



All who were ill with various diseases  
Those suffering severe pain  
The demon-possessed  
Those having seizures  
The paralysed  
And JESUS healed them

# Healing

Building **FAITH** Through God's Word

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# **INTRODUCTION**

Divine healing is absolutely biblical! No doubts, no questions, no confusion. Regretfully, in our quest to understand this grace of God, and explain something that is not fully explainable, we have developed theologies that have caused doubt and confusion. We have created hesitation, insecurity and wavering hope with weakened faith when it comes to healing.

However, God is restoring His Church according to the original model He set in place on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2). He showed it was normal for people to be dynamically healed, and set free from oppressive illness and situations. Not only is God restoring faith for healing and miracles, He is releasing this fresh faith into ordinary Christians. He is using old and young, men and women, boys and girls, rich and poor, to bring healing wherever they encounter sick people.

Whether you are asking God to heal you, or asking God to use you to minister to the sick and oppressed, this booklet will build and release your faith. This booklet introduces the topic of healing. It is not our intent to produce a full and complete theology of healing. However, faith is not built on theology, it flows from the Word of God. Therefore we approach the issue simply: look at the Word of God then let the Holy Spirit teach you directly from scripture.

Our premise is simple: if Jesus healed then, He heals today. How He healed then, He continues to heal today. If He used ordinary people then to bring healing to the sick, He uses ordinary people today. It's not complicated. If you will simply take God at His Word.

## **OUR PRAYER**

“Father, release our faith for healing. In Jesus Name. Amen”

## A SIMPLE APPROACH: FAITH IS SIMPLE

Everybody who is born again has the Spirit of Christ in him/her. This simply means that if you have the Spirit of Christ, you have the same anointing or empowering that Jesus had. What God anointed Jesus for, comes with Jesus. He has not separated from the Holy Spirit.

Ro 8:9 You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the *Spirit*, if the *Spirit of God* lives in you. And if any one does not have the *Spirit of Christ*, he does not belong to Christ.

## HOW TO UNDERSTAND THIS BOOKLET

We trust that the Holy Spirit will teach you directly as you go through this booklet. We have adopted a surprisingly simple format: We will ask a question, look at relevant scriptures, then answer our own question simply from Scripture. You are free to come to your own conclusions. For the sake of clarity when appropriate, we have emphasized key phrases by using bullet points to break up the passage. We have also used underlining and italics.

## WHAT ANOINTING DID JESUS HAVE?

Lk 4:18 “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because *He has anointed me to preach* good news to the poor. He has sent me to *proclaim* freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to *release* the oppressed, to *proclaim* the year of the Lord’s favor.”

God anointed (smeared or rubbed with oil to consecrate) Jesus for five reasons:

- To *preach* (evangelise, declare and show) good news to the poor

- To *proclaim* (herald as a public crier) freedom (pardon, forgiveness, freedom, liberty) for the prisoners (prisoners of war)
- To *proclaim* recovery (restoration, to look up) of sight for the blind (physically or mentally blind)
- To *release* (set at liberty, freedom, pardon, forgiveness) the oppressed (crushed)
- To *proclaim* (herald as a public crier) the year of the Lord's favour (approved year of Kurios—the supreme One)

## HOW DID JESUS PUT HIS ANOINTING INTO PRACTICE?

Mt 8:14 When Jesus came into Peter's house, he saw Peter's mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever. He touched her hand and the fever left her, and she got up and began to wait on him. When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he *drove out the spirits* with a word and *healed all the sick*. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "He took up *our infirmities* and carried *our diseases*."

Jesus demonstrated His anointing by welcoming the demon-possessed and setting them free by commanding (ejecting, expelling, pluck out, put out, send away) them with a word (logos). He also healed (cure, serve, worship) all the sick (physically or morally , diseased, evil, grievously, miserably, sick, sore).

Look at these others passages. How would you summarise everything Jesus did in response to the anointing on His life?

