

The Truth About Healing

Healing is the Will of God.

3 John 2 (NKJV) *“Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in **health**, just as your soul prospers.”*

- To be in health means to be sound in body and perfect in health.
- To **prosper** (Gk. euodoo) means to **be well**, to succeed in reaching, progress successfully or have a prosperous journey.
- It is God’s will that you prosper (be well) not just in your soul but also in your body.
 - Why is it important that you prosper in your body?
 - It is because your soul needs your body in order to get around. A healthy soul won’t be any good to anyone if it can’t get around and function in its purpose.
 - You’re no good to anyone when you’re bed stricken with a life threatening disease. You can be the greatest artist in the world or the greatest preacher in the world but if you’re too sick to do anything or go anywhere, you’re no good to anyone.
 - It is crucial that the children of God walk in divine health (prospering in their bodies) so that they can fulfill the purposes and will of God in the earth.
- It is God will and heart that you are always in perfect health every single day of your life.
- (Don’t let anyone tell you otherwise. Healing has always been and still is today apart of the perfect plan of God for humanity.)
- Lastly, 3 John 2 reveals to us that healing is the will of God.

Looking at the words of Jesus... “it is MY will”

John 6:38 (NKJV) *“For I have come down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of Him who sent Me.”*

- What was apart of God’s will? – Healing! Jesus came to earth to not only forgive us of all our sins but to also heal us from all our sicknesses and diseases.

Mark 1:40, 41 (NKJV) *“Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, ‘If You are willing, You can make me clean.’ Then Jesus, moved with compassion stretched out His hand and touched him and said to him, ‘I am willing; be cleansed.’”*

- God’s view on healing is clear in this passage by the response Jesus gave to the leper when asked “Are you willing?” Jesus without hesitation answers “I am willing; I do care, for my heart has always been to heal you from all your hurts.”
- Some insist that we must always preface our prayer for healing with, “if it is your will.” This is untrue. How can one have positive faith who begins a request with an “if.” We do not pray for salvation with an “if.” The leper was certain that Jesus was able to heal him; however, he was not sure that it was Jesus’ will to heal him.
 - **IMPORTANT:** Its one thing to know that Jesus has the ability to heal but it’s another thing to know that Jesus has a desire to heal you. If we are to receive our healing we must believe that God is willing.
 - **REMEMBER:** you receive what you believe
- The truth you believe is the truth you receive and the lie you believe is the lie you receive. If you believe the enemy’s lie that God wants you sick than you’ll receive that and keep suffering. On the other hand if you believe God’s Word in Psalm 103:3 where He says “I am the Lord who forgives all your sins and who heals all your diseases,” you will receive healing and forgiveness.



Looking at the works of Jesus...HE healed all who came to Him

The scriptural emphasis on the healing ministry of Jesus is that He healed all who came to Him.

- In the Bible there are certain terms describing salvation and healing. The terms describing who is to be healed are similar to the terms describing who is to be born again.
 - For Salvation: All & Whoever
 - For Healing: All & Every

These are Scriptures which show that healing is for all.

- Matt. 9:35 “*And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.*”
- Matt. 14:36 “*And begged Him that they might touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched it were made perfectly well.*”
- Matt. 12:15 “*But when Jesus knew it, He withdrew from there; and great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them all.*”
- Matt. 8:16 “*When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick.*”
- Luke 6:19 “*And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for the power went out from Him and healed them all.*”
- Acts 10:38 “*...how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.*”

God hasn't Changed

The Bible declares in the book of Hebrews that Jesus hasn't changed; He is still the same today.

Hebrews 13:8 “*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.*”

- If He healed while He was on this earth, He will still heal today! Everyone that comes to Jesus by faith can receive their healing.

Don't Set Aside the Healing Grace of God

Isaiah 53:5 (NKJV) “*But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.*”

- When we ignore what God's Word says about healing, we are ignoring the grace of God. We are making the suffering, the stripes Jesus bore in his body for our healing of no effect.
- Don't set aside God's healing grace in exchange for the enemy's lies and the suggestions and knowledge of men.
- You must know the truth of God's Word for it alone has the power to heal the incurable, deliver the impossible and defeat any enemy against you.
- Let me say that AGAIN: God's Word has the POWER to heal the incurable, deliver the impossible and defeat any enemy that is against you (that includes sickness, depression, disease, cancer, asthma, aches and sprains, whatever the name may be, it must all bow and submit to the name of Jesus who is also called the Word of God.)

Your Knowledge is the Key

Healing can save your life, the lives of your family and your friends.

Hosea 4:6a (KJV) “*My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.*”

- We must be careful to protect the Word of God that is sown into our hearts so that we can benefit from it and not be destroyed for lack of it.

