The Epistle of James

Week 9: James 5:7-20 – Humble Patience and Faith During Hard Times

James 5:7-18

A. 5: 7-8 – be patient, as a farmer waiting for rain, fruit of the earth

B. 5: 9 – do not grumble against each other

C. 5:10-11- prophets/Job example of suffering, v10 "name of the Lord"

D. 5:12 – above all, do not swear

C' 5:13-15 – how to deal with suffering, v14 "name of the Lord"

B' 5:16 – confess your sins to one another and pray for one another

A' 5:17-18 – pray, as Elijah prayed for rain, earth bore its fruit

A. Patience in Suffering and Sin James 5:7-12

Patience (1:3-4; 5:7-8, 10)

Judgement (2:4, 12, 14; 3:1; 4:11-12; 5:9, 12)

Examples: The prophets and Job

B. Caring for the Suffering and Sick James 5:13-18

Anointing with oil (Mk. 16:12; Matt. 26:6-13; Mk. 6:13; Ps. 23:5: 45:7: 133:2)

Elijah -1 Kings 17-18

C. Sin and Saving his soul from death James 5:19-20