Mt 12:28 But if I *drive out demons* by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

Lk 7:20 When the men came to Jesus, they said, “John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, ‘Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?’ ” At that very time *Jesus cured many who had diseases, sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind.* So he replied to the messengers, “Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard:

- The *blind receive sight,*
- the *lame walk,*
- those who have *leprosy are cured,*
- the *deaf hear,*
- the *dead are raised,*
- and the *good news is preached to the poor.*

**CONCLUSION:** *Jesus was anointed to demonstrate the Kingdom of God on earth with victory over every disease, demon, sin and death. (See further passages in this booklet)*

## NOTES

# DO WE HAVE THE SAME ANOINTING AS JESUS?

God's Word is very clear and precise. No Christian can rationalize not healing the sick or casting out demons. Look what Jesus specifically said to his disciples about what He expected of every believer.

Mk 16:15 He said to **them**, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. **And these signs will accompany those who believe:** In my name

- **they** will drive out demons;
- **they** will speak in new tongues;
- **they** will pick up snakes with their hands;
- and when **they** drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all;
- **they** will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."

After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. **Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.**

**CONCLUSION:** *Two things accompany believers: salvation and a demonstration of salvation (i.e. healing others). God heals in response to the preaching of the Gospel.*

## NOTES

# WHERE DOES SICKNESS ORIGINATE?

**1. Sin originated at the fall of mankind through Adam and Eve. Satan is the cause of the fall and its consequences including sickness, disease and death.**

Ge 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.”

Jn 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

**2. At times we suffer the consequences of choices that others have made.**

Nu 11:32 All that day and night and all the next day the people went out and gathered quail. No one gathered less than ten homers. Then they spread them out all around the camp. But while the meat was still between their teeth<sup>b</sup> and before it could be consumed, the anger of the LORD burned against the people, and he struck them with a severe plague.

**3. Worshiping other Gods can have severe consequences.**

Nu 25:5 So Moses said to Israel’s judges, Each of you must put to death those of your men who have joined in worshiping the Baal of Peor.” ..... When Phinehas son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, the priest, saw this, he left the assembly, took a spear in his hand and followed the Israelite into the tent. He drove the spear through both of them—through the Israelite and into the woman’s body. Then the plague against the Israelites was stopped; but those who died in the plague numbered 24,000.

#### **4. Ignoring the commandments of God can lead to disease and death**

Dt 28:15 However, if you do not obey the LORD your God and do not carefully follow all his commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come upon you and overtake you: You will be cursed in the city and cursed in the country. Your basket and your kneading trough will be cursed. The fruit of your womb will be cursed, and the crops of your land, and the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks. You will be cursed when you come in and cursed when you go out. The LORD will send on you curses, confusion and rebuke in everything you put your hand to, until you are destroyed and come to sudden ruin because of the evil you have done in forsaking him.

Dt 28:21 The LORD will plague you with diseases until he has destroyed you from the land you are entering to possess. The LORD will strike you with wasting disease, with fever and inflammation, with scorching heat and drought, with blight and mildew, which will plague you until you perish. The sky over your head will be bronze, the ground beneath you iron. The LORD will turn the rain of your country into dust and powder; it will come down from the skies until you are destroyed. The LORD will cause you to be defeated before your enemies. You will come at them from one direction but flee from them in seven, and you will become a thing of horror to all the kingdoms on earth. Your carcasses will be food for all the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and there will be no one to frighten them away. The LORD will afflict you with the boils of Egypt and with tumors, festering sores and the itch, from which you cannot be cured. The LORD will afflict you with madness, blindness and confusion of mind. At midday you will grope about like a blind man in the dark. You will be unsuccessful in everything you do; day after day you will be oppressed and robbed, with no one to rescue you.....

Dt 28:32 Your sons and daughters will be given to another nation, and you will wear out your eyes watching for them day after day, powerless to lift a hand.

Dt 28:35 The LORD will afflict your knees and legs with painful boils that cannot be cured, spreading from the soles of your feet to the top of your head.....

Dt 28:45 All these curses will come upon you. They will pursue you and overtake you until you are destroyed, because you did not obey the LORD your God and observe the commands and decrees he gave you.....

