

James 5

Fervent Prayer

Welcome back and here we go!

Today is our final study in James! I pray that this lesson is effectual in reminding, exhorting and encouraging us all to be more mindful in our prayers!

James 5:16 *'...The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.'*

This should be our rallying cry! But what exactly is *fervent prayer*? Let's look into it.

James 5:7-20

- 1) What do patience and prayer have in common?

You know this might seem like a silly question, but patience, prayer and faith, all work together. I need all three. I think often for me, I wonder several things:

- Am I praying for the right thing?
- Is it in God's Plan?
- Am I being selfish?
- Do I actually believe God will answer?
- How long will it take?

And, there are more questions we could add. But, as we've seen, James IS actually a very consistent book. James starts with prayer and ends with it!

James 1:2-8

- 2) What is a prayer made in faith?

I mean, shouldn't there be a measure of confidence in our prayers? Does God actually answer prayer and do the miraculous?

II Kings 19:14-19

II Kings 20:1-11

It seems when there is urgency, there is fervency.

The Old and New Testament are full of the miraculous, but what about today... why aren't our prayers more effectual?

I dare say they are more effectual than you can imagine.

3) What makes a prayer effective?

Often, we say there are four stages to prayer:

- Glorify God
- Give Thanks
- Pray for Others
- Pray for Self

But, *fervent prayer* is often focused.

4) Why do we need patience with prayer?

You know, one of the most effective ways to communicate with God is with scripture. By reminding God of what He has said? Why? Because He forgets? NO --- because it shows an intimacy with God the Father, an intimacy with the soul (the Word), and that is what is required. Knowing what God has said about us --- you ---- prayer ---- healing ---- and ---- Heaven.

“A perfect healing is in the presence of God.”

James 5:13-20

5) Should we confess all sins to all Christians? Why or why not?

I often teach that many are not capable of handling your truth. Often, we plant mental attitude sins about ourselves in others and cause them to sin. It is basically gossip about self.

II Kings 4:32-27

To me, this also is *fervent prayer*. I think of Nehemiah, Ezra, Daniel, Solomon, David.....

6) **James 5:17** --- what does this mean to you?

I get so excited about this verse. It always reminds me that I have the same access to the same God and can get the same results!

You will hear me say, “God always answers my prayers.”

I have seen it so often that I really do not doubt much. I am a Believer. I am not a Doubter.

Today I brought anointing oil and will be praying. Let’s see what God will do!

Alma & Olivia are speaking on Friday. Please show up and support our Discipleship Group.