

1: Archeology Mt - Inductive Bible Study

Uprisings tend to imply a will to power, but prayer as uprising is the making of the purposes and will of another (namely, God) our own. Such an act of humility is a sign of openness to guidance.

God has redeemed us in accord with His grace and has revealed the mystery of His will in us. The word "redeem" is first mentioned in Exodus 6: Over that period of time, Israel had grown strong and the attitude of the Egyptian government changed. The Egyptians took the tack of becoming more oppressive and demanding in an effort to retain their slaves. The work load was increased. Male children were ordered killed. Inevitably, the Egyptians began to feel they "owned" Israel. Then God spoke to Moses the words recorded in Exodus 6: Among His promises was "I will redeem you. This was accomplished, in the end, by the shedding of blood in the events of the original Passover. Our redemption is no different. By it we are freed from the slavery to sin and it is also accomplished by shedding blood. Redemption begins with the forgiveness of sins: Because sin has enslaved us. The story began in Genesis 3. The thing we humans fear most is death. Until we accept the teachings of God, death is a step into the unknown. Death came into the world because of sin and it continues because all have sinned. The suffering of Jesus was the price of our redemption. When we were aliens, enemies, God reconciled us through His blood. The way we contact His blood. We do it initially through repentance and baptism. Continuing forgiveness comes when we follow His teachings. God has "lavished upon us" the riches of His grace. Others put pitchers of syrup on the table so you can lavish it on. God has given to us what we could not get for ourselves and do not deserve. Not a narrow escape. Not by "the skin of our teeth. Along with grace, He lavished wisdom: Wisdom is knowing the things of God. Wisdom is extremely valuable. He also lavished understanding. Understanding means knowing what to do about it. With our redemption, God has revealed to us the mystery of His will: What is the mystery? We have trouble understanding the Old Testament. He has just made it known to men through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Here is His plan: What is our part in this plan? As the crown of His creation, He wants us to be subject to Christ 2. In fact, He predestined it. Every believer is guaranteed a place in His eternal kingdom. None of this is a mystery to us. We are blessed to live in the last days. To know how the book ends. What should be our response? Be holy as God is holy. God has lavished His grace upon us. It matters not where we are or what condition our life is in. What matters is it is God Who offers forgiveness and we must accept His offer.

2: Reel Rock Film Tour (TV Series) - IMDb

The word "redeem" is first mentioned in Exodus Israel had been in Egypt nearly years after being invited to live there by the Pharaoh of Joseph's day. Over that period of time, Israel had grown strong and the attitude of the Egyptian government changed.

Introduction Matthew 5: 7 contains the well-known Sermon on the Mount. The sermon is about righteousness that comes from the heart. Religion tends to be about external forms and obedience to rules, but here Jesus challenges us to evaluate ourselves by an inner standard. This contrasts with the prevailing wisdom of the time. It is obvious and visible. It is easy to condemn the murderer. But Jesus tells us to take care less we even have a seething anger against another. Our anger can be visible or invisible. And so Jesus teaches about a life lived and judged by attitudes in the heart. There is nothing here by which we can judge others. We can only take His words, and by the illumination of the Holy Spirit, judge our own lives and move to change. It also has a more immediate context expressed in the opening lines of Matthew 6: Be careful about not living righteously merely to be seen by people. Otherwise you have no reward with your Father in heaven Matthew 6: With these words, Jesus speaks of outward versus inward religious practices. Giving, prayer, and fasting are most often associated with religion and, in the following section of the sermon, Jesus speaks again of the inner heart versus outward forms. His treatment of all three topics is the same: Of course, a visible spiritual life is not of itself bad. Paul wrote to the Corinthians and said: I am not writing these things to shame you, but to correct you as my dear children. For though you may have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers, because I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I encourage you, then, be imitators of me 1 Corinthians 4: What you see me do, do yourselves. I certainly benefited, over 30 years ago now, from men decades old in their faith. Now I hope to be the same to those younger than me. The difference for Paul to the Corinthians is that he did not derive his self-image from the attention. He was a bondservant of Jesus Christ and spent himself for the church and her people. Men and women like that are worth emulating. But it is different for those who give to be recognized for their giving, or who entertain with great prayers or fast in agony for the admiration of others. They have erected outward forms only. They have confused the approval of others with approval of the Father. In this lesson, we will look into what Jesus said about prayer as He discusses its outward forms and instructs concerning the inner reality. Truly I say to you, they have their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. Jesus develops two basic kinds of prayer. He wants to be known as spiritual and holy. His religion gives him status, and by public prayer, he maintains and feeds it. Jesus, for teaching purposes, draws a distinct line between the two, but we must acknowledge that most people will fall somewhere between the two extremes. It is also important to understand that no one can read the mind and intentions of another heart. What might seem to be the height of arrogance may only reflect upbringing. Or gentle, quiet prayers may come from one who has no private prayer life at all. There are, however, some warning signs to which we might want to pay attention. This may be a matter of upbringing. Nevertheless, none is needed, and such a change in voice can draw attention to the one praying unless one is in an environment that expects it, in which case not changing the voice can draw attention. Elegant words and lots of them. This may be a matter of gifting and natural oratory, but again none are needed. You pray according to what you want done and what others need to do to help it along. Help Jane resist the temptation to keep seeing that guy. Public prayer of any kind without a private prayer life. It is a given that if you are not speaking to the Father when you are alone, there is no good speaking to Him publicly. So Jesus advises us to go into our rooms and shut the door. How private do you need to be? Must we become hermits or monks to have a prayer life? Jesus simply meant that there are places and ways to pray that are between the Father and us. In such a place: We can use elegant words as a way of offering Him our best. We can have a personal agenda, because it is now between the Father and us, and He can open and close doors as He sees fit. We can pray for Jane. Since it is just between the Father and us, we are more likely to be showing genuine concern for her welfare. And, of course, we now have a basis for praying in public. We can be in our own rooms or in public and still pray privately. The private life is one