Dt 28:46 They will be a sign and a wonder to you and your descendants forever. Because you did not serve the LORD your God joyfully and gladly in the time of prosperity .....

Dt 28:58 If you do not carefully follow all the words of this law, which are written in this book, and do not revere this glorious and awesome name —the LORD your God— the LORD will send fearful plagues on you and your descendants, harsh and prolonged disasters, and severe and lingering illnesses. He will bring upon you all the diseases of Egypt that you dreaded, and they will cling to you. *The LORD will also bring on you every kind of sickness and disaster not recorded in this Book of the Law, until you are destroyed.*

**CONCLUSION: Acts 10:37 summarises the answer—**

*Ac 10:37 You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and **healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.***

## NOTES

## HOW DID JESUS EMPOWER THE DISCIPLES TO HEAL THE SICK?

Lk 9:1 When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave **them power** (Greek: **dunamis—mighty strength**) and **authority** (Greek: **exousia—legitimate rights**) to *drive out all demons* and to *cure diseases*, and he sent them out to *preach the kingdom of God* and to *heal the sick*. ..... So **they** set out and went from village to village, *preaching* the gospel and *healing* people everywhere.

It is evident the first believers drove out demons, cured diseases (disease, infirmity, sickness) as they preached the kingdom of God.

Lk 9:10 When the apostles returned, **they reported to Jesus what they had done**. Then he took them with him and they withdrew by themselves to a town called Bethsaida, but the crowds learned about it and followed him. He welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed healing.

While theologically it is Jesus who is behind the healing of sick people, Jesus gave them power and authority and expected them to use it wisely. They (as empowered by Jesus) healed the sick with the anointing they carried.

Jesus demonstrated that this anointing (authority and power) is for all believers when He sent seventy two other (unnamed individuals) to do exactly the same as He Himself (and his disciples) had done.

Lk 10:1 After this the Lord appointed **seventy-two others** and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told **them**, .....“When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is set before you. *Heal the sick* who are there and *tell them*, ‘The kingdom of God is near you.’ ..... The **seventy-two returned with joy** and said, “Lord, even the *demons submit* to **us** in your

name.” He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirit submits to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

**CONCLUSION:** *Do we have the same anointing as Jesus? The answer is yes. But, whether we choose to grow in it is up to the individual. As Christians, healing accompanies our new belief in Jesus. If we have Jesus, we have what He has. He has given us power through the Holy Spirit, and authority from heaven to displace demons and diseases.*

## **ARE THERE ANY ILLNESSES JESUS CANNOT HEAL?**

Experience has taught us it is more difficult to heal cancer than a headache. We have come to accept that HIV/AIDS can at best be contained but not cured. We have been taught that certain levels of blindness simply cannot be fixed medically and amputations will never grow back. The problem is we impose our human limitations on God. We subconsciously believe that our experience and intellect apply to God. Therefore we rate the seriousness of an illness, disease or affliction and subconsciously decide beforehand whether God can heal it or not.

If the devil can cause us to buy in to this lie, he will tie us up with a mindset that will rarely pray for anything more serious than a headache. In fact, anecdotal evidence suggests that most Christians will pray for whatever can be treated from their home medicine cabinet and nothing more.

It is time to utterly destroy such a mindset. It dishonours God and is contrary to all scripture. As Christians, we must instead choose to accept and believe the Word of God, even if we have not yet experienced everything it says. If we believe we will go to heaven when we die, we have to also believe in divine healing.

To help bring correct, God-honouring perspective, and demonstrate the kingdom of God, we should let Scripture correct and inspire us. We have included numerous passages of healing some of which provide similar examples. This is intentional and helps the reader grasp the extent of the healing Jesus imparted wherever He went. Repetition also encourages us to believe.

