**The Epistle of James**

**Chapter 5** **The Wealthy Should be Wise**

1. Wealthy People Who Mistreat Others Will Pay (1-6)
2. Prepare for and Endure Suffering (7-11)
3. Do not Swear (12)
4. Praying for One Another; Bringing One Another to Christ (13-20)

Summary

As a final message, James enters yet another saying that we recall. We will suffer, but *if anyone needs prayer, let that person go to the elders* (beginning at V.13); this is a powerful message that supports the believe that the Family of Faith can pray for one another and bring about change. James rails against swearing and ends with encouraging us to help bring our sisters and brothers to Christ.

Study Questions

1. Some faith traditions believe in the laying on of hands and oil for prayer purposes. Others do not. What do you think, and what does James’ statement mean for churches and ministries regarding healing?
2. What do you think about “healing cloths/water” and other approaches that are seen in our culture?
3. James says, “anyone who turns a sinner from his or her ways…” what does that actually mean for us as disciples? Does it mean we can save a person?
4. If you were wealthy, what would be a way to focus of your economic status on goodness? How could you use your wealth to honor the Lord?

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