measure of who we are. Too many times I have seen good public families suddenly come apart from within. It became apparent that the life behind the closed doors of the home was far different from the public family persona. If we believe that God exists and rewards those who seek Him, it will affect our most private of lives, because we will know that He is there. We then know that there is, in fact, no private life. The rewards of relational prayer is that it can: Jesus contrasts prayer to the Father with the prayers of the Gentiles. He describes Gentile prayer as the repetitious babbling of many words. What might this mean, and how do we relate this to our prayers? The Gentiles did not worship the true God. Gentile prayer is about the manipulation of spiritual forces and entities that do not generally care about you as an individual. Repetitious babblingâ€”Praying without real content. Perhaps this would be like reciting liturgical prayers without connecting to their content. Many words to be heardâ€”Praying with an attitude that God is not listening and must be manipulated to answer. In answer to this, Jesus says that our Father knows what we need even before we ask. We are praying to our Father, which means that we are in a family relationship. We are part of His life, and He anticipates what we need. We can, therefore, come to Him as transparent people. We can come before Him glad, sad, or mad, and He will be there in full understanding. Manipulation is not required. If our Father knows what we need before we ask, why should we pray? There are two reasons. The first is because of the rewards of prayer that go beyond just meeting our needs. We do not need such things, but they should have a place in our prayers. So Jesus has given instructions about the place and manner of our prayers. We are to have a private life of prayer, and we are to pray to a real Person. This Person is interested in our needs and in us and does not need to be manipulated. Directing the Heart So what makes for a good prayer? How are we to pray? During His sermon, Jesus began a model prayer for us with these words: We owe Him our lives and our service. But Jesus is very serious about just this aspect. The entire sermon has many references to God as our Father. This relationship is our primary motivation for the lives that we should live. God as Father is a two-way relationship. As Father, He loves us, and we honor Him. He protects, and we abide. He provides, and we give thanks.

3: Moscowâ€™Constantinople schism () - Wikipedia

Finally the Samaritans built a rival temple on Mt. Gerizim and proclaimed it, rather than the Jewish temple, to be the true house of God. By the time of Jesus, the Jews and Samaritans had hated each other for hundreds of years.

He had an intimate relationship with the Father, even when He left heaven and came to this earth. We can and should develop a similar relationship with our heavenly Father, and we can do it in the same way Christ didâ€™through prayer. How often was Jesus engaged in prayer? Would it not be a good idea for us today to also pray frequently and persistently? Jesus taught us to be persistent Luke Paul also emphasized the importance of a consistent and persistent prayer life. What are some of the advantages of praying alone? What is Jesus teaching about prayer in this passage? Is it sinful to pray in public, or is it the attitude with which one prays that can be sinful? What are some of the benefits of praying with others? We have several examples of first century followers praying with each other. It is good and godly to pray with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Who did Jesus pray for? Who should we pray for today? What other requests should we make on the behalf of others? Paul prayed for their spiritual wisdom, understanding, and growth, and for evangelistic efforts. Is it wrong to pray for physical well-being, as we often do? We see in this passage that James encourages prayers for physical health and spiritual health. Jesus also prayed before important decisionsâ€™and those prayers were often very long. How long did He pray? Do we spend that much time in prayer before we make a major life decision? How often do we fret over our decisions without talking to God? We need to talk to God more regularly, and more honestly. We need to approach Him in prayer before we make big decisions, asking for peace and wisdom. Does this mean that every prayer will be answered precisely the way we want? Read 1 John 5: Why was the tax collector exalted? Humility is an attribute we must possess as we pray to the Father. How we treat each other affects our relationship with the Almighty. What do we have to be thankful for? Do we count our blessings and realize that God has given us far more than any of us deserve? Yes, we must be humble and meek, but at the same time confident that God will provide the mercy and grace we need. What is the danger of doubt?

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The entire Scriptural record testifies that Jehovah is the One to whom prayer should be directed (Ps , 2; Mt), that he is the "Hearer of prayer" (Ps ;) and has power to act in behalf of the petitioners.

Whatsapp On 21 March a group of nine Christians, myself included, held a peaceful prayer vigil in the office of Australian Immigration Minister Scott Morrison. We were praying about and protesting the inhumane asylum seeker policies of the Australian government. Five of the group were eventually arrested for trespassing, though the charges were later dismissed in court. Our act of civil disobedience, taking the form of public prayer, generated numerous responses. We have received much support - far more, in fact, than we expected - from church leaders, people of all different faith traditions, atheists, and media. Our action also attracted its fair share of disapproval, ranging from personal abuse to theological diatribes. Much of this centred on our use of prayer. On the one hand, there were the fashionably cheap shots taken at us by some atheists, those who ridicule the practice of prayer without, apparently, understanding what prayer actually is. This is in contrast to those atheists who have shown a deep respect for our action, some having even attended our recent public prayer vigils, despite that it stems from a worldview they do not themselves hold. One contrarian, in a comment on a Huffington Post write-up of our action, exemplified the kind of inanity I am talking about: On the other hand, there were those Christians who, in addition to acontextually quoting parts of Romans In what follows, I want to argue for a silhouette vision for prayer in the public sphere as an alternative to both "unscientific" instrumentality and private piety. I do not expect what I will write will be convincing to those who do not share my worldview - indeed, I accept this out of hand. After all, as Stanley Hauerwas has suggested, "Christians must live in a manner that their lives are unintelligible if the God we worship in Jesus Christ does not exist. Likewise, it would be equally unreasonable to subject prayer to a legitimating standard based on assumptions that those who practise prayer do not necessarily hold. I do, however, hope to open up a different conversation about some unknown or neglected aspects of prayer, both among those who do not believe prayer has any "use" and among those who see prayer as entirely or even primarily a private affair. One of the ways in which such ignorance is achieved among the populace is the rewriting of language in the form of "Newspeak. The effect of such a reduction in language is the limitation of critical thought. This is made abundantly clear to Winston, the main character, by his friend Syme: Do you know that Newspeak is the only language in the world whose vocabulary gets smaller every year? Control of language, then, has the very real potential to cause an epistemological crisis, not merely for an individual, but for a society. None of this is to make a case for or against a Wittgensteinian understanding of vocabulary and truth "The limits of my language means the limits of my world". Rather, it reminds us of the vast influence of language on thought and knowledge. Vocabulary, at the very least, forms a foundational framework for how we conceive of reality and, most pertinently for us, ethics. The act of prayerful civil disobedience that my friends and I committed was in response to an issue about which thought and knowledge have been coopted by drastic shifts in language. Think of terms like "illegals" and "border protection" and "tougher policy. The notion of tougher policy is an interesting example. When I was a child I was taught that to be tough meant to stand against bullies and perpetrators, not the weak and desperate. Much ink and many pixels have been taken up discussing these and other uses of language in regard to asylum seekers, and I will refrain from repeating such discussion. Wherever our language has come from, what we have now is a set of incoherent language forms - not unlike the absurd "Ignorance is strength" - that have shaped the very attitudes, the very conception of reality, of a good portion of the Australian population regarding asylum seekers. Of course, such issues of language and epistemology are not restricted to the issue of asylum seekers. In his essay "Agricultural Solutions for Agricultural Problems," farmer and poet Wendell Berry notes the industrialisation of our language: It is common, and considered acceptable, to refer to the mind as a computer: It is no wonder, he thinks, that our food systems have become polluted and exploitative. The same problems of language could be exported, in one sense or another, to any of the major issues faced by humanity. What has this all to do with prayer? My contention is that prayer should not to be viewed in a reductive way that sees it primarily in