Mt 4:23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and *healing every disease (Greek: nosos - disease, infirmity, sickness) and sickness (Greek: malakia — softness, debilitating disease that makes soft)* among the people. News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill (2 Greek words: *echo—holding on to; and kakos—badly diseased, sick, sore, grievously afflicted*) with various diseases (*nosos*), those suffering severe pain (*basanos—torture*), the demon-possessed, those having seizures (*niazomai—lunatic*), and the paralyzed, and he healed them.

**Who did the people bring to Jesus?**

1. ALL who were \_\_\_\_\_
2. With \_\_\_\_\_ diseases
3. Those suffering SEVERE \_\_\_\_\_
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ possessed
5. Those having \_\_\_\_\_
6. The \_\_\_\_\_

And He \_\_\_\_\_

Mk 1:32 That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. The whole town gathered at the door, and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

**Who did Jesus heal?**

1. Many who had \_\_\_\_\_ diseases
2. He drove out many \_\_\_\_\_

Lk 6:17 He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coast of Tyre and Sidon, who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by evil spirits were cured, and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

### Who did Jesus heal?

1. Sick people who came from Judea, \_\_\_\_\_, the coast of \_\_\_\_\_ and Sidon.
2. Those troubled by \_\_\_\_\_

Mt 9:35 Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.

### Describe the context of healing in Mt 9:35.

1. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_ the towns
2. \_\_\_\_\_ in their synagogues
3. \_\_\_\_\_ the good news of the kingdom
4. Healing \_\_\_\_\_ disease (disease, infirmity, sickness) and \_\_\_\_\_ (softness, debility)

Lk 7:20 When the men came to Jesus, they said, "John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?'" At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases, (infirmities) sicknesses (plagues) and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind. So he replied to the messengers, "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor.

### What conditions did Jesus cure?

1. Many who had diseases (\_\_\_\_\_)
2. Sicknesses (\_\_\_\_\_)

3. Gave sight to many who were \_\_\_\_\_

### How did Jesus prove His identity to John the Baptist?

1. He told them to go back and report what they have \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ receive sight, the \_\_\_\_\_ walk, those who have \_\_\_\_\_ are cured, the \_\_\_\_\_ hear, the \_\_\_\_\_ are raised, and the good news is \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_.

*Jesus Christ referred to healing people as proof of his heavenly identity. As Christians, this should be our proof also.*

Jn 4:46 Once more he visited Cana in Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. And there was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum. When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and begged him to come and heal his son, who was **close to death**. Unless you people see miraculous signs and wonders,"<sup>u</sup> Jesus told him, "you will never believe." The royal official said, "Sir, come down before my child dies." Jesus replied, "You may go. Your son will live." The man took Jesus at his word and departed. While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living. When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, "The **fever** left him yesterday at the seventh hour." Then the father realized that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." So he and all his household believed.

### Who did Jesus heal?

1. A boy close to \_\_\_\_\_ who had a \_\_\_\_\_

Jn 11:1 Now a man named Lazarus was **sick**. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet

with her hair. So the sisters sent word to Jesus, “Lord, the one you love is sick.” When he heard this, Jesus said, “This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God’s glory so that God’s Son may be glorified through it.” .....

“Where have you laid him?” he asked. “Come and see, Lord,” they replied. Jesus wept. Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

<sup>Jn 11:38</sup> Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. “Take away the stone,” he said. “But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.” Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone.

Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.”

When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The **dead man came out**, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”

### **Is death harder for Jesus to deal with than any other disease?**

1. Yes
2. No

<sup>Ac 28:7</sup> There was an estate nearby that belonged to Publius, the chief official of the island. He welcomed us to his home and for three days entertained us hospitably. His father was sick in bed, suffering from **fever** and **dysentery**. Paul went in to see him and, after prayer, placed his hands on him and healed him. When this had happened, the rest of the sick on the island came and were cured.

## What did Paul heal?

1. Fever and \_\_\_\_\_

**CONCLUSION:** *Jesus healed EVERY disease, illness, and medical condition known to man. He also raised people from the dead. There were no exceptions.*

## NOTES

# DID JESUS HEAL ACCORDING TO A PATTERN?

Are there key steps to follow if we want to pray for the sick?

