

Is Any Sick Among You?

Is any sick among you? Obviously, yes. We have members who miss worship because of illness. We have those who are shut-in because of health complications. A number of us visit doctors regularly and go to the hospital periodically. Sure there are many sick among us.

James asks this question as well as others in James 5:13-15. *“Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray. Is any merry? Let him sing psalms. Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: 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.”*

Each question comes with an appropriate response. The afflicted should pray. The merry should sing. The sick calls for the elders of the church. The sick refers to the physically sick. He is sick in bed because the Lord raises him up. He is physically sick because the condition of sin is not necessarily included.

The aim of the instruction is to have prayer. It is the prayer of faith that heals. He goes on to talk about Elijah’s prayer (17-18) and the effectiveness of righteous men’s prayers (16). The afflicted should pray for themselves. The sick may be more gravely concerned about their condition and desire additional prayers.

Some get very concerned about the oil that is used to anoint the sick. No one can be definitive about the type of oil that was used. It is not specified and therefore cannot be duplicated. Maybe this is the background for the craze of “essential oils”. The oil was a comfort in their time and should not be seen as something we are required to follow in our age, but the power of prayer continues.

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Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship

5:00 p.m. Worship

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Study

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Announcements

It was good to see Shelby out on Sunday morning.

Our trimester system begins today for the downstairs classes. Teachers will teach for 4 months (Sept.– Dec.) on Wednesday and Sunday.

Ron has a Gospel meeting (Sept. 22-25). We will need a preacher for the A.M., someone to offer the invitation at the P.M. (singing night), and a Bible class teacher on that Wednesday. This month also has a 5th Sunday, so we want a guest speaker for the P.M. service on September 29.

The Study of the Parables will continue through September on Sunday. The final teachers are Rusty, Alan, Rex, and Alan.

Marcia Bartle passed away on Saturday (Sept. 17). She wanted no burial services. We thank Glenda for keeping contact with her through the years.

**Give Me The
Bible.
No Other Book
Can Guide Me.**

Outline of Hebrews

(from *Talk Thru the Bible*)

(This outline was featured in May 26's bulletin. It is repeated here as we have begun study of the book on Wednesdays.)

The Superiority of Christ's Person: 1:1-4:13

Over Prophets 1:1-3

Over Angels 1:4-2:18

Over Moses 3:1-4:13

The Superiority of Christ's Work: 4:14-10:18

Better Priesthood 4:14-7:28

Better Covenant 8:1-13

Better Sanctuary and Sacrifice 9:1-10:18

The Superiority of the Christian's Walk of Faith 10:19-13:25

Assurance of Faith 10:19-11:40

Endurance of Faith 12:1-29

Exhortation to Love 13:1-17

Conclusion: 13:18-25

It is our hope that this outline will assist you as we go throughout the study. We encourage you to keep it with your Bible for the duration of the study in the book of Hebrews. Recognize this outline is not inspired and may be overly simplified.

Love Can Cover Sins

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1 Peter 4:8 says, "And **above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.**"

Love (charity) is essential in the Christian's relationship with his brethren. It is to be had above all other things. It must be fervent among us. He then tells us that love shall cover the multitude of sins. The first thing we need to understand about this statement is that he is not saying love will COVER UP for sins. We are not to hide or ignore sins. We are not truly loving if we let someone continue on the road to hell when it is in our power to help them change their course.

The phrase is found another time in James 5:19-20. "Brethren, if any of you do **err from the truth, and one convert him; Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.**"

Obviously James is not telling us we are concealing active sins. One brother who is guilty of sin is described as *erring from the truth*. He is in *error* and his *soul is headed for death* (eternity in hell). The other brother *converts* him and *saves* his soul. The love this brother has for the erring prompts him to save him. The hiding or covering of sins does not refer to concealing them.

The covering or hiding of sins refers to taking care of the sins. They are removed and not brought up again. The person who repents needs to know that his former sin will not be used against him. The love of his brethren allows them to get over the previous offenses.

In regards to debts: If someone says, "I will cover it", he is not saying he will hide it. Rather he is saying he will pay it. The debt will be gone and can be dismissed from everyone's mind.

Love endures all things (1 Cor. 13:7). Love is strong enough to look beyond past sins. Love enables us to forgive a repenting brother.