instrumental terms as a petitionary means to seek a desired outcome. While petition is indeed a component of prayer, at least as Jews and Christians understand it, it is not in the crude cause-and-effect sense assumed by most detractors of religious devotion. If we can speak of prayer having an instrumental element, it is the almost the opposite of what is commonly assumed. The aim of prayer is not primarily to change things out there, since before we pray God knows what we need and his grace is abundant. On the contrary, prayer is instrumental inasmuch as it changes the one who prays. Prayer is, in part, a retraining in language. By introducing and socialising people into a new vocabulary, prayer shifts the framework of thought and perception, because to make a habit of some form of language necessarily changes our thinking and perception. Such habits are slow transformations, much as rocks on a beach smoothed by waves over time. Prayer is such a habit. This in itself is not unique to prayer, since any new language set achieves an equivalent shift. But this is striking in regards to prayer for at least two reasons: After all, Christians do not actually know how to pray. That is the scriptural testimony, at least; it is in fact the Spirit of God who knows how to pray Romans 8: This is important because it guarantees that genuine prayer is not the will to power. Prayer as the seed of revolution But it is not only that we do not know how to pray; we also do not know what to pray. What is the content of this new language? To begin with, the address of the prayer to "Our Father" relativises all human relationships - before and above all other socially constructed roles, we are all siblings and therefore fundamentally equal. This address also thwarts any attempt to make the object of ultimate loyalty and devotion something less than the Father of all people, an obvious subversion of the Pater Patriae, the Roman emperor "Father of the fatherland" and the temporal political realities he symbolises. To pray "your kingdom come" is to reject the pretensions of all earthly kingdoms, structures with universalising ambitions that inevitably coerce and violate. It is to reject those orders that do not conform to the will of God. It is to be a person incorporated into a community shaped to participate in a new world that is unimaginable without revelation. What is this new world? Apparently, its nature is reflected in daily bread for all and forgiveness of debts. Those shaped by such prayer over time learn to imagine an economics in which there is enough for all. Moreover, to make forgiveness a form of habitual language, and thus a pattern of thought, revolutionises human interactions, subverting expectations of retribution and favouring humility and the offer of merciful embrace. Lastly, to ask that God "lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil" recognises that we are not to cut ourselves off from the world. We remain in the world and we have responsibilities within it, but we are not to ignore or succumb to the evils in it. Such language is able to reshape the one who prays the prayer. They can come to embody an alternative reality to that reflected by nationalism, violence, greed and retribution. Prayer rearranges our very desire, and in doing so drives us to action. As Karl Barth says, "God, resists the torrent of human injustice and evil, and therefore We are those whose desires need to be transformed through ongoing prayer, and in seeking to publicly dramatise this we hope to invite others including the Immigration Minister on the same journey - not for our sake, but for the sake of the more than children in detention. If prayer is a weapon - "the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world," as Barth says - it is a weapon that we turn on ourselves as those disordered. In this sense, prayer is a public act since the world is witnessing a moment in the needed transformation of our world, and are thereby invited to take part. It is the seed of a nonviolent revolution. The act of prayer - including forming an alternative set of language habits to the world and relinquishing the will to control - is indeed radical, a kind of uprising. But what is implied here by "uprising" is unique. Uprisings tend to imply a will to power, but prayer as uprising is the making of the purposes and will of another namely, God our own. Such an act of humility is a sign of openness to guidance and reconciliation. Rather, it is for our benefit, and the benefit of the world. If prayer is to acknowledge that we are not ultimate, this implies that it is not our responsibility to generate a plan for history. And this is indeed good news, since all such historical goals eventually de-escalate into coercion for the so-called "greater good. Prayer is, in a sense, an anti-weapon. And, like Christ, the one who prays must be willing to embrace suffering as the only way of determining the meaning of history. In this way we get in touch with the living God who is doing a new thing. Prayer in the manner of Christ construes the meaning of history very differently to the powers-that-be. Prayer is the willingness to be patient and to renounce imposing our own desires on others. It is part of what Yoder calls "the readiness to renounce our legitimate ends

whenever they cannot be attained by legitimate means. The action of my friends and I was hopefully a genuine expression of such patience. We did indeed engage in a confronting act, though we sought to invite rather than coerce those who were most responsible for the evil being protested. For us, prayer was the most pertinent act in this circumstance because to protest on the basis of our own historical desires would indeed be coercive. Praying was a sign that we did not ultimately represent ourselves qua agents of change, but rather as those trying to be obedient to the will of God. This, somewhat ironically, gets at the heart of Matthew 6: The problem Jesus addresses here is not praying in public per se, but rather the use of prayer as an instrument for attaining social honour. If, however, public prayer genuinely seeks the will of God and not the one who prays, then it becomes part of the activity of what Bonhoeffer calls "the Visible Community" - a community that seeks to display to the world a life of good works that glorify God see Matthew 5: This is one of the reasons why Christians pray in relation to asylum seekers, or any social issue facing humanity. It is only in recognising and confessing our own complicity in evil and the taintedness of our very desires that we can hope to be freed from these forces. A will conformed in prayer to that of the loving, suffering, nonviolent Christ is required to work towards the transformed relationships necessary for sustainable social change. Such a transformed will can never be passive in the face of evil, as the God of Jesus Christ is not. For this reason prayer cannot simply be private. But such a transformed will can also never be coercive in response to evil, as the God of Jesus Christ is not. For this reason prayer cannot simply be instrumental. On the contrary, prayer is a weapon that turns upside down the very notion of weapons, the very notion of history, and the very notion of humanity.

