

## James 5 - Trust? Motive? Method?

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### James 5:8-18

8 **BE YE ALSO PATIENT; STABLISH YOUR HEARTS: FOR THE COMING OF THE LORD DRAWETH NIGH.**

9 **GRUDGE NOT ONE AGAINST ANOTHER**, brethren, **LEST YE BE CONDEMNED**: behold, **THE JUDGE STANDETH BEFORE THE DOOR.**

10 Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, **FOR AN EXAMPLE OF SUFFERING AFFLICTION, AND OF PATIENCE.**

11 Behold, **WE COUNT THEM HAPPY WHICH ENDURE.** Ye have heard of the **PATIENCE OF JOB**, and **HAVE SEEN THE END OF THE LORD**; that **THE LORD IS VERY PITIFUL, AND OF TENDER MERCY.**

12 But **ABOVE ALL THINGS**, my brethren, **SWEAR NOT**, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, **NEITHER BY ANY OTHER OATH**: but **LET YOUR YEA BE YEA; AND LET YOUR NAY, NAY; LEST YE FALL INTO CONDEMNATION.**

13 **IS ANY AMONG YOU AFFLICTED?** **LET HIM PRAY.** Is any merry? let him sing psalms.

14 **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:

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.**

17 **ELIAS WAS A MAN SUBJECT TO LIKE PASSIONS AS WE ARE**, and **HE PRAYED EARNESTLY** that it **MIGHT NOT RAIN**: and **IT RAINED NOT** on the earth by the space of three years and six months.

18 **AND HE PRAYED AGAIN, AND THE HEAVEN GAVE RAIN**, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

#### JAMES ADDRESSES FOUR LIFE SITUATIONS WE ALL REGULARLY CONFRONT:

- vs. 9 - **conflict in relationships** - "Grudge not one against another..."
- vs. 10, 13 - **affliction and adversity** - "Is any among you afflicted?"
- vs. 14 - **sickness** - "Is any sick among you?"
- vs. 16 - **faults and sins** - "Confess your faults..."

#### QUICK SUMMATION:

- *patiently endure in prayer*
- *don't give up - Jesus is coming*
- *trust God to act*
- *forsake self-assertive aggression*

#### JAMES SPEAKS DIRECTLY TO HOW WE RESPOND TO THESE LIFE SITUATIONS:

- vs. 13 - 16 - **TRUST** - "Let him pray."
- vs. 9 - **MOTIVE** - "Grudge not..."
- vs. 12 - **METHOD**
  - vs. 12 - "Swear not..."

- vs. 13 - 16 "Let him pray."
- vs. 11 - "We count them happy which endure."
- Deut. 8:17 - **GLORY** - "And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth."

**The world perceives patience and endurance as weakness and cowardice.**

**God perceives patience and endurance as the demonstration of trust and reliance upon Him.**

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**The world promotes self-assertion, self-promotion, self-defense, self-gratification.**

**God promotes absolute and complete surrender to trusting in God's sovereign plan and intervention.**

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**The flesh wants to fight back, get even, prove who's right, intimidate the enemy, force it's way.**

**The spirit wants to trust in God and wait on God in prayer.**

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**How do you want your life to be? Always striving to force your way, or always in prayer waiting on God?**

**Do you want your life to be an accumulation of what you've managed to obtain and achieve? Or do you want your life to be product of prayer and God's design?**

**2 Chronicles 16:1-13**

- 1 In the six and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa Baasha king of Israel came up against Judah, and built Ramah, to the intent that he might let none go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.
- 2 Then **ASA BROUGHT OUT SILVER AND GOLD OUT OF THE TREASURES OF THE HOUSE OF THE LORD**, and of the king's house, and sent to Benhadad king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying,

*Whenever we rely on the arm of the flesh or the wisdom of man, we steal from God's glory, as Asa stole the silver and gold from the house of God.*

**2 Chronicles 16:1-13**

- 3 There is a league between me and thee, as there was between my father and thy father: behold, **I HAVE SENT THEE SILVER AND GOLD; GO, BREAK THY LEAGUE WITH BAASHA king of Israel, THAT HE MAY DEPART FROM ME.**

*See in Asa the corruption of money which deceives us into thinking we have power and we are in control.*

## 2 Chronicles 16:1-13

4 And Benhadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel; and they smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abelmaim, and all the store cities of Naphtali.

