

THE HEALING CHRIST
Part II
James 5:13-16

Introduction: We have become cognizant through experience that our paramount struggle in life is not in the material realm but rather in the spiritual. The Bible enlightens us to the fact that we are facing a spiritual battle with demons. Ephesians 6:11-12. We are not orphaned and left to haplessly deal with this dilemma in our own power. God benevolently instructs us how to counter the Devil's devices. God has promised "...never to leave us nor forsake us..." assuring us that we will not have to fight any battle with Satan without sufficient assistance from God.

- I. The believer as he deals with the prayer of faith
 - A. 1st Peter 3:12
 1. The prayer of faith is based upon the Word. 2nd Corinthians 10:3-6.
 2. Prayer based on the Word rises above the senses and gets in touch with the Author of the Word.
 - B. There are two kinds of faith.
 1. Sense knowledge faith demands physical evidence (must see first, then believe)
 2. Bible faith that depends solely upon the Word, and needs no material proof. Hebrews 11:1.
 - C. The basis for effective praying stands alone on the Word of God. Ephesians 6:17.
 1. We use the Word of God to defeat the enemy.
 - a. We go before the Lord in prayer with our mouth filled with His Word.
 - b. Then we go before the world making a public confession based upon the Word that we prayed. Ephesians 6:10-18.
 2. The senses give evidence of fever, pain, and disease, and exalt themselves against the Word of God.
 3. You must bring the Word into the arena and combat the reasoning of the senses. Romans 1:17.
 - a. You are not swayed by the things that you see (an empty purse, a weak body, a lack of work).
 - b. Your combat is with the prince of the air that rules feelings. Ephesians 6:10.
 - c. In Christ, you are a master. Note Psalm 23:1: "The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want . . ."
 - 1.) The Lord is my (bread provider, my rent payer, my healer). Philipians 4:19.
 - 2.) Your testimony is built upon the promises contained in the Word of God. Isaiah 41:10; Joshua 1:9; John 15:5.
 - 3.) We are to operate in His Name. Matthew 28:18-20.
- II. Our grounds for prayer are based on the words of Jesus.
 - A. John 16:23-24
 - B. John 14:12-14
 - C. Matthew 18:19-20
 - D. Luke 10:19-20
 1. Prayer is not based upon sufferance or pity.
 2. Prayer is based upon the Word of God.
 3. Since demons are to blame for sickness and other maladies, we must rely on our authority over them given to us by Christ. Mark 16:17.
 4. Demons and disease cannot stand against the Word of God.
- III. It is the Name of Jesus and the Word upon our lips that casts out demons and rebukes disease and lack.
 - A. Hebrews 4:14-16, 10:19.
 - B. 2nd Corinthians 5:21 – I am the righteousness of God in Christ and I have legal authority over the enemy.
 1. As a child of God, I am now able to stand in the presence of God just as Jesus did. I can now use the Name of Jesus against demons and their works. 1st John 3:1.
 2. Psalm 107:20. Since John 1:14 tells us that Jesus is the Word, and that He now dwells in our hearts, we have the power to speak His Name.
 3. Since He, "the Word," is in our heart, when we speak in His Name, Satan must yield. Romans 10:8.

Conclusion: In summation, we must act in accordance with the knowledge we have acquired from the Word, and speak the word of faith in confidence. Mark 11:22-24.