

# Study Guide to Alexander Strauch's *Biblical Eldership*

## Chapter 12: James' Instruction to the Sick

**Q:** How does **James 5:13-15** inform pastoral ministry? Be specific. What can be learned about proper shepherding from this passage?

**A:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Q:** What should happen when a person requests that the elders pray over them because of sickness? How is it initiated? What is the process? What steps are involved?

**A:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Q:** Strauch quotes Kistemaker who writes, "The practice of calling on the elders of the church to pray over the sick seems to belong to a bygone age" (pg. 255). Why is this? Should we still practice this? Defend your answer.

**A:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Q:** James writes that it is the prayer "offered in faith" which will restore the person. What does this mean? What does this mean for elders?

**A:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Q:** What is the relationship between sin and sickness, and healing and forgiveness in this passage? How do these connections influence the actions of the elders when this is practiced?

**A:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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