someone you know you can trust—someone who is understanding and will not judge you. Do not share things with people to help yourself if those things will hurt them. For example, if your grandfather abused you forty years ago, and now your grandmother is eighty-five years old, I advise you not to tell her what happened so many years ago. That would not be wise. It might help you to release it, but it would burden her. Instead, find a trusted spiritual leader, minister or counselor. Using wisdom and balance is so important in these matters. If you are going to share your problems with someone, let God show you who to choose as a confidant. Find a mature believer, someone who will not be burdened or harmed by what you share or use it to hurt you or make you feel worse about yourself. We do not always need to confess every fault to someone else, but there are times when it is very helpful. I strongly encourage you to follow the biblical instruction to confess your faults to others when you need to in order for you to be healed and restored—just use wisdom as you do.

Study Questions For James:

1. According to James 1:2-4, why should we consider it joy when we face various testings?

2. We know that our works don't save us, but according to James 2:18 what do our works prove?

3. Although the tongue is a small part of the body, it can cause big problems. Only God can tame our tongues as we submit to the control of the Holy Spirit. Meditate upon James 3:10 and write it here.

4. According to James 4:11-12, why should we avoid speaking evil of one another?

5. James gives us some practical instructions in 5:13-14 when we find ourselves in various situations. What should we do if we are afflicted, happy, or sick?

(Amplified Bible; The Everyday Life Bible; 2005; Joyce Meyers; Scripture, notes, commentaries; pages 2069 -2072)
(Word 9; Bible Software; KJV; Amp; Sermons of Historical pastors; Scripture; concordance; reference materials; 2010)

Psa 119:105
Thy word [is] a lamp unto
my feet, and a light unto my path.



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