## 1. He touched people with leprosy

<sup>Mt 8:2</sup> A man with **leprosy** came and knelt before him and said, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.” Jesus reached out his hand and **touched the man**. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!” **Immediately** he was cured of his leprosy.

## 2. He touched people with a fever

<sup>Mt 8:14</sup> When Jesus came into Peter’s house, he saw Peter’s mother-in-law lying in bed with a **fever**. **He touched her hand** and the fever left her, and she got up and began to wait on him.

## 3. He touched a dead person

<sup>Mt 9:18</sup> While he was saying this, a ruler came and knelt before him and said, “My daughter has **just died**. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live.” Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples. . . . . When Jesus entered the ruler’s house and saw the flute players and the noisy crowd, he said, “Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep.” But they laughed at him. After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and **took the girl by the hand**, and she **got up**.

## 4. He touched a coffin and commanded an action

<sup>Lk 7:11</sup> Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, “Don’t cry.” Then he went up and touched the coffin, and those carrying it stood still.

He said, “Young man, I say to you, get up!” The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother. They were all filled with awe and praised God.

### 5. He touched blind eyes and proclaimed healing.

Mt 9:27 As Jesus went on from there, **two blind men** followed him, calling out, “Have mercy on us, Son of David!” When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” “Yes, Lord,” they replied. Then **he touched their eyes** and said, “**According to your faith** will it be done to you”; and their sight was restored.

Mt 20:30 Two **blind men** were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!” The crowd rebuked them and told them to be quiet, but they shouted all the louder, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!” Jesus stopped and called them. “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked. “Lord,” they answered, “we want our sight.” Jesus had compassion on them and **touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight** and followed him.

### 6. He simply declared healing

Mt 8:8 The centurion replied, “Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But **just say the word**, and my servant will be healed...” Then **Jesus said to the centurion, “Go! It will be done just as you believed it would.”** And his servant was healed **at that very hour.**

### 7. He commanded demons linked to sickness to leave

Mt 8:16 When evening came, many who were **demon-possessed** were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits **with a word** and **healed all the sick.**

### 8. He commanded demons linked to violence and insanity to leave

Mt 8:28 When he arrived at the other side in the region of the

Gadarenes, two **demon-possessed** men coming from the tombs met him. They were so **violent** that no one could pass that way. “What do you want with us, Son of God?” they shouted. “Have you come here to torture us before the appointed time?” Some distance from them a large herd of pigs was feeding. The demons begged Jesus, “If you drive us out, send us into the herd of pigs.” **He said to them, “Go!”** So they came out and went into the pigs, and the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and died in the water.

**9. He commanded demons - who made people mute - to leave**

<sup>Mt 9:32</sup> While they were going out, a man who was **demon-possessed** and **could not talk** was brought to Jesus. And when the **demon was driven out**, the man who had been mute spoke.

**10. He commanded a demon - who caused a manifestation in church - to leave**

<sup>Lk 4:33</sup> In the synagogue there was a man **possessed by a demon, an evil spirit**. He **cried out at the top of his voice**, “Ha! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are —the Holy One of God!” **“Be quiet!” Jesus said sternly. “Come out of him!”** Then the demon threw the man down before them all and came out without injuring him. All the people were amazed and said to each other, “What is this teaching? With **authority** and **power** he gives orders to evil spirits and they come out!”

**11. He commanded a deaf and mute spirit to leave**

<sup>Mk 9:17</sup> A man in the crowd answered, “Teacher, I brought you my son, who is **possessed by a spirit** that has **robbed him of speech**. Whenever it **seizes** him, it throws him to the ground. He **foams** at the mouth, **gnashes** his teeth and becomes **rigid**. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not.” ..... So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a **convulsion**.

He fell to the ground and **rolled** around, **foaming** at the mouth.

Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?" "From childhood," he answered. "It has often thrown him into **fire** or **water** to **kill** him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us."

