

1. Opening Prayer
2. Intro: Sickness and Healing in the New Testament

How important was healing ministry in the New Testament? 1. Cor. 12:9-10 and 29-30

Healings as **signs and wonders** (Acts **4:30**, 5:12, 6:8, 8:13, 14:3, and 15:12):

⇒ Signs of God's deliverance (Acts 2:22, Heb. 2:4, Deut. 4:34, 6:22, Neh. 9:10, and Jer. 32:20)

As a tool of Evangelism: Acts 6:1-7, 3:12, **14:3**

Question. How shall we understand James 5:14-16?

3. Structure of James 5

To the Persecuting (vv. 1-6)

Their actions were not saving anyone.

To the Persecuted (vv. 7-8)

Be patient until the coming of the Lord

As farmers are patient until the time of harvest (v. 7)

Be patient until the coming of the Lord

for the coming of the Lord is near (v. 8)

A life forgiven and justified (vv. 9-20)

Do not grumble but be patient (vv. 9-10)

Example (v. 11)

Do not swear but praise and pray (vv. 12-18)

Do not swear (v. 12)

Praise (v. 13)

Pray (vv. 14-16)

Example (vv. 17-18)

How to save each other (vv. 19-20)

4. Read James 5

5. Questions

- a. Do you know any other judgmental speeches towards the unjust rich in the bible?
- b. If the righteous one indicates Jesus in verse 6, how shall we understand the rich?
- c. Reading verses 7-11, how do you think we can be patient in this pandemic?
- d. Jesus said “Do not swear” in His Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5:34-36). Why do you think it is important not to swear?
- e. What does the oil symbolize when the elders anoint the sick? (v. 14)
- f. Throughout this chapter, how do you think James understood Jesus? Check the usage of the word “Lord.”

6. Closing Prayer