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15-And the prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

16-Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

1-What James preached he practiced, for he himself prayed much.

1-All the way through this Epistle the writer has insisted on the necessity and extreme value of prayer.

2-Some generalities on these verses.

1-I do not believe the healing, spoken of in these verses, was ever miraculous, or that all the sick on whom hands were laid recovered.

1-If so, why should any ever have died?

2-If men could all be healed now by laying on of hands of the elders and anointing with oil, who would die or remain sick?

1-All would comply with the conditions and live.

2-They were just as anxious to live and keep well in the days of the apostles as they are now.

3-2-Tim. 4:20;

Erastus abode at Corinth: but Trophimus have I left at Miletum sick.

1-Erastus city treasurer of ~~Miletum~~.

— Romans 16:23.

2-Trophimus was an Ephesian Acts 21:29

Corinth

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1-Prayer in the narrow sense of petition is rather for sufferers who need to have their wants supplied and their sorrows removed.

2-How readily we murmur against man, or in heart against God.

3-This may be so because;

The natural effect of pain on the natural heart of man is to make it fretful and impatient.

4-In spite of much pain and material loss Job;

Was known as a patient man.

2-Is any merry? let him sing psalms.

1-Praise, the highest form of prayer, is to spring up up from the grateful heart of the individual.

2-It is natural for a man to sing when he is cheerful and happy.

3-So:

Let this joy be shown, not in wanton speech, but in singing praises.

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1-The Elders were to be summoned for a two-fold purpose.

1-That they might pray over the sick person

2-That they might anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord.

2-The result anticipated is also twofold:

1-The prayer of faith shall save the sick.

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3-The lesson:

In the day of affliction or of great joy nothing is more reasonable than prayer.

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"The prayer of faith shall save the sick." Verse 15.
- 2-If a miracle was intended;
 - 1-It could have been as well wrought without the oil, as with it.
- 3-Anointing with oil:
 - 1-Was to be done as a natural means of restoring health.
- 4-Oil in Judea was celebrated for its sanative qualities:
 - 1-They scarcely ever took a journey without carrying oil with them.
 - 2-Luke 10:30:37;
And he (the Samaritan) went and bound up his wounds pouring in oil and wine.
- 5-Oil-How used in other sections:
 - 1-In Europe it has been tried with great success in the cure of dropsy.
 - 2-In Egypt it has often been used in the cure of the plague.
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 - 1-This was the accredited medical panacea of that age.
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