

“The Prayer of Faith” – Sunday, August 26, 2018

Text: James 5:13-20

Is there a place for us, as Friends/Quakers, for anointing the sick?

FOCUS: Let us look at some of the questions and answers concerning anointing with oil.

1. Is It _____ of Us?

I believe it is **not!** I do not find any other Biblical corroborative evidence for it being **commanded**, anywhere. Here are some other Biblical texts:

- **Isaiah 1:6**
- **Mark 6:13**
- **Luke 10:30-34** – the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

No command is present here, just a declaration that anointing the sick with oil appears to be fairly common in both O.T and N.T. times.

2. It Appears That It Was Primarily _____

By Practical, I mean **Medicinal**. Do we not still use oils and lotions medicinally?

3. _____ (the spiritual) Accompanies the _____ (the physical).

NOTE THIS: it is NOT the oil that heals, but...

4. The _____ of Faith...

- Healing

- Repentance:
 - C _____ to **one another** – **doesn't have to be a priest or pastor!**
 - F _____
 - R _____.
- Why is the Prayer of a Righteous _____ so very important?
- **Matthew 18:19-20**

A righteous man or woman can help you to find the truth of God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

How does James wrap things up here? He returns to the core issue. It isn't about anointing and oil, or even physical healing. It is primarily about the danger of us becoming entangled in sin again, and how we can be restored to the Lord if need be.

Doing this can make us a part of the redemption of our Lord, saving someone from eternal damnation and restoring that someone to faith and fellowship with Christ and His Church. Doing this can also “...**cover over a multitude of sins.**”

Does this mean that we should NOT use oil unless it is for medicinal purposes? Let each exercise his/her conscience in this. Let us be free in the Spirit to make that choice without duress.