5: The Parables of Jesus

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Introduction Bible scholar Madeline Boucher writes, The importance of the parables can hardly be overestimated. They comprise a substantial part of the recorded preaching of Jesus. The parables are generally regarded by scholars as among the sayings which we can confidently ascribe to the historical Jesus; they are, for the most part, authentic words of Jesus. They are often stories based on the agricultural life that was intimately familiar to His original first century audience. Some aspect of an unfamiliar concept, such as the kingdom of God, was compared to something from everyday life that could easily be understood. It is the lesson of a parable that is important to us. The story is not important in itself; it may or may not be literally true. Jesus was the master of teaching in parables. They are also cleverly designed to draw listeners into new ways of thinking, new attitudes and new ways of acting Getty-Sullivan, pp. It is a mistake to look for meaning in every sentence or detail of the story Lockyer, Parable. When he was alone, those who were around him along with the twelve asked him about the parables. Was He deliberately trying to hide the truth by speaking in parables? Were the mysteries of the kingdom of God to be known only by the disciples? Both experts and lay persons are puzzled, and many different explanations have been proposed. Jesus quoted from Isaiah 6: Jesus experienced the same disappointment and frustration. Barclay explains it this way: When Isaiah spoke, he spoke half in irony and half in despair and altogether in love. I might as well be speaking to a brick wall. You would think that God had shut their minds to it. But in so many eyes he saw a dull incomprehension. He saw so many people blinded by prejudice, deafened by wishful thinking, too lazy to think. He turned to his disciples and he said to them: He said it with the wistful longing of frustrated love, the poignant sorrow of a man who had a tremendous gift to give which people were too blind to take. If we read this, hearing not a tone of bitter exasperation, but a tone of regretful love, it will sound quite different. It will tell us not of a God who deliberately caused blindness and hid his truth, but of people who were so dully uncomprehending that it seemed no use even for God to try to penetrate the iron curtain of their lazy incomprehension. God save us from hearing his truth like that! Barclay, commentary on Mark 4: Jesus, Himself, supplied the interpretation for some of His parables. But in other cases, it is left to us to determine the meaning and lesson. Some of the parables are difficult to interpret, but the meaning is clear in most cases. Those of us who are far removed from that time and place need some help from historians and Bible scholars to understand the original cultural context and issues involved. Those are the interpretations we give here. Matthew speaks instead of the "kingdom of heaven. The Gospel of John mentions the kingdom only twice but refers many times to the closely related concept of eternal life. For hundreds of years, the Jews had been expecting the decisive intervention of God to restore the glory of Israel and defeat its enemies. When John the Baptist and then Jesus proclaimed that the kingdom was at hand, it was certainly understood in terms of this expectation. Marshall, Kingdom of God, Kingdom of Heaven However, the kingdom initiated by Jesus is not the earthly kingdom that was widely inferred from the Old Testament prophesies. It is a spiritual kingdom that is now growing in the hearts of men and women, and it will find its fulfillment in the eventual sovereign rule of God and defeat of all evil. The Parable of the Sower Jesus often compared the kingdom of God to a seed planted in the hearts of men and women. Each of us has the seed of the kingdom within us, but it will grow only if we give it the proper "care and feeding. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. He who has ears, let him hear. When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since he has no root, he lasts only a

short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away. The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful. But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Some may hear it but reject it. Some may accept it but not act on it. Just as the farmer scatters seed throughout the field, God gives His word to the entire world. Just as the seed that falls on shallow soil wilts in the sun, some people have shallow faith. Then they fall away. The kingdom of God yields great results in and through these people. The Parable of the Mustard Seed [Jesus] put before them another parable: The Parable of the Yeast Matthew There are different opinions about the meaning of this parable. Most commonly, the seed is seen as representing the kingdom of God initiated in the world by Jesus. Just as the tiny seed grows into a large tree, the kingdom of God will grow into a powerful spiritual kingdom. Similarly in Matthew In both cases, great results come from tiny beginnings. Yeast is used as an evil symbol other places in the Bible Mark 8: That has led to an alternate interpretation that the seed represents evil introduced into the Church by Satan Boice pp. The evil will grow to corrupt and undermine the Church. In a similar way, the kingdom of God has more value to us than any worldly things - possessions, pleasures, prejudices or pride. It is sometimes noted that the buyer acted deceitfully in the Parable of the Hidden Treasure. He was morally obligated to inform the owner of the field about the treasure. However, we have to keep in mind that there is only one lesson in the parable; it is a mistake to look for meaning in every detail of the story. The Parable of the Wheat and the Weeds Jesus told them another parable: But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. Where then did the weeds come from? Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. There was no way to determine which was wheat and which was darnel until both had matured and it was time for the harvest. Then the poisonous darnel had to be laboriously separated from the wheat Barclay, Commentary on Matthew Just as both wheat and weeds grow together in a field, there are both good people and evil people in the world. Just as it is difficult to distinguish the darnel from the wheat, we cannot accurately determine who is truly good and who is truly evil. With our limited human understanding, an evil person may appear to be good, and a good person may appear to be evil. Just as the owner of the field prohibited his servants from pulling up the weeds, it is not our privilege to judge other people. Just as the harvesters separate the weeds from the wheat in the end, God will determine who is truly good and who is truly evil at the final judgment. Only God knows all the facts about a person. Even evil people have an opportunity to repent until the time of death. We must be tolerant of other people and leave the task of judgment to God.

