

Elijah, the Model of a Man

James 5: 16b-20

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Series: Concluding Practical Christianity



THE WINTER WALK

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¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much. ¹⁷ Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and the sky poured rain and the earth produced its fruit. ¹⁹ My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth and one turns him back, ²⁰ let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Prayer and Fellowship V. 16.

- Confessing sins one to another.
 - Sin is most dangerous in private and secret.
- Spiritual Healing to make one spiritually whole again.
- Fervent prayer is effective prayer.

Prayer and Power Vv. 16b-18

- Effective prayer seen the prophet Elijah.
 - Effective = energeo or in English – energy.
 - Accomplishes much (lit) = is very strong.
 - Elijah is given as the example, note that he is identified as a normal man with typical failures just like us.

Saving a Soul from Death Vv. 19-20

- The evidence.
 - No Connecting link in context.
 - Among you? And Error?
- The Threat.
 - The soul faces a second death.
- The goal.
 - Turn 'em back.
 - Cover a multitude of sin.

Conclusion

- Christian how fervent are you in your praying?
- Christian does the effectiveness of your prayers indicate your fervency?
- Are you one identified as those “among you?”
- What keeps you from committing to faithfulness in Jesus Christ, and His church?