

Studies In The Book James Faith In Action!

Lesson 25

Read James 5:13 – 15

Introduction: *This was a command that James personally lived out as evidenced by his own body, for the ancient historians Eusebius testified that, “his knees grew hard like a camel’s because of his constant worship of God, kneeling and asking forgiveness for the people.” Just as a laborer’s hands testify to his occupation, or a runner’s feet to his training, James callused knees testified to a life of serious prayer. So we ought to listen to what he says, not only because he is the Lord’s earthly brother, and not only because his writing is Scripture, but because he “walked his talk” – on his knees.*

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1. Please answer the following questions using James 5:13 – 15.
 - Are any of you suffering hardship?
 - Are any of you happy?
 - Are any of you sick?
2. Many today are suffering with afflictions and hardships of various kinds. The word here refers to “adversity”, “suffering hardship.” It is the affliction of stressing and strenuous circumstances. What is the first thing we do or say when trouble comes? Do you blame God, yourself, others or your circumstance?

- What should a child of God do when in the depths of adversity and affliction? What does God's Word say in the following Scriptures?

- 2 Chronicles 33:10 – 13

- 2 Kings 19:14 – 20

- Philippians 4:6

- Matthew 6:25 – 34

3. Have you ever weighed the possibility of God's sending adversity to prevent you from going in the wrong direction?

- What lessons can we learn from the prophet Jonah according to Jonah 2:1 – 10?

- What wisdom and understanding can I receive from Proverbs 20:24 and Proverbs 21:1 – 2?

4. There are many in Scripture who suffered distress and hardship and one such person was King David. What did David do when he was overwhelmed according to Psalm 50:15, Psalm 61:1 – 8 and Psalm 62:5 – 8?

5. Prayer and praise are two divine prescriptions to meet the needs of the child of God either in distress or in delight. How can we praise God in times of extreme trials? What do the following Scriptures say about praise?

- Ephesians 5:18 – 20

- Hebrews 13:15

- Philippians 4:4

- Acts 16:22 – 34

- Psalm 150:1 – 6

6. According to James 5:14 – 15 what three things should be done if we are sick?

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7. What three things can happen if God is willing according to verse 15?

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