Sermon Title: IS ANYONE AMONG YOU SICK? Part 1

Date: October 13, 2024 - James 5:13-18

Central Idea: We are challenged to become a praying person, a praying people, and a praying congregation. Do you consider yourself a praying person?

Introduction:

We have seen in James 5:13 that the response to trouble is not to become embittered or rebellious, but to go to God in prayer. The response to blessing is to go to God in praise and in prayer. In James 5:14, we come face-to-face with an area of importance and challenge. It raises many questions, and it challenges many presuppositions. It reminds us dramatically of the importance of handling the Word of God always with care and humility.

I. Who Is Involved?

- 1. The church
- 2. The elders
- 3. The sick person

II. What Is Involved?

- 1. The sick takes the initiative.
- 2. The prayer takes place in private.
- 3. The elders are to pray and anoint him with oil.

Conclusion:

This passage establishes for us the priority of meaningful relationships in the body of Christ; it establishes the priority of biblical leadership, of mature and godly men who are under the direction of God, under the tutelage of the Bible, and under obligation to God's people to serve them. Further, it establishes for us without question the priority of humble and believing prayer