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According to his Acta he was martyred by being beaten, attacked with iron carding combs, and beheaded. In iconography, Blaise is often shown with the instruments of his martyrdom, iron combs. The similarity of these instruments of torture to wool combs led to his adoption as patron of wool combers in particular, and the wool trade in general. He may also be depicted with crossed candles. Such crossed candles left unlighted for safety reasons are used for the blessing of throats on the feast day of St. Blaise, which falls on February 3, the day after Candlemas on the General Roman Calendar, Blaise is traditionally believed to intercede in cases of throat illnesses, especially for fish-bones stuck in the throat. This comes from a legend, which tells us, that Blaise healed a young boy, who would have died because of a fish-bone stuck in his throat. He cured animals and lived in a cave, protected and fed by wild animals. Before being killed, he spoke to a wolf and told it to release a pig it was harming. The wolf did so. Saint Blaise was going to be starved but the owner of the pig secretly gave him food in order to survive. After a while, he was tortured because of what he believed in but did not give up faith, he then died in the year Wool comb, candles, tending a choking boy or animals Patronage: Animals, builders, choking, veterinarians, throats, Sicily, Dalmatia, Dubrovnik, Rubiera, stonecutters, carvers, wool workers. O God, deliver us through the intercession of Thy holy bishop and martyr Blaise, from all evil of soul and body, especially from all ills of the throat; and grant us the grace to make a good confession in the confident hope of obtaining Thy pardon, and ever to praise with worthy lips Thy most holy name. Through Christ our Lord. He was born in Florence, in, as member of the illustrious Corsini family. Wild and dissolute in youth, he was startled by the words of his mother about what had happened to her before his birth, and, becoming a Carmelite monk in his native city, began a life of great mortification. He studied at Paris and Avignon. On his return, Andrew became the "Apostle of Florence". He was regarded as a prophet and a thaumaturgus. After being called to the post of bishop of Fiesole, which he did not want, he fled. He was discovered by a child at the charterhouse at Enna, and was subsequently compelled to accept the honour. He redoubled his austerities as a bishop, was lavish in his care of the poor, and was sought for everywhere as a peacemaker, notably at Bologna, whither he was sent as papal legate to heal the breach between the nobility and the people. After twelve years in the episcopacy, he died in at the age of seventy-one. In, while he had been celebrating the midnight Mass of Christmas, the Blessed Virgin appeared to him and told him he would leave this world on the feast of the Epiphany, to meet God. It came to pass, and he died on that day [1]. His feast is kept on February 4. John Lateran a magnificent chapel dedicated to his 14th century kinsman. Invoked against riots and civil disorder Prayer: God our Father, you reveal that those who work for peace will be called your children. Through the prayers of St Andrew Corsini, who excelled as a peacemaker help us to work without ceasing for that justice which brings truth and lasting peace. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Her memorial day is on February 5 according to the Gregorian calendar and February 18 on the Julian calendar still used by some Eastern Orthodox churches. Agatha was born at Catania and she was martyred in approximately AD She is the patron saint of Catania. She is one of seven women, excluding the Blessed Virgin, commemorated by name in the Canon of the Mass. According to variations of her legend, having rejected the amorous advances of a Roman prefect, she was persecuted by him for her Christian faith. Among the tortures she underwent was the cutting off of her breasts. She is therefore often depicted iconographically carrying her excised breasts on a platter. The shape of her amputated breasts, especially as depicted in artistic renderings, gave rise to her attribution as the patron saint of bell-founders and as the patron saint of bakers. More recently, she is venerated as patron saint of breast cancer patients. Her scorned admirer eventually sentenced her to death by being burnt at the stake. However, she was saved from this fate by a mysterious earthquake. She later died in prison. She is considered as patron saint of Malta since her intercession is reported to have saved Malta from Turkish invasion in Ali, Sicily; bellfounders; breast cancer; bakers; Catania, Sicily; against fire; earthquakes; eruptions of Mount Etna; fire; jewelers; martyrs;

natural disasters ; nurses ; Palermo , Sicily; rape victims; single laywomen; sterility ; torture victims; volcanic eruptions ; wetnurses ; Zamarramala, Spain Prayer. Dear Virgin and Martyr, whom the Church recalls in her liturgy, you heroically resisted the temptations of a degenerate ruler. Subjected to long and horrible tortures, you remained faithful to your heavenly Spouse. Saint Peter, we are told, gave you some solace and so you are invoked by nurses. Encourage them to see Christ in the sick and to render true service to them. February 6 [edit] Saint Amand or Amandus Amantius c. Apparently of noble birth, Amand was born in Lower Poitou. From there he went to Bourges , where under the direction of the bishop, Saint Austregisilus , he lived in solitude on bread and water in a cell for fifteen years. After a pilgrimage to Rome , he was consecrated in France as a missionary bishop in He began first to evangelize the pagans of Ghent , later extending his field of operations across Flanders. Initially he had little success, until the miracle of bringing back to life a hanged criminal changed the feelings of the people, after which he had many converts. Under his supervision monasteries were established. Returning to France, in , he angered Dagobert I by his efforts to turn the king from his sinful life. His next apostolate was among the Slavs of the Danube the modern Slovakia , but it was unsuccessful, and he is next found in Rome, reporting the results to the Papal office. While returning to France he is said to have calmed a storm at sea. Amand was also commissioned to call councils in Neustria and Austrasia in order to pass on to the bishops of Gaul decrees enacted at Rome; the bishops in turn required Amand to pass back to Rome the acts of the councils. He took the opportunity to relinquish his bishopric, and to resume his work as a missionary. Thirty years before he had gone into the Basque country to preach, with little success; the inhabitants now asked him to return, and although he was by this time seventy years old, he undertook the work of evangelizing them, in which he seems to have been successful. He died in his monastery of Elnon later Saint-Amand , near Tournai at the age of ninety.

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Then, in verses , James gives the positive way for one to speak, as the good practice of prayer is an expression of one's belief in God.6 What is more, one would swear an oath on something far less holy than God Almighty.

