

## *The Power of Prayer*

#18 in series "Doing What We Believe"  
(A Study in the Book of James)

### **James 5:13-18**

Arthur Walkington Pink – "Prayer is not so much an act as it is an attitude - an attitude of dependency, dependency upon God."

"Real prayer is communion with God, so that there will be common thoughts between His mind and ours. What is needed is for Him to fill our hearts with His thoughts, and then His desires will become our desires flowing back to Him."

Andrew Murray – "Faith in a prayer-hearing God will make a prayer-loving Christian."

<sup>13</sup> Is anyone among you suffering? *Then* he must pray. Is anyone cheerful? He is to sing praises. <sup>14</sup> Is anyone among you sick? *Then* he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him...

1. Personal Prayer :13

The Suffering :13a

<sup>13</sup> Is anyone among you suffering? *Then* he must pray.

Ps. 120:1 (NASB)

In my trouble I cried to the Lord,  
And He answered me.

Ps. 120:1 (NKJV)

In my distress I cried to the Lord,  
And He heard me.

Alexander MacLaren – "The prayer that begins with trustfulness, and passes on into waiting, will always end in thankfulness, triumph, and praise."

The Strong :13b

Is anyone cheerful? He is to sing praises.

Jam. 1:17 (NASB) “EVERY good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.”

## 2. Requested Prayer :14-15

<sup>14</sup> Is anyone among you sick? *Then* he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; <sup>15</sup> and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him.  
(Phil. 2:26-27, 2 Tim. 4:20)

(Rom. 4:19, 8:3)

Eph. 6:18 (NASB) “With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints”

Acts 6:4 (NASB) “But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.”