

# JAMES 23

## Confession, Conversion, and Elijah

### 1. 5:15 – Prayer of Faith

- a. 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
- b. The healing has stopped, the apostles are dead, and Paul had infirmities.

### 2. 5:16 – Confessing Your Faults

- a. The message was repentance: the response was confession – Mark 6:13-14, Mark 1:4-5
- b. The wrong approach to sins is not to acknowledge them. – Psa 32:5, Rom 3:23, 7:23,
- c. Confession was part of the law requirement for atonement – Lev 5:4-6
- d. The nation needed to confess – Lev 26:40, Jer 3:12, Dan 9:4,20, Neh 1:6, 9:2-38
- e. If they confess, they will be forgiven - Lev 26:40-41, Acts 7:51-52, 1 John 1:9
- f. 1 John 1:1 was written to the remnant – 1 John 1:5, 2:1-3
- g. James refers to brethren confessing faults – Mat 18:15-17,21 vs. 2Thess 3:14-15
- h. If they did not forgive they would not be forgiven – Mark 11:24-26

### 3. 5:17-18 – Fervent Prayers of Righteous Men

- a. The ears of the Lord are open to the righteous – 1 Pet 3:12, Prov 15:29
- b. With a little faith they could move trees and mountains – Luke 17:5-6
- c. We know Elias is Elijah from the context; no Greek or Hebrew needed.
- d. Elijah was a part of the remnant – Rom 11:2-4
- e. His time pictured the end time: drought, food, healing, wicked rulers – 1 Kings 17-19
- f. Two witnesses have power to stop rain - Revelation 11:2-3 (Matt 17:1-3)
- g. The remnant is in the wilderness for the same time – Rev 12:6-17
- h. Elijah is a study of the last days - Mal 4:5
- i. John the Baptist as Elijah in Matt 17:11-14, Matt 11:10-14, Luke 1:14-17

### 4. 5:19-20 – Converting Sinners

- a. Peter’s conversion back to the Lord – Luke 22:31-32, Acts 3:19
- b. When they err they need conversion – James 1:14-16, Psa 19:7
- c. Your old man was crucified – There is no more death judgment for you - Rom 6:6
- d. You have atonement and are complete in Christ – Col 2:10
- e. Those waiting for a future kingdom are not yet complete – Eze 18:26-31
- f. They were warned not to turn away - Heb 10:38-39, 12:11-13
- g. Reconciling with a brother was salvation from death - Mat 5:21-26, 6:13-14