If prayed regularly, lectio can deepen our relationship with God. A prayerful reading of the Bible within what is traditionally called lectio divina is an urgent task if we are to be faithful to what God asks of us today. It is something like curing the veins when the blood which keeps us alive has to flow. To this end, we offer: In these words of advice, reference is made to the Carmelite Rule, written by Saint Albert of Jerusalem in the early thirteenth century the paragraph numbering follows that agreed by the Carmelite and Discalced Carmelite Orders in The Process of Lectio Divina 1. When you begin a lectio divina of the Bible you are not concerned with study; you are not going to read the Bible in order either to increase your knowledge or to prepare for some apostolate. You are not reading the Bible in order to have some extraordinary experience. There must be poverty in you; you must also have the disposition which the old man Eli recommended to Samuel: Listening to God does not depend on you or on the effort you make. Thus you need to prepare yourself by asking him to send his Spirit, since without the Spirit of God it is impossible to discover the meaning of the Word which God has prepared for us today cf. It is important to create the right surroundings which will facilitate recollection and an attentive listening to the Word of God. For this, you must build your cell within you and around you and you must stay in it Carmelite Rule: When you open the Bible, you have to be conscious that you are opening a Book which is not yours. It belongs to the community. In your lectio divina you are setting foot in the great Tradition of the Church which has come down through the centuries. Your prayerful reading is like the ship which carries down the winding river to the sea. The light shining from the sea has already enlightened the dark night of many generations. In having your own experience of lectio divina you are alone. An attentive and fruitful reading of the Bible involves three steps. It has to be marked from beginning to end, by three attitudes: First of all, you have to ask, What does the text say as text? This requires you to be silent. Everything in you must be silent so that nothing stands in the way of your gleaning what the texts say to you Carmelite Rule: Chapter 21 and so that you do not make the text say what you would like to hear. You must ask, What does the text say to me or to us? In this second step we enter into dialogue Carmelite Rule: Furthermore, you have to try to discover What does the text lead me to say to God? The result, the fourth step, the destination of lectio divina, is contemplation. We begin to see the world and life through the eyes of the poor, through the eyes of God. We assume our own poverty and eliminate from our way of thinking all that smacks of the powerful. We recognise all the many things which we thought were fidelity to God, to the Gospel, and to the Tradition; in reality they were nothing more than fidelity to ourselves and our own interests. We get a taste, even now, of the love of God which is above all things. We come to see that in our lives true love of God is revealed in love of our neighbour Carmelite Rule: So that your lectio divina does not end up being the conclusions of your own feelings, thoughts and caprices, but has the deepest roots, it is important to take account of three demands: Check the result of your reading with the community to which you belong Carmelite Rule: Chapter 15 , with the faith of the living Church. Otherwise it could happen that your effort might lead you nowhere cf. Check what you read in the Bible with what is going on in life around you. It was in confronting their faith with the situation existing around them that the people of God created the traditions which up to today are visible in the Bible. When the lectio divina does not reach its goal in our life, the reason is not always our failure to pray, our lack of attention to the faith of the Church, or our lack of serious study of the text. Oftentimes it is simply our failure to pay attention to the crude and naked reality which surrounds us. The early Christian writer Cassian tells us that anyone who lives superficially "without seeking to go deeper" will not be able to reach the source where the Psalms were born. Check the conclusions of your reading with the results of biblical studies which have shown the literal meaning of the words. Lectio divina, it has to be said, cannot remain chained to the letter. That would be a way of falling into the trap of fundamentalism. In this day and age, when so many ideas are flying about, common sense is a most important quality. Common sense will be nourished by critical study of the written word. So that we will not

go astray on this point, the Carmelite Rule tells us to follow the example of the Apostle Paul Carmelite Rule: The Apostle Paul gives various bits of advice on how to read the Bible. He himself was an excellent interpreter. Here are some of the norms and attitudes which he taught and followed: When you set yourself to read the Bible – a Look upon yourself as the one to whom the word is addressed, since everything was written for our instruction 1 Corinthians The Bible is our book. The Apostle Paul also united the two. He received his mission from the community of Antioch and spoke from that background Acts Paul began from what was going on in the communities which he founded 1 Corinthians When you read the Bible, be always aware that the text of the Bible is not only a fact. It is also a symbol Hebrews It is both a window through which you see what happened to others in the past and a mirror in which you can see what is happening to you today 1 Corinthians A prayerful reading is like a gentle flood which, little by little, waters the earth and makes it fruitful Isaiah In beginning to dialogue with God in lectio divina, you grow like a tree planted near streams of water Psalm 1: You cannot see the growth but you can see its results in your encounter with yourself, with God, and with others. One final point to be born in mind: When you do a lectio divina, the principal object is not to interpret the Bible, nor to get to know its content, nor to increase your knowledge of the history of the people of God, nor to experience extraordinary things, but rather to discover, with the help of the written Word, the living Word which God speaks to you today, in your life, in our lives, in the life of the people, in the world in which we live Psalm Ten points for personal Lectio Divina The attitude of the faithful disciple: The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word the one that is weary. Morning by morning God wakens, wakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. Slow and attentive reading of the text 3. A moment of interior silence, to recall what I have read 4. Look at the meaning of each phrase 5. Bring the word into the present, ponder it in relation to my life 6. Broaden my vision by relating this text to other biblical texts 7. Read the text again, prayerfully, giving a response to God 8. Formulate my commitment in life 9. Pray a suitable psalm Choose a phrase which captures the meaning and memorise it The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I turned not backward. I gave my back to the smiters – For the Lord God helps me; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Seven suggestions for group Lectio Divina Jesus stood in their midst and said: Peace be with you. Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. Reading of the text - Slow and attentive reading, followed by a moment of silence. What does the text say? Its meaning for us - Ponder the text and discover its meaning for today. Pray with the text - Read the text again with great attention. Contemplation and commitment - Formulate the commitment to which the prayerful reading has led. A psalm - Pick a psalm which is in tune with all that has been experienced in the meeting. The kings of the earth set themselves in array and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed.

8: Have You Lost Your Mind? (A study of Christ's prayer life) | HANDLING ARIGHT

Belief that God has chosen Israel, and related to the Jews through a special covenant. If the Jews kept their part, God would bless them; if they didn't, God would withhold his blessing. One of four pillars of Judaism.