"If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes." Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; *help me overcome my unbelief!*" When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, **he rebuked the evil spirit. "You deaf and mute spirit," he said, "I command you, come out of him and never enter him again."** The **spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently** and came out. The boy **looked so much like a corpse** that many said, "He's dead." But Jesus **took him by the hand and lifted him** to his feet, and he stood up. After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could n't we drive it out?" He replied, "This kind can come out only **by prayer.**"

## 12. He dealt with sin then commanded an action

Mt 9:2 Some men brought to him a **paralytic**, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, son; **your sins are forgiven.**" At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, "This fellow is blaspheming!" Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, "Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? But so that you may know that the Son of Man<sup>r</sup> has authority on earth to forgive sins. . . ." Then **he said to the paralytic, "Get up, take your mat and go home."** And the man **got up** and went home.

## 13. He simply commanded an action

Mt 12:9 Going on from that place, he went into their synagogue, and a man with a **shriveled hand** was there. ....Then **he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand."**

So he stretched it out and it was **completely restored**, just **as sound as the other**.

**14. He did nothing. The sick person touched him.**

<sup>Mt 9:20</sup> Just then a woman who had been subject to **bleeding** for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. She said to herself, "**If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed.**" Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman **was healed from that moment**.

**15. He put his fingers in deaf ears, spat on a mute tongue and commanded an action**

<sup>Mk 7:32</sup> There some people brought to him a man who was **deaf and could hardly talk**, and they **begged him** to place his hand on the man. After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his **fingers into the man's ears**. Then he **spit and touched the man's tongue**. He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh **said to him**, "**Ephphatha!**" (which means, "Be opened!"). At this, the man's ears were **opened**, his tongue was **loosened** and he **began to speak** plainly.

**16. He spat on a blind man's eyes, placed his hands on him**

<sup>Mk 8:22</sup> They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a **blind man** and **begged** Jesus to touch him. He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had **spit on the man's eyes** and **put his hands on him**, Jesus asked, "Do you see anything?" He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around." **Once more** Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. **Then his eyes were opened**, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly.

**CONCLUSION:** *Jesus did not give us a pattern to heal. The Scriptures do not always tell us how Jesus healed. We simply learn that He healed. Where there are more detailed examples, we see that*

*sometimes he touched, or spoke. Other times He rebuked or dealt with sin. It is unhelpful to try to create patterns when Jesus did not. He was led by the Holy Spirit, we should trust Him to lead us too.*

## **NOTES**

# IS THERE A COMMON DENOMINATOR IN HEALING?

## 1. In the name of Jesus and faith that comes through Jesus

<sup>Ac 3:16</sup> By **faith in the name of Jesus**, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see.

## 2. The presence of faith

<sup>Mk 6:5</sup> He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. And he was amazed at their lack of **faith**.

<sup>Lk 7:1</sup> When Jesus had finished saying all this in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, "This man deserves to have you do this, because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue." So Jesus went with them. He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: "Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found **such great faith** even in Israel." Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well.

**CONCLUSION:** *God intended healing to be simple and effective. He requires only two attributes: faith and authority through Jesus. This means God can use anybody.*

# NOTES

# DOES GOD HAVE A PURPOSE FOR HEALING PEOPLE, OTHER THAN TO EASE THEIR PAIN?

## 1. To bring people to repentance

Mt 11:20 Then Jesus began to denounce the cities in which most of his **miracles** had been performed, because **they did not repent**

Mk 6:12 They went out and preached that people should **repent**. They **drove out many demons** and anointed many sick people with oil and **healed** them.

## 2. To prove God is with us

Ac 10:37 You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached — how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and **healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.**

## 3. To call sinners to salvation

Mk 2:17 On hearing this, Jesus said to them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but **sinners.**”

## 4. To encourage belief in Jesus

Ac 5:12 The apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon’s Colonnade. No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people. **Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number. As a result, people brought the sick into the streets** and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter’s shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by evil spirits, and all of them were healed.