Source of Sickness

All sickness and disease are from the devil and not from God. Many are sick because they have given place to spirits of infirmity through sin, disobedience, or by ignoring principles of good health and nutrition.



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As long as there is any doubt on these issues in our minds, we will be double-minded, with little faith for healing, living lives of defeat. In order to properly know how to deal with the problem of sickness, we must have a solid understanding of its origin, source and purpose. When we discover the truth regarding the source of sickness, disease and pain, we will be set free to boldly receive our healing.

Ephesians 4:27 “...give no place to the devil.”

- Using our knowledge of God’s Word, we can resist the devil, the spirits of infirmity, or the sickness that has come and they will flee from us.

James 4:7b “..Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”

- Through knowledge of God’s Word, we have authority as believers to cast out the spirits of infirmity and to heal all kinds of sickness and disease.

Matthew 10:1 “And when He had called His 12 disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.”

- The only thing the devil can do to us today is what we are allowing him to do. The question for the believer shouldn’t be, “Why did God let this sickness happen?” Instead it should be, “Why are we allowing this sickness to happen to us?”

Healing for our body and soul is a provision God made for us. We, like David, should not die but live long and healthy lives as witnesses for Jesus.

Psalms 118:17 “I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.”

- The revelation of healing in God’s Word has kept many from dying early.

James 5:14, 15 “Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.”

- Listen to what the Word says about you, it says that you will be healed, delivered and forgiven when the prayer of faith is prayed over you.
- What is the prayer of faith?
 - The prayer of faith is praying in agreement with the truths, commands, and promises of God. The prayer of faith looks into the unseen realm and counts it done. The prayer of faith brings fulfillment.

Healing Our Covenant Right

Exodus 15:26 “If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the Lord who heals you.”

- “I am the Lord who heals you,” in the Hebrew means Jehovah-Rapha.
 - Jehovah means the Self Existent One who reveals himself
 - Rapha means to cure, heal, repair, mend and restore health. Rapha is also the Hebrew word for doctor.
- It is in this verse that God establishes a healing covenant with His people.
- A covenant is a serious promise of commitment and a binding agreement between God and his people.
- When God makes a covenant to His people, it is important to know that God is always committed to performing His part of the agreement. In this particular passage God’s part was to be the doctor and our was and still is to be the obedient patient.
- ***Whenever a sick patient is brought before the doctor seeking medical advice it is for the sole purpose of getting better or recovering from one’s illness. If the sick patient is to be successful in his or her recovery than he or she will need to adhere to the instructions that are being prescribed by the doctor (who is said to be the expert on healing).***
- ***Whenever the doctor gives instructions to a patient, we call it a prescription. A prescription is often said to be the answer or solution to the problem of sickness or disease.***



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- *So it is with God, He too is a doctor to his people and He expects his children to obey His voice (Scripture = Prescription = Pre-Scripture) so that they can experience total victory in their health.*
- Nowhere in the Word do we find God canceling His healing covenant with His people. Nowhere can we find God saying that “I was the Lord your Healer,” or “I was the Lord who used to heal them.” Nowhere does God say, “I am the Lord you God who makes you sick.”
- Understand that God never changes. He is the same yesterday, today and forever, and He is still our Healer (today).

Covenant Promise of Healing

Jehovah-Rapha is a revelation of a covenant promise of God to provide healing for His people. According to David, the revelation of God as Jehovah-Rapha was so accepted and believed by the Israelites, that all the people enjoyed health.

Psalm 105:37b (KJV) *“There was not one feeble person among their tribes.”*

- When Israel sinned and their health was affected, they repented, the Levitical sacrifices were made and God continued to be Jehovah-Rapha to all. Today, as we preach the gospel of redemption and atonement through Jesus Christ, we have the same promise for the sick.

Will you believe His report?

Will you follow God’s orders (His prescription to healing)? Or will you disobey or ignore what God our Physician has prescribed?

Isaiah 53:1 *“...And who has believed our report?”*

- “Our report,” symbolizes the instructions that Jehovah-Rapha (our Doctor) has given to his people.
- As we study this report, we have a choice. We can believe the report and receive its full benefits or we can doubt the report and do without the benefits.
 - To believe = persuaded, trust, convinced, confident. 2) to follow or adhere
 - Remember, you receive what you believe.

Isaiah 53:1b *“...and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”*

- The arm of the Lord refers to the awesome and mighty power of God to heal, save and deliver.
- God is all powerful! By his arms and hands He stretched out the heavens. Jesus, God in the flesh, reached out His hands and healed the sick. His arm has been revealed and His hand hasn’t been shortened that He cannot save and heal today.
- God’s healing power is always available to those who receive and believe the report He gives.
- (You follow your earthly doctor’s orders why not follow your heavenly doctor’s orders? I guarantee you His orders will work 100% of the time and will always prevail.)