Among the 24 metropolitans who held the throne before the Mongol invasion, only two were of local origin and the rest were Greek. Usually, they were appointed by Constantinople and were not chosen by the bishops of their dioceses, as it should be done according to the Canon. In particular, the Grand Dukes of Lithuania sought from Constantinople a separate Metropolitan for the Orthodox who lived in their lands. In Moscow, this decision was rejected outright, and Metropolitan Isidor, consecrated by Constantinople, was accused in heresy, imprisoned, and later expelled. In Patriarch Dionysius I stated that Constantinople would not recognize any metropolitan ordained without its blessing. This decision was finally confirmed by the four older Patriarchs in 1454. At the same time, the Orthodox hierarchs of those lands were inclined to the Union with Rome, despite the resistance of their parishes, who formed the Orthodox brotherhoods or fraternities to keep their identity. On the way from Moscow, Jeremiah II visited the lands of present-day Ukraine and committed an unprecedented act, granting Stauropegia direct subordination to Patriarch to many Orthodox brotherhoods. This provoked the anger of the local bishops and soon the Union of Brest was proclaimed, which was supported by the majority of the Orthodox bishops of the Commonwealth, including Metropolitan Michail Rogoza. Officially, the Orthodox but not the Uniate Metropolis of Kiev in the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth was eliminated and re-established only in 1773, in subsequent co-existence with Uniate Metropolis. That led to sharp conflict and numerous revolts culminating in the Khmelnytsky Uprising. In 1773, Russia entered the war with the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth; it quickly occupied, for a while, the lands of present Belarus, and gained some power over the Hetmanate pursuant to the Pereyaslav Agreement. However, the Metropolitan of Kiev Sylvester Kossov had managed to defend his independence from the Moscow Patriarchate. The Moscow government, which needed the support of the Orthodox clergy, postponed the resolution of this issue. In 1773, the Ecumenical Patriarch approved a new Orthodox Metropolitan of Kiev who would be ordained by the Moscow Patriarchate and thus transferred, albeit with certain qualifications, a part of the Kiev ecclesiastical province to the jurisdiction of Patriarchate of Moscow the Russian Orthodox Church. Three Orthodox churches in Ukraine[edit] Since the end of the 20th century, three Orthodox jurisdictions have existed in Ukraine. This church was, until 11 October 2018, the only Orthodox church in Ukraine recognized by other Orthodox churches. Filaret was then anathemized by the Russian Orthodox Church in Moscow"Constantinople schism The Moscow"Constantinople schism of began on 23 February 1988, when the Russian Orthodox Church severed full communion with the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, [47] and ended on 16 May 1988 when the Russian Orthodox Church and the Ecumenical Patriarchate reached an agreement establishing parallel jurisdictions. Both schisms were caused by a dispute between the Russian Orthodox Church and the Ecumenical Patriarchate over the canonical jurisdiction over a territory in Eastern Europe upon which the Russian Orthodox Church claimed to have the exclusive canonical jurisdiction, territory which after the collapse of the Soviet Union had become an independent state Ukraine, Estonia. The break of communion in 1988 was made by Moscow unilaterally, as in Relevant discussion may be found on the talk page. Please do not remove this message until conditions to do so are met. October Learn how and when to remove this template message Elpidophoros, Metropolitan of Bursa under the jurisdiction of the Ecumenical Patriarchate [53], claimed that Russian Orthodox Church has a certain tendency to isolate itself from the other Orthodox churches. In June 1988, the council was held in Crete. However, a few days before it began, the Russian Orthodox Church refused to participate. Previously the Orthodox churches of Georgia, Bulgaria, and Antioch had also refused to participate. One of the issues cited was the method of proclaiming the autonomy of the Orthodox churches. On 11 June, before the adoption of the resolution by the Rada, the Moscow Patriarchate sharply criticized the appeal of the deputies. He added that the "Constantinople Patriarchate is waiting for the request and guidance from the Ukrainian Orthodox jurisdictions here, but first of all it is waiting for a step from the President of Ukraine". Rising tensions over a possible autocephalous Ukrainian Church[edit] On 9

April , Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko had a meeting in Istanbul with the Ecumenical Patriarch during which Poroshenko "noted the importance of the introduction of a Single Local Orthodox Church in Ukraine aspired by the Ukrainian people. The hierarchs also informed the patriarch about the current situation of church life in Ukraine. Patriarch Bartholomew delivered the keynote address to over Hierarchs of the Throne, stating, among other things: Already from the early 14th century, when the See of the Kievan Metropolis was moved without the canonical permission of the Mother Church to Moscow, there have been tireless efforts on the part of our Kievan brothers for independence from ecclesiastical control by the Moscow center. Indeed, the obstinacy of the Patriarchate of Moscow was instrumental in occasionally creating repeated mergers and restorations of ecclesiastical eparchies, uncanonical elections of Bishops as well as schisms, which still afflict the pious Ukrainian people. In the event that Constantinople carries through its cunning plan of granting the autocephaly, it will mean that a group of schismatics will receive it. The canonical Church will not accept this autocephaly. The Russian Church will not recognize this autocephaly, of course. We will have no other choice but to break the communion with Constantinople. By his actions he will, in fact, split the world Orthodoxy. To suspend the liturgical prayerful commemoration of Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople. To suspend concelebration with hierarchs of the Patriarchate of Constantinople. To suspend the participation of the Russian Orthodox Church in all Episcopal Assemblies, theological dialogues, multilateral commissions and other structures chaired or co-chaired by representatives of the Patriarchate of Constantinople. To adopt a statement of the Holy Synod concerning the uncanonical actions of the Patriarchate of Constantinople in Ukraine. In the interview, Hilarion stated []: The lay people who come to Mount Athos or find themselves in churches of the Patriarchate of Constantinople can take communion in them. But we refuse to concelebrate with hierarchs of the Patriarchate of Constantinople since every time they mention the name of their Patriarch during the liturgy while we have suspended it.

9: Rebellion against Moses' Leadership (Numbers). Moses Bible Study.

