

James 5:14~ **Is there anyone sick among you? Let him call the older men¹ of the congregation to him, and let them pray over him, greasing him with oil in the name of Yehowah.²**

Footnote: Or, elders Greek, *pre-sby-te'rous*; J^{17, 22}(Hebrew), *ziq-neh'*
See (Numbers 11:24)

Footnote: See Appendix 1D

1• James now shows that if anyone among them is sick spiritually, then he should call the older men to him, and they will come in and pray over him, thus greasing him with the oil of God's Holy Spirit, in the name of Yehowah God, and this prayer will restore the ailing one.

[Question] What should anyone spiritually sick do, and who should he call to his aid?

[Question] What then, can they do for him, and how will they treat him, since he desires a good thing, spiritual health?

2• And they would expel many demons and grease many sickly people with oil and cure them. (Mark 6:13)

[Question] What did Jesus Christ and his disciples accomplish during his many preaching missions?

3• Pay attention to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has appointed you overseers, to shepherd the congregation of God, which he purchased with the blood of his own Son. (Acts of Apostles 20:28)

[Question] Whom should the anointed Christian overseers pay close attention to, and why?

4• I have exhibited to you in all things that by thus laboring you must assist those who are weak, and must bear in mind the words of the Lord Jesus, when he himself said; There is more happiness in giving than there is in receiving. (Acts of Apostles 20:35)

[Question] What gives the greater happiness, giving or receiving?

5• Shepherd the flock of God in your care, not under compulsion, but willingly, neither for love of dishonest gain, but eagerly. (1 Peter 5:2)

[Question] Why should anointed Christian overseers shepherd the flock?

- 6· **Should the righteous one strike me, it would be a loving-kindness, and should he reprove me, it would be oil upon the head, which my head would not want to refuse. For still there would be even my prayer during their calamities. (Psalms 141:5)**

[Question] How does a good man view reproof from a fine source?

- 7· **To assign to those mourning over Zion, to give them a headdress instead of ashes, the oil of exultation instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of the downhearted spirit, and they must be called big trees of righteousness, the planting of Yehowah, for him to be beautified. (Isaiah 61:3)**

[Question] What will those mourning over Zion come to be called?

- 8· **So he approached him and bound up his wounds, pouring oil and wine upon them. Then he mounted him upon his own beast and brought him to an inn and took care of him. (Luke 10:34)**

[Question] How did the good Samaritan treat a stranger?

- 9· **For there was a great number of the people, many from Ephraim and Manasseh, Issachar and Zebulun, that had not cleansed themselves, for they did not eat the passover according to what is written, but Hezekiah prayed for them, saying; May the good Yehowah himself make allowance for every one. (2 Chronicles 30:18)**

[Question] Whom did Hezekiah pray for God to make allowance for?

- 10· **You arrange before me a table in front of those showing hostility to me. With oil you have greased my head, my cup is well filled. (Psalms 23:5)**

[Question] How does Yehowah God bless the righteous ones?