

**Sunday, October 5, 2025**  
**James: The Power of Prayer**  
**James 5:16-18**

**Scripture passage: Colossians 1:9-12**

**1. Can mend damaged \_\_\_\_\_ when we have sinned against each other.**

*'The passage, therefore, is not speaking of the gathering of groups or the holding of a meeting in which believers tell each other about their sins, nor can such practices be justified on the ground of James 5:16....The biblical position regarding confessing sin can be summed up in this way: Confession must be made to the person against whom we have sinned and from whom we need and desire to receive forgiveness...There is 'secret confession' to God because there are secret sins committed against God alone. Next, there is 'private confession', because some of our sins are committed against a particular man as well as God, a private individual, or two or three such, and must be confessed to the offended party. Thirdly, there is a 'public confession', because some sins are committed against a group...a community or the whole congregation and must therefore be confessed publicly.'*

- Alec Motyer

**2. Is the \_\_\_\_\_ of all believers.**

**3. Is vividly \_\_\_\_\_ in the life of Elijah.**

*<sup>36</sup> At the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, Elijah the prophet came near and said, "O Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, today let it be known that You are God in Israel and that I am Your servant and I have done all these things at Your word. <sup>37</sup> Answer me, O Lord, answer me, that this people may know that You, O Lord, are God, and that You have turned their heart back again." <sup>38</sup> Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench."*

1 Kings 18:36-38

*<sup>3</sup> And he was afraid and arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. <sup>4</sup> But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree; and he requested for himself that he might die, and said, "It is enough; now, O Lord, take my life, for I am not better than my fathers." <sup>5</sup> He lay down and slept under a juniper tree; and behold, there was an angel touching him, and he said to him, "Arise, eat."*

1 Kings 19:3-5

**Doing the Word:**

- **See that prayer is a gift for all seasons.**
- **Confess our sins to those we have sinned against and pray together.**
- **Give thanks for Christ and that because of Him we are righteous.**
- **Recognize that praying is the most powerful thing we can do, and resolve to grow in our prayer lives.**