What’s God’s report? What did our true doctor write to us?

Isaiah 53:4-5 *“Surely He has **borne** our **griefs** and **carried** our **sorrows**; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God and afflicted. But He was **wounded** for our transgressions, He was **bruised** for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him and by His **stripes** we are **healed**.”*

- Verse 4 begins with the word “surely.” What does surely mean?
 - Surely means with assurance or confidence, without a doubt, unquestionably and certainly.
- In other words, there is no doubt that the report that God has given to us is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. We can be fully confident that God the Physician has provided us with the perfect solution for our every need.

Isaiah 53:4a (AMP) *“Surely He has borne our griefs (sickness, weakness and distress) and carried our sorrows and pain [of punishment].”*

- The word “borne,” means to lift, carry or take away.



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- The “He,” is Jesus, and He is the one who has lifted and taken away every one of our sicknesses and diseases away from us. Where did He take them? He took every one of our griefs (sickness and distress) to the wooden cross on Calvary.
- This is the 1st part of God’s report (or prescription) that is to be received by us so that we can experience our healing.
- We must understand as Christians that as just as surely as Jesus has bore our sins so that we don’t have to bear them, He also bore our sickness, diseases and pains so that we don’t have to bear them any longer.

Isaiah 53:5a *“But He was wounded for our transgressions...”*

- To be wounded means to be profaned, defiled or polluted.
- Jesus was wounded (defiled by disease) so that you wouldn’t have to be wounded. Look at what the word says, He was wounded for our transgression, meaning He suffered so that we wouldn’t have to suffer from cancer or diabetes.
- This is the 2nd part of God’s report (and prescription).

Isaiah 53:5b *“He was bruised for our iniquities.”*

- To be bruised means to be crushed and broken.
- Jesus was bruised so that when we get crushed or become broken in our hearts or bodies, He would be able to heal us.
- This is the 3rd part of God’s report (and prescription).

Isaiah 53:5c (AMP) *“The chastisement needful to obtain peace and well-being was upon Him.”*

- Jesus endured wounds (profanity, defilement), bruises, and punishment so that you and I could obtain peace and well-being, both physically and mentally.

Isaiah 53:5d *“...By His stripes we are healed.”*

- Stripes are wounds, blows and bruises.
- Every stripe, wound, bruise and blow that is on Jesus’ body are all there for the purpose of taking away every pain we have, every sickness and disease we have, every broken part of us, every mental problem, headache, and bruise we have on our bodies, Jesus suffered all so that we would be healed.
- Today I tell you that there is a prescription that has been written by God, our heavenly doctor, that if we would believe and receive it, we would be made whole and well in our bodies.

Faith versus Feelings

One major hindrance to receiving healing is a dependence on feelings. Although it releases our faith to see someone healed, the basis of the faith for healing must be the Word of God. We must know what the Word says!

Isaiah 53:1 *“Who has believed our report?”*

- This is a question we all need to answer for ourselves. Do I believe the Word of God?
- Understand: You have a choice to make.
 - Will I believe the doctor’s report? Or will I believe God’s report?
 - Will I trust my traditions? Or will I believe what God has spoken and revealed to my spirit?



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In the following comparison, you can see graphically the difference between faith in feelings and faith in the Word of God.

Traditional Response	Faith Response
Question: Are you saved? Answer: Yes! Question: How do you know? Answer: The Bible says I am!	Question: Are you saved? Answer: Yes! Question: How do you know? Answer: The Bible says I am!
Question: Are you healed? Answer: No! Question: How do you know? Answer: I still feel sick!	Question: Are you healed? No: Yes! Question: How do you know? Answer: The Bible says I am!

Healing is through faith. We are healed as we learn, believe, and then act on the Word of God.

Romans 3:3-4 *“For what if some did not believe? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect? Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true and every man a liar.”*

- God is faithful. He is ready to fulfill His promise of healing. Our unbelief doesn’t make God’s Word ineffective but rather it makes us unqualified to receive the benefits of God’s Word concerning Healing.
 - All we must do to receive our healing is to believe and receive.

Matthew 8:16-17 *“When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: ‘He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses.’”*

- Jesus healed all who were sick so that God’s Word would be fulfilled and that is, Jesus took all our sin and all of our sickness according to Is. 53:4.

God’s Word is Sure

Psalm 119:89 “Forever, O Lord, Your Word is settled in heaven.”
“Heaven and earth will pass away before one word from you fails.”



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