

## POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE PRAYER

James 5:12-20

Key Verse: 5:16b

1. What does “Above all” imply (12a)? Why should believers not swear by heaven, earth or anything else (12b; Mt 5:33-37)? What should believers do instead? What does this mean to us?
2. How does James encourage those who are in trouble, and the happy, and the sick (13-14)? What is the role of elders? How does God bless the prayer of faith (15)?
3. What does James encourage the church to do (16a)? Who is the righteous person (16b)? What characterizes a righteous person’s prayer?
4. In what respects is Elijah exemplary (17-18; 1Ki 17:1; 18:41-46)? What can we learn about prayer and about God?
5. What should those who bring sinners back to the truth remember (19-20)? How does this encourage the church to pursue those who wander from the truth?