Ac 9:36 In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (which, when translated, is Dorcas), who was always doing good and helping the poor. About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!" Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them. Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called the believers and the widows and presented her to them alive. ***This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord.***

## 5. To demonstrate the authority of the kingdom of God

Mt 12:28 But if I ***drive out demons*** by the Spirit of God, then the ***kingdom of God*** has come upon you.

Lk 9:1 When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to ***drive out all demons*** and to ***cure diseases***, and he sent them out to preach the ***kingdom of God*** and to heal the sick

Lk 10:9 ***Heal the sick*** who are there and tell them, 'The ***kingdom of God*** is near you.'

## 6. For the common good

1Co 12:7 Now to each one the ***manifestation of the Spirit*** is given for the ***common good***. ....., to another gifts of ***healing*** by that one Spirit,

## 7. TO PROVE JESUS HAS THE POWER TO FORGIVE SIN

Lk 5:17 One day as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law, who had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem, were sitting there. And the power of the Lord was present for him to heal the sick. Some men came carrying a paralytic on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.

When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven." The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? ***But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins. . . .***" He said to the paralyzed man, ***"I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home."***

Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God. Every one was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, "We have seen remarkable things to day."

***CONCLUSION:*** *Miracles have a purpose: to demonstrate how much God loves us and longs for us to see Him for who He is; our heavenly Father who sees us in the misery of a fallen world. They demonstrate, One greater than us is close enough to call on for help.*

## NOTES

# WHERE DID JESUS HEAL PEOPLE

## 1. In the market place (in public places)

<sup>Mk 6:55</sup> They ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the **marketplaces**. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched him were healed.

## 2. In the streets

<sup>Ac 5:13</sup> As a result, people brought the sick into the **streets** and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by.

<sup>Mt 20:30</sup> Two blind men were sitting by the **roadside**,

## 3. In church

<sup>Mt 12:9</sup> Going on from that place, he went into their **synagogue**, and a man with a shriveled hand was there.

## 4. In homes

<sup>Lk 5:19</sup> Some men came carrying a paralytic on a mat and tried to take him into the **house** to lay him before Jesus.

## 5. At public places of significance (municipality)

As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow.

## 6. While travelling

<sup>Ac 9:32</sup> **As Peter travelled** about the country, he went to visit the saints in Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, a **paralytic** who had been bedridden for eight years. "Aeneas," Peter said to him, "Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and take care of your mat." Immediately Aeneas got up. All those who lived in Lydda and Sharon saw him and **turned to the Lord**.

**CONCLUSION:** *Jesus healed people wherever they were at. He never invited them to come to where He was.*

## **NOTES**

# CAN THE HOLY SPIRIT HEAL PEOPLE IN NEW WAYS?

In their effort to distinguish between miracles of healing performed by God and those imitated by people in other religions, people have created many doctrines regarding how God heals today. Regrettably, some have suggested that if Jesus is not our example, the healing may be the devil's effort to deceive sincere Christians. God has instructed us to exercise wisdom and discernment in this regard. Take the following examples of how Jesus' disciples healed people. They suggest that God can heal in new ways not recorded in scripture.

## 1. Extraordinary miracles

<sup>Ac 19:11</sup> God did **extraordinary miracles** through Paul, so that even **handkerchiefs** and **aprons** that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them.

Could the Bible be suggesting the existence of different levels of miracles: ordinary and extraordinary?

## 2. A person's shadow

<sup>Ac 5:15</sup> As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least **Peter's shadow** might fall on some of them as he passed by.

## 3. Can we do greater healings and miracles than recorded in scripture?

<sup>Jn 14:12</sup> I tell you the truth, **anyone who has faith in me** will do what I have been doing. He will do even **greater things** than these, because I am going to the Father.

**CONCLUSION:** *We should automatically default to testing everything against the Word of God. In this current context, God gives us room to bring His healing in ways different to those used by Jesus. We can expect Him to heal any way He chooses, provided He receives all the glory, honour and praise.*

# IS ALL HEALING IMMEDIATE?

## 1. Sometimes we need to pray more than once

<sup>Mk 8:22</sup> They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man's eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, "Do you see anything?" He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around." **Once more** Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly.

