

***Sermon Title:* SUFFERING AND SINGING**

Date: October 13, 2024 - James 5:13

Central Idea: When our experiences range from affliction to cheerfulness, let us pray and praise.

Introduction:

When we face trouble, we pray; when we are free of trouble, we praise. This does not mean that we do not praise God in the midst of trouble nor that we do not pray in times of no trouble. We pray and praise God all the time. But when we are facing trouble, God wants us primarily seeking Him for power and deliverance and for courage to be a great witness for Him as we walk through it all. And when we are free of trouble, God wants us mainly praising and rejoicing in Him.

I. Is Anyone in Trouble? Pray!

- 1. Temptations, Matthew 26:41**
- 2. Trials, Luke 18:1**
- 3. Prayer, Ephesians 6:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:17**

II. Is Anyone Happy? Praise!

- 1. The joy of confidence, Hebrews 4:16**
- 2. The joy of assurance, Ephesians 5:19**
- 3. The joy of praise, Acts 16:25-34**

Conclusion:

Prayer is certainly a high and holy privilege. Just think—as God’s children, we can come freely and boldly to His throne and share with Him our needs! The mature Christian is prayerful in the troubles of life. Instead of complaining about his or her situation, this person talks to God about it. And God hears and answers the believer’s prayer.