

## Introduction - A Lesson from Susan

- A Look at the Problem = "Sickness" (3 types)
  1. Sickness for \_\_\_\_\_. 1 John 5:16
  2. Sickness for \_\_\_\_\_. 1 Cor. 11:30-32
  3. Sickness for \_\_\_\_\_ . John 11:4
  
- A Look at Solutions = "Healing" (5 views)
  1. Sensationalists
  2. Confessionalists
  3. Anti-Supernaturalists
  4. Rationalists
  5. Biblical Realists

## God's Plan for Healing = James 5:14-18

God's specific instruction for the physically ill is...

*<sup>14</sup>Is anyone among you sick? Then he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; <sup>15</sup>and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him.*

James 5:14-15 (NASB)

- Who are the sick?
- What are the sick to do?
- What are the elders to do?
- What does God promise to do?
- What conditions qualify God's promise to heal?

## God's general application for physical health...

*<sup>16</sup>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.*

*<sup>17</sup>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.*

*<sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and the sky poured rain and the earth produced its fruit.*

James 5:16-18 (NASB)

- What is the presumed relationship between sin and sickness in this passage?
- What are we all told to do regularly for our health?
- What kind of prayer has healing impact?
- Who qualifies to be heard by God for healing and the miraculous?

## Conclusion - Getting the "Big Picture" on Healing

- Three Biblical Models of Healing
  1. The Intervention of God – Acts 3:1-9
  2. The Interaction of God – 1 Timothy 5:23
  3. The Enabling of God – 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

## Discussion Questions

1. Why have so many been disillusioned with God concerning healing?
2. How does false doctrine fracture lives?
3. Describe the practical steps given by God in James 5:14-18 with regard to healing. What new insights did you gain?
4. Why are both confession and prayer vital to receive healing from God?
5. Who do you know that needs your fervent prayer for their infirmity? Stop now and pray for them.