

## “The Work of Faith” Pt. II

Intro: From the start, James has been teaching us of \_\_\_\_\_. A predominate characteristic of true faith, faith that is founded in Jesus Christ, is that it \_\_\_\_\_.

A. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ and powerful thing that our faith be tested to the breaking point, for it is at that place that we find the end of our strength and we come to really \_\_\_\_\_ upon God, finding how strong and dependable He is, that we might grow in our love for Him, that He might be our one and only \_\_\_\_\_!

### James 5:15a

I. Those who possess faith in Christ are to \_\_\_\_\_ in faith for faith without \_\_\_\_\_ is dead.

A. The suffering Christian is to act in faith by \_\_\_\_\_.

B. The cheerful Christian is to act in faith by singing \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

C. The sick Christian is to act in faith by \_\_\_\_\_ the Elders. And, the Elders are to act in faith by \_\_\_\_\_ for the sick, anointing them with oil.

II. Here is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, “and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, ...”

A. Regarding the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, 2 Cor 1:20 reads, “For as many as may be the promises of God, in Him they are \_\_\_\_\_; wherefore also by Him is our \_\_\_\_\_ to the glory of God through us.”

1. We must be very careful to \_\_\_\_\_ divide the Word of God, rightly understanding the truth of these promises, so we do not set up \_\_\_\_\_ expectations.

B. “The prayer offered in \_\_\_\_\_ ...”

1. The prayer is \_\_\_\_\_.

2. “For the Christian, every prayer ought to be the \_\_\_\_\_ of his faith in God through Christ.” (Spiros Zodhiates)

a. \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord should motivate the prayer, not \_\_\_\_\_ and anxiety.

3. In regard to the prayer offered in faith, the idea of faith is not to have faith in our ability to believe, but to \_\_\_\_\_ in the of the Almighty God!

a. Heb 11:6, "And without faith it is impossible to \_\_\_\_\_ God, for he who comes to God must \_\_\_\_\_ that He is, ..." Saving faith is not believing for some thing, but believing in some One - the only \_\_\_\_\_. And when one believes in some One, they trust in Them and Their promises!

4. We can't compartmentalize our \_\_\_\_\_. We can't say that we will believe God for healing when we do not believe God in the \_\_\_\_\_ of our life. Can we somehow believe our healing into reality, while refusing to accept the rightful \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ?

a. In the \_\_\_\_\_ of 5:15, the prayer offered in faith cannot be made aside from the obedient act of faith of calling for the Elders, and their obedient act of faith of praying and applying oil in the name of the Lord. And, in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the entire book, the prayer offered in faith cannot be made aside from faith-full living.

5. The prayer offered in faith must be offered "in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_."

a. The prayer offered in faith must be offered "in \_\_\_\_\_ with the will of God." If it is not offered in agreement with the will of God, how can it be a prayer offered in \_\_\_\_\_?

6. When James writes that the prayer offered in faith will \_\_\_\_\_ the one who is sick, he means not to credit the prayer or the pray-er, or the faith of the pray-er, but the Lord for the \_\_\_\_\_ will raise him up.

Closing: We should not view this text as "this is what God promised so this is what He must do," but, "this is what God said, so being people of faith in God, this is how \_\_\_\_\_!"

1. May it be that we never focus on what God is going to do for us considering how God has called us to live - in \_\_\_\_\_. Beloved, the prompting of this scripture is bring us to live by faith even in sickness, knowing that God's will will be done. So, as obedient followers whose faith motivates right living, we can go to Him in prayer in humble \_\_\_\_\_ knowing that He hears the prayer offered in faith, for the \_\_\_\_\_ raises the sick.

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