

# THOUGHT FOR TODAY

## A HEBREW SAGE MIGHT SAY. . .

Mercy is the ready inclination of GOD to relieve the misery of fallen humanity. [A. W. Paint]

## EFFECTIVE PRAYER

**"Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray...Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the NAME OF THE LORD. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the LORD will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."** [James 5. 13 - 17]

So many suffering followers of CHRIST have sincerely tried to use these verses as they appear to be instructions. However, they were not healed. Though the passage is a familiar one, it is difficult since it is a specific promise, rather than general promise.

The first question asked — **"is anyone suffering (afflicted)?"** This denotes, being troubled, and is especially referring to those facing persecution, undergoing hardship, enduring affliction, troubled, or deprived. For such a person, they are encouraged to **pray**. Assuming that the person is right with GOD and is praying in HIS will. **"Now this is the confidence that we have in HIM, that if we ask anything according to HIS will, HE hears us. And if we know that HE hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of HIM."** [1 John 5. 14 - 15] This saint of GOD can expect either the needed relief or the desired grace from the MASTER. **"Sacrifice a thank offering to GOD, and pay your vows to the MOST HIGH. Call upon ME in the time of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify ME."** [Psalms (Tehillym) 50. 14 - 15 Tanakh, Kethuvim] **"Giving thanks always for all things to GOD THE FATHER in the name of our LORD Y'SHUA ha'MASHIACH."** [Ephesians 5. 20]

Then the question — **"is anyone sick?"** This is referring to a physical illness, showing that a particular sickness has come specifically since (or if) the person has committed sins. The solution to resolve the sickness is for such a one to call for the elders of the church and **"let them pray over him."** Note, it is the one who is suffering that is to call the elders. This would be after the one who is sick has first openly confessed, and in faith repents of their sins. If the elders themselves have faith and are right with GOD, the LORD will hear, forgive the sins, and raise them up.

The prayer of faith will **"save the sick."** This word in the Greek, "kamno" actually denotes *being wearied, to toil, to faint* rather than to be sick or in poor health. This tells us that the sinner has been delivered from the heavy burden of guilt which has wearied his soul, as well as the illness which has weakened his body. **"None who live there will say — I am sick; the people who dwell in it (Zion, the Land of the MAJESTIC KING) will be forgiven their iniquity."** [Isaiah (Yeshayah) 33. 24 Tanakh, Nevi'im] Obviously, there are many other reasons for an illness other than un-repentant sin, but this is a wonderful promise of both spiritual and physical healing, especially when sin is the problem.

A perfect example of an **"effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man"** is found in the Book of Daniel when Daniel had asked the king to give him time to get the interpretation to a dream, so they would not be killed: **"Then Daniel went to his house and made the decision known to his companions, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah of the matter that they might implore mercies from the GOD OF HEAVEN concerning this mystery, so that Daniel and his companions might not perish with the other wise men of Babylon. The secret was revealed to Daniel in a night vision; then Daniel blessed the GOD OF HEAVEN."** [Daniel (Danyel) 2. 17 - 19 Tanakh, Kethuvim] Now, that's enthusiastically zealous praying that brought immediate response from the LORD GOD OF HEAVEN!

The LORD Y'SHUA is the WAY-MAKER and HE has provided all the shielding, the saving, the protecting and the rescuing we need if only we will come to HIM in faith believing.

**Sha'alu (Pray) for the Shalom (Peace) of JerUSAlem and all of Israel!  
Redeem Israel, O ELOHIYM, out of all their troubles!**

May your day be for good and for blessing, for joy and for gladness, for salvation and comfort, for sustenance and maintenance, for life and peace, for pardon of sin and forgiveness of iniquity. Blessed are YOU, O LORD, WHO sanctifies all YOUR children from every nation, tribe and tongue. In all things, we give YOU praise and thanks. Amen

Praying for the peace of Jerusalem, is praying for the return of our Messiah and Lord and for the Kingdom of God He is bringing when He comes. Then God's Will shall be done on earth as it is in Heaven and the world will experience true godly universal peace which is the fruit of Righteousness.

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