5 And it came to pass, when Baasha heard it, that he left off building of Ramah, and let his work cease.

6 Then **ASA THE KING TOOK ALL JUDAH**; and **THEY CARRIED AWAY THE STONES OF RAMAH, AND THE TIMBER THEREOF, WHEREWITH BAASHA WAS BUILDING; AND HE BUILT THEREWITH GEBA AND MIZPAH.**

*Asa was able to manipulate people and circumstances to achieve what he wanted, and there was apparent success, such as the materials to build Geba and Mizpah. But God was displeased. How often do we grieve God by seeking results instead of seeking God's way and God's glory in prayer?*

## 2 Chronicles 16:1-13

7 And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said unto him, **BECAUSE THOU HAST RELIED ON THE KING OF SYRIA, AND NOT RELIED ON THE LORD THY GOD, THEREFORE IS THE HOST OF THE KING OF SYRIA ESCAPED OUT OF THINE HAND.**

8 Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubims a huge host, with very many chariots and horsemen? yet, **BECAUSE THOU DIDST RELY ON THE LORD**, he delivered them into thine hand.

9 **FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD RUN TO AND FRO THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE EARTH, TO SHEW HIMSELF STRONG IN THE BEHALF OF THEM WHOSE HEART IS PERFECT TOWARD HIM. HEREIN THOU HAST DONE FOOLISHLY: THEREFORE FROM HENCEFORTH THOU SHALT HAVE WARS.**

*If Asa had prayed and waited on God, the victory would have been far greater and the victory would have been conclusive with lasting peace. With the results of his manipulation, Asa would always have wars.*

*Just because we relied on the Lord in the past, doesn't mean we won't trust in the flesh today. It is a continual battle between flesh and spirit.*

## 2 Chronicles 16:1-13

10 **THEN ASA WAS WROTH WITH THE SEER**, and put him in a prison house; **FOR HE WAS IN A RAGE WITH HIM BECAUSE OF THIS THING. AND ASA OPPRESSED SOME OF THE PEOPLE THE SAME TIME.**

*There is a fleshly hatred and indignation for waiting upon God in prayer. The flesh wants it's way and it demands credit and praise for it's accomplishments.*

*Note that Asa oppressed some of the people. Along with trusting in the flesh, there comes an arrogance of superiority because of what "I" can do and what "I" have accomplished.*

## **2 Chronicles 16:1-13**

11 And, behold, the acts of Asa, first and last, lo, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

12 And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great: **YET IN HIS DISEASE HE SOUGHT NOT TO THE LORD**, but to the physicians.

13 And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign.

## **Philippians 3:1-15**

1 Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. **TO WRITE THE SAME THINGS TO YOU, TO ME INDEED IS NOT GRIEVOUS, BUT FOR YOU IT IS SAFE.**

2 **BEWARE OF DOGS, BEWARE OF EVIL WORKERS, BEWARE OF THE CONCISION.**

3 **FOR WE ARE THE CIRCUMCISION, WHICH WORSHIP GOD IN THE SPIRIT, AND REJOICE IN CHRIST JESUS, AND HAVE NO CONFIDENCE IN THE FLESH.**

4 **THOUGH I MIGHT ALSO HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE FLESH. IF ANY OTHER MAN THINKETH THAT HE HATH WHEREOF HE MIGHT TRUST IN THE FLESH, I MORE:**

5 Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee;

6 Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

7 **BUT WHAT THINGS WERE GAIN TO ME, THOSE I COUNTED (*lead, command account, suppose, think*) LOSS FOR CHRIST.**

8 **YEA DOUBTLESS, AND I COUNT ALL THINGS BUT LOSS FOR THE EXCELLENCY OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST JESUS MY LORD: FOR WHOM I HAVE SUFFERED THE LOSS OF ALL THINGS, AND DO COUNT THEM BUT DUNG, THAT I MAY WIN CHRIST,**

9 **AND BE FOUND IN HIM, NOT HAVING MINE OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS, WHICH IS OF THE LAW, BUT THAT WHICH IS THROUGH THE FAITH OF CHRIST, THE RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH IS OF GOD BY FAITH:**

10 **THAT I MAY KNOW HIM, AND THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION, AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF HIS SUFFERINGS, BEING MADE CONFORMABLE UNTO HIS DEATH;**

11 **IF BY ANY MEANS I MIGHT ATTAIN UNTO THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD.**

12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

## **Psalm 44:6-8**

6 For I will not trust in my bow, Neither shall my sword save me.

7 But thou hast saved us from our enemies, And hast put them to shame that hated us.

8 In God we boast all the day long, And praise thy name for ever. Selah.