
MEDITATION

Sickness is a specific kind of suffering that often requires the help and prayers of others. In this passage, James envisions a bedridden Christian whose weakened condition requires special prayer and attention. Hence he urges the sick person to call for the elders of the church.

The Puritan preacher Thomas Manton (1620-1677) reminds us that “Christ’s worshippers are not exempted from sickness, no more than any other affliction...Those that are dear to God have their share of miseries.” When a child of God is faced with debilitating sickness, James instructs him or her to take the initiative and call for the church elders. The verb “call” is an aorist imperative that implies urgent action.

Alexander Strauch, *Biblical Eldership*
(Littleton: Lewis and Roth Publishers, ©1995) 254

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Order of Worship

Sunday, May 9, 2021

8:30, 10:00, and 11:30 AM

Music Leader: James Kenniv

Elder: Steve Mary

WE GATHER to CORPORATELY WORSHIP GOD

WELCOME, INVOCATION, and CONFESSION

James Kenniv

WORSHIP in SONGS of ADORATION and PRAISE

♪ *Blessed Assurance*

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Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
O what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation purchase of God
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

*This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long*

Perfect submission perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy whispers of love

Perfect submission all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest
Watching and waiting looking above
Filled with His goodness lost in His love

♪ ***The Perfect Wisdom of Our God***

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The perfect wisdom of our God
Revealed in all the universe
All things created by His hand
And held together at His command
He knows the myst'ries of the seas
The secrets of the stars are His
He guides the planets on their way
And turns the earth through another day

The matchless wisdom of His ways
That mark the path of righteousness
His word a lamp unto my feet
His Spirit teaching and guiding me
And O the mystery of the cross
That God should suffer for the lost
So that the fool might shame the wise
And all the glory might go to Christ

O grant me wisdom from above
To pray for peace and cling to love
And teach me humbly to receive
The sun and rain of Your sovereignty
Each strand of sorrow has a place
Within this tapestry of grace
So through the trials I choose to say
Your perfect will in Your perfect way

FELLOWSHIP in PRAYER

Steve Mary

WORSHIP IN THE TRUTH of HIS WORD

Instructions for Sufferers

James 5:13-15

Wayne Lowe

WORSHIP in SONGS of RESPONSE

Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

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Dear refuge of my weary soul
On Thee when sorrows rise
On Thee when waves of trouble roll
My fainting hope relies
To Thee I tell each rising grief
For Thou alone canst heal
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief
For every pain I feel

But oh when gloomy doubts prevail
I fear to call Thee mine
The springs of comfort seem to fail
And all my hopes decline
Yet gracious God where shall I flee
Thou art my only trust
And still my soul would cleave to Thee
Though prostrate in the dust

Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face
And shall I seek in vain
And can the ear of sov'reign grace
Be deaf when I complain
No still the ear of sov'reign grace
Attends the mourner's prayer
O may I ever find access to breathe
My sorrows there

Thy mercy seat is open still
Here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will
And wait beneath Thy feet
Thy mercy seat is open still
Here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will
And wait beneath Thy feet

♪ **Lord I Need You**

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Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

*Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You*

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

BENEDICTION

James Kenniv

SERMON NOTES
