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Q. Why do Catholics invariably call for the priest to anoint them when they are dying?

A. Because in our Bible they are commanded to do so, and they follow, word for word, the injunction of St. James: "Is any man sick amongst you. Let him bring in the priests of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick man, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he be in sins they shall be forgiven him" (James, v. 14, 15). We see here the advantages of this sacrament. The relieving of the sick person, and if he has been in sins they are forgiven. Many sick persons are deprived of the use of speech when dying, and cannot confess their sins; but if they have real sorrow for them in their hearts, God forgives them, through the merits of his Son Jesus Christ infused into the soul through this sacrament. If ever the poor sinner requires strength from above it is when the gates of eternity are opening upon him, and here a merciful God steps in to reconcile the sinner on earth before the time of reconciliation has passed. The Church, from the very beginning, administered this sacrament; the Catholic Church alone retains all the merciful institutions of Jesus Christ; no other church even pretends to it.

Obj. Was not this anointing only to cure the body, and a mere ceremony that was to be discontinued?

A. We do not read so in the Bible, for St. James says: "If the sick person be in sin, it will