

JAMES 22

Priestly Anointing of the Sick

1. 5:12 – Swearing

- a. The law taught this prohibition of swearing - Exo 20:7, Lev 19:12
- b. “above all” why is it important? – Remember James 2:7, Mark 3:28-29
- c. Blasphemy is another way of usurping God’s authority
- d. It was God’s name, God’s temple, God’s heaven – Mat 23:20-22
- e. Do not swear because you don’t have the authority; submit to God – Mat 5:33-37
- f. “I adjure thee by the living God”, Jesus does not swear - Mat 26:63-64

2. 5:13-14 – Elders that Forgive Sins

- a. The afflicted – remember Jam 4:9, 5:10 – It is the time of affliction Mat 24:9, Mk 13:19
- b. An example prayer for the afflicted - Psalm 102:1,8,13-18
- c. The word “merry” does not appear in Psalms - Psalm 105:1-2
- d. The sick: the elders should pray, anoint, and heal him. – 5:13-14
- e. Remnant elders – 1 Pet 5:1 were those who were from the beginning 2 John 1
- f. There are 24 elders in Rev 5:14; this is not you
- g. Apostolic “elder” authority to bind/loose, heal, and forgive sins - John 20:21-23
- h. The qualifications to be one of the twelve (disqualified Paul) – Acts 1:21-22
- i. The beginning when Christ ordained them to heal Mark 3:14-15

3. 5:15 – Anointing the Sick for Healing

- a. The kingdom ministry was to heal the sick with oil - Mark 6:12-13
- b. There would be none sick in the coming kingdom - Mark 16:17-18, Isa 1:3-7 3:6
- c. Anointing #1 = The holy anointing oil; for priests – Not for man’s use – Exo 30:25-33
- d. Anointing #2 = The anointing of sick people under the law – Lev 14:2, 17-18
- e. Anointing #3 = To rub, as on anything, not a special oil – Luke 10:33-34
 - i. Daniel did not anoint himself for 3 weeks! Dan 10:2-3
- f. Anointing #4 = Consecrated (set apart or dedicate) people chosen by God
 - i. The two witnesses, Cyrus, Jesus - Zech 4:14, Isa 45:1, 61:1, Psa 89:20
- g. Anointing #5 = Acts 10:38 – Anointed with the Holy Ghost. John 14:26, 1 John 2:20, 27
- h. An example of anointing and healing – John 9:11
- i. Calling on the elders for the anointing powers - Acts 8:12-17
- j. Peter is called upon by the saints in Lydda to heal the sick - Acts 9:36-40
- k. Anointing healing powers were apostolic signs – Paul’s signs → Acts 19:11, 28:8-9
- l. Jews require a sign because their inheritance is earthly – 1 Cor 1:22, 2 Cor 12:12
- m. The “prayer of faith” is not for eternal life salvation, it is for healing
 - i. The rules for asking (1) single minded faith - James 1:6 (2) fruit - James 4:3
 - ii. A prayer of faith → Mat 9:28-29, 21:21-22
- n. The healing has stopped, the apostles are dead, Paul had infirmities.