

James

Temptations, Trials

&

Triumph

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where we are...

- To Overcome:
 - Be PATIENT!!! Like farmers, hopeful
 - Do not lose heart... strengthen it!!
 - Beware of Complaining/Grumbling
 - Examples in prophets and Job...
- Everyday circumstances:
 - Don't swear/make vows... Yes, Yes! No, No!
 - Suffering? Pray!!! Cheerful? Sing Praises to God!!!
 - Then we started to look at what to do when sick...

When you ar weak/powerless...

- Call the elders!!!
 - They will anoint (see Mk 6:13) regular word... oil
 - In the NAME OF THE LORD – He is the healer...
 - Vow of faith (*euche*) will save/make whole
 - Sins will be forgiven...??
- This is where it gets sticky!!!
 - As protestants, we do not do confessionals!
 - But, is there a place for confession of sin?
 - The real meaning, rather than confessing faith...
 - BTW – confess sin; confess his Name... (50x)

CONFESS???

- A huge missing part in today's church!
 - *exomologeō* – confess, profess, say the same as
 - Confession of sin to God is already assumed. But public confession of certain sins to one another in the meetings is greatly helpful in many ways. This is not confessing to one man like a priest in place of the public confession. One may confess to the pastor without confessing to God or to the church, with little benefit to anybody. A.T. Robertson
 - *paraptoma* – to fall, a lapse or deviation from truth and uprightness, error, willful sin...

So Confess and...

- Pray... back to – *euchomai* again (pres. act. imp)
 - *iaomai* – cure, heal, make whole... (aor. pas.)
 - Effectual prayer only good AFTER this...! Hmmmm
 - *ischuo* – prevails (Phil 4:13, “I can do...”) much force...
 - *deesis* – ask, request, supplication
 - *dikaios* – following law, faultless, approved of God
- Elijah – (1Ki 17:1ff)
 - *homoioopathes* – 2x Ac 14:15; like passions
 - *proseuche proseuchomai* –with prayer he prayed!
 - What kind of prayer do we pray???

His last thought... watch each other!

- If someone strays from truth... (*aletheia*)
 - *planao* - go astray, wander, roam about (Mt 18:12)
 - *epistrepho* – to return to, turn back to God
- Let them know (imp)
 - Save the soul from death, the one who wandered
 - Cover a multitude of sins (1Pt 4:8; Pr 10:12)
 - What gets covered when one is won back?
- This is our responsibility for each other...
 - ... thank you James!