Instead, tell your requests to God in your every prayer and petition "with thanksgiving" (Philippians). The second is the example of the wedding in Cana, where Jesus, in answer to His mother's request, turned water into wine in a way that exceeded the needs of the party.

An Exegesis of James 5: The biblical writer concludes his letter with a powerful exhortation to faithful prayer. One might notice that an exhortation to pray is common among the endings of other New Testament letters. Therefore, though much of James does not appear to follow the standard epistolary form, the text does indeed start and end looking like a letter to some degree. His ultimate answer to the problem is to pray fervently. James, then, reads like an inclusio. It is good hermeneutical practice to also look for immediate contextual connections. Verses of the fifth chapter serve as an illustration of what James wrote in the immediately preceding verses. In the previous section, James encouraged his readers to show patience as they endure the trials they face. There are several similarities to note between and Eerdmans Publishing Company, , Third, both passages end with a brief account of an exemplary Old Testament figure Job in 5: Finally, in both passages rain refers to the promised hope of restoration, which must be waited for patiently in faith and prayer 5: Verse 12 expresses a negative way for one to speak, as unbelief lies behind oath swearing. James indicates that his readers should be relying on the holiest entity that exists and nothing less. Baker Academic, , See also Ralph P. Martin, James in Word Biblical Commentary: Word Books, Publisher, , Martin offers a very intriguing yet speculative view of the connection between verse 12 and what follows. He argues that the Sitz im Leben of verse 12 could be traced back to the attempt of James, a leader in the Jewish community, at achieving an agreement between subscribers to the messianic faith and the Zealot faction. For evidence to his theory, he points out that according to Josephus, the revolutionary sicarii would take oaths. James is arguing, then, against an activist approach to bringing in the Kingdom of God, as demonstrated by the sicarii. Rather, the better way is submission to the divine will through prayer, an expression of submission. Thus Martin sees James as thoroughly anti-Zealot. This makes better sense of 5: It further makes the example of Elijah more powerful, for if Elijah had passively waited for rain to come, the eventual rainfall would have nothing to do with the prophet. Elijah actively demonstrated his faith in God. Such actions unite brothers and sisters into one coherent family as they share the sufferings of trials, the joyful songs of the cheerful, and the responsibility of caring for the sick. Regarding when to pray, James indicates three different times "in times of suffering 5: Eerdmans, , Hebrews-James, edited by R. Scott Nash et al. Smyth and Helwys Publishing, Inc. Martin, , finds four different kinds of prayer covered in this section: Each make separate points that serve to contribute to the overall theme of the section. InterVarsity Press, , Easter 5 draw the readers into participation with his words cf. Based on the questions posed and the broad range of human emotions they cover, it is safe to assume that most readers would find personal application. He sees such difficulty as a time of trial, which he has been addressing throughout the whole letter. But James gives the opposite exhortation: This, then, sets up his example of Elijah in 5: XII, edited by Leander E. Abingdon Press, , Easter 6 one who is above all compassionate and merciful 5: Such gratitude is channeled to God through praise cf. This joy will cause a negation of envy and promote a shared cheerfulness with the entire community. It is possible that James has publicity in mind regarding each human response. Regarding prayer, verses 14 and 16 seem to point to communal prayer. James continues the imperatives by asking if anyone is sick. If one is sick, James says he is to call on the elders¹⁸ of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil. This is the final reason James indicates calling for prayer. The sick man is to summon the elders of the church for three reasons: The office of eldership was standard even in early Israelite history Exod. While the Christian elders were established on their own doctrine, they too represent authority cf. The elders were appointed over the misery churches Acts Ray Clendenen et al. Easter 7 responsibility for other members of the church. Keener notes that a general prayer for healing was a blessing regularly recited in first-century synagogues. Visiting the sick, often with a useful gift, was an act of piety in early Judaism and was probably carried on by the early Christians. The fact that the elders come to pray does not exempt the rest of the community from praying. The elders serve as

visual representatives of the whole prayerful community. Therefore, the sick person is not isolated from the community but remains a part of it even through the illness. Gundry, *Commentary on the New Testament: Hendrickson Publishers*, New Testament Downers Grove: This indicates that the word can carry near-death implications, and thereby the sick one is on bed rest cf. Rather, James certainly has physical conditions in mind. However, by James ordering the elders to the side of the sick, it is a sign to the ill that he is not excluded from the community. Easter 8 Jesus promised Mt. Hence, sickness begs prayer. James gives four directions for prayer—call on the elders of the church 5: First, James exhorts the sick to call on the elders of the church to assist him. Ben Sira 38 puts physicians in honorable light and advises that the sick seek them out, but James neglects to do so. It is helpful, then, to understand the first-century convictions concerning sickness. The first-century peoples did not understand the microscopic world of germs, bacteria, viruses, and things of the like. There were several different options for the sick ones in the first-century Mediterranean world. For instances, they might spend time in the temples of Asclepius,²⁶ resort to magic, or consult a physician. Asclepius, Apollo, Hygeia, Panacea, et al. Some cities employed physicians responsible for the health of the people, but only the wealthy upper class could afford their services. Zondervan, He recalls evidence for more than such sanctuaries, making Asclepius one of the most worshiped deities in the first-century Greco-Roman world. Fortress Press, , , , Easter 9 workers, or magicians. Furthermore, James relies on the power not of these gods but of the God Almighty. James counters the pagan methods of healing by describing the Christian method. Specifically, when one is ill, he should not seek help from a practice that would bring him in contact with pagan rituals. Rather, healing is promoted through the faithful prayer and anointing of the elders in the church. Therefore, the fact that James advises the elders to come pray over the sick rather than calling for a physician or magician should not be surprising. Though James does not mention the physicians in his assisting the sick, he does not completely rule out the use of medicine. See also Douglas J. Moo, Zondervan, The practice developed into Extreme Unction A. The Council of Trent, Session Complete healing of the sick is considered a possibility as well. It is worth noting that the call to anoint with oil is not prescribed for Christians anywhere else in the New Testament. A sacrament based only on a single passage of Scripture, and one that has many interpretive questions, for that matter, is suspect to scrutiny. In fact, Michael Sattler c. The passage at hand is amongst the group of the unclear references.

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