

Topic: **Healing**

Text: Matt.10: 5-8, Matt. 9:35, Mark 16:17-18; Luke9:2, 6-11

Introduction

When we consider the subject of healing, we are more accurately speaking about healing not by means of drugs or medicine or other natural causes, but by a divine act of God.

From the scriptures, Jesus demonstrated that he had come to take our infirmities not by being sick himself, but by healing the sick and as the scripture confirms by His stripes we are healed-Matt. 8:16-17.

A lot of confusion has over the years trailed the Healing ministry, with some questioning if the act of healing did cease to be in operation after Jesus or the first apostles. We will seek to answer these and many more questions in this study,

Has Healing Ceased? Can we enjoy healing today?

Jesus clearly instructed that as we preach the gospel that signs will follow us. If the other signs are evident today then healing is also available today: Mark 16: 15-18

Does God allow Sicknesses? And is healing Gods will?

Sources of Sickness:

1. **The Devil/Demonic Sources:** Sometimes we find in scripture that the source of several sicknesses were demonic and when the spirit was cast out, the sickness left-Job. 2:7, Matt. 9:32-33, Mark 9:17-27, Luke 13:11-12, 16, Luke 11:14
2. **Sin:** Sometimes the causes of sickness can be as a result of Sin. This is shown by the approach of Jesus in handling these cases by first forgiving the sin before healing the sick: Mark 2:1-5, 10-12, John 5:6-14, James 5: 15
3. **Other Spiritual sources such as Curses** e.g. 2 Sam. 3:29, 2 Kings 5:27
4. **Natural Causes:** In the cases of Healing based on Natural causes we see that they laid hands: Prov. 17:22, Matt. 8:14-15, Acts 28: 8

Is Divine Healing for Everyone? Why are some not healed?

In the pages of scripture and Gods dealing with Israel, there is clear evidence that God intends for us to be healed or be healthy. He extended healing to even the seemingly undeserving (Matt. 15:22-28), and at various places as he was led to do (Mark 3:1-5).

Even though God extends healing to both the saved and the unsaved, we might find that there are instances when some are not healed. The reasons are various but

1. **Gods sovereign will:** No Human explanation can be given for this. E.g. Jesus went to the pool of Bethesda where there were a multitude of impotent(sick) folks and the scripture records he only singled out one man who had been sick for 38 years: John 5:2-6,8-9.

2. **Unbelief Hinders the Healing Anointing:** compare Mark 6:5 to Luke 4: 40; Matt. 17:15-18
3. **Sin, especially the sin of unforgiveness:** Sin generally hinders us from receiving from God especially where we cherish and refuse to let go of it. Hosea 7:1
4. **Some are unwilling to receive healing:** Some enjoy the care and attention they get from others based on their condition; this could explain why Jesus asked those who he intended to heal “Will though be made whole?”-John 5:6

Please note that we must come under the pressure if some are not healed, yes, we must trust God to increase our measure but it is God’s responsibility to honor his word and heal the sick.

Questions People ask:

1. Does the fact that I believe in healing take away the need for taking drugs?-Jer. 8:22

How to release the Healing anointing:

The various means whereby healing can be administered, under listed are a few but it is necessary that we operate by the leading of the Holy Spirit. Here are a few:

1. Laying on of Hands : Luke 4:40; Luke 13: 13, Acts 19:11-12; Acts 28:8
2. Healing can be administered via the agency of the Spiritual gifts e.g. Word of knowledge, gifts of healings etc.
3. Pray for the sick and anoint with oil: Mark 6: 13; James 5:14-16
4. Prophetic actions-i.e. actions carried out in obedience to the Holy Spirit-
5. By having the sick people act out their faith e.g.
 - a. Jesus told a man with a withered hand to stretch forth his hand-Mark 3:3,5.
 - b. The lame was to rise up and walk.
 - c. The leprous to show themselves to the priest, and act of the healed Luke 17:14 (see Lev.13:2-46)

How to grow in the Healing anointing:

1. Have a Heart of Compassion for suffering Humanity, especially when we intercede for the sick: Matt. 14:14
2. Coveting of the gifts of Healing: 1 Cor. 12:31
3. By Inheritance and aligning with Men that Operate in such grace:
4. Growth in Stature: Acts 3:6

How to maintain your healing and also administer personal healing and Divine Health

Conclusion

If we had any questions about His willingness to heal today, it can be laid to rest by the simple answer he gave to one who came to ask if He will be willing to heal her, **‘I will’ (Mark 1:40-41)**. This expressed

willingness of Jesus to heal the Sick, should fill us with faith as we stand to pray for the Sick, knowing that the one who commissions us to go and heal in his name is ever willing to confirm his word.

Never forget that “**I will!**” was the Master’s answer to the one who came to ask for healing.