## 2. Sometimes we are not adequately prepared

<sup>Mk 9:26</sup> The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, "He's dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up. After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, "**Why couldn't we drive it out?**" He replied, "**This kind can come out only by prayer.**"

## 3. Sometimes it is not in God's timing

<sup>Jn 11:1</sup> Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now **lay sick**, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair. So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick." When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, **it is for God's glory** so that God's Son may be glorified through it." On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in **the tomb for four days**. Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem. When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

**CONCLUSION:** *People often received healing immediately. Occasionally the condition, for some reason, requires extra prayer and even fasting. Other times it appears a delay brings greater glory to God.*

## **NOTES**

# DOES EVERYBODY ACCEPT DIVINE HEALING?

God used a variety of people to demonstrate His rule, authority and power by healing the sick and casting out demons. In most instances, such people experienced opposition from others who did not appreciate or understand what was happening. Christians today can expect no less.

## 1. They accused Jesus of ministering under the influence of Satan

Mt 12:24 But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, "It is only by Beelzebub, the prince of demons, that this fellow drives out demons."

## 2. They threatened the disciples with harm if they continued ministering healing in Jesus name

Ac 4:29 Now, Lord, consider **their threats** and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was **shaken**. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

**CONCLUSION:** *Some people are skeptical whether God heals today or that He uses ordinary people. Their skepticism may flow from a theology that is either limited in accommodating healing, or against it entirely. They may not have had experience in healing or they may have been disappointed in a person who prayed for them. Anybody who struggles in any way regarding healing should press in to God and seek Him for understanding. He will not fail you or ignore you.*

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

This booklet is designed to introduce the reader to a succession of scriptures that should inspire faith for receiving healing or praying for the sick. However we acknowledge many questions may arise for which we have not suggested an answer. I am sure we do not have adequate answers for every question, and some may require further study or personal revelation through the Holy Spirit. Therefore we mention only some of the most frequently asked questions and suggest some answers for your consideration. Remember, Jesus is our ultimate teacher through His Spirit.

## **1. I have received prayer many times for the same condition. Why does God not want to heal me?**

*Consideration:* God wants everybody to enjoy full health and full life. That is why Jesus died on the cross. However, Deuteronomy 28 highlights some of the serious lifestyle choices and their consequences. Sickness can be a warning that we have made choices that are not honouring God and that He uses our suffering to invite us to deep reflection, repentance and recommitment to live righteously before Him.

## **2. Somebody told me to avoid acupuncture. But I've also heard people say that it works. If nothing else is helping me, can I try it?**

*Consideration:* Just because somebody tells you something works for them does not make it acceptable to God. Scripture teaches us to know what or who is behind such practices. If the practice honours any other gods, it is to be condemned and avoided.

Ephesians 4:17 tells us that God does not accept ignorance when He has given us the Scriptures and the Holy Spirit: So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts.

### **3. What is the difference between New Age healing remedies and Homeopathy? Can a Christian make use of them?**

*Consideration:* The simplest definition of homeopathy is the use of the natural healing qualities of plants. These can (and possibly should ) be used for their medicinal value.

<sup>2Ki 20:7</sup> Then Isaiah said, “Prepare a poultice of figs.” They did so and applied it to the boil, and he (Hezekiah) recovered.

However, New Age is a religion that is based on pantheism (every part of creation has spiritual qualities) and embraces aspects of many other religions such as Buddhism, Hinduism, Taoism, as well as what the Bible refers to as the religions of Egypt. As such, any activities associated with them or Reikki, and Zen etc should be totally avoided.

## **NOTES**

## CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

I trust the Holy Spirit has used this simple introductory booklet to reveal the following to you:

1. Healing is biblical.
2. Healing is without question very valid for today
3. God acts outside our human limitations of education, intelligence, medical science and experience, to demonstrate the reality of His existence as well as the truth of His love and desire for relationship.
4. Healing accompanies the preaching (sharing) the good news of Jesus Christ.
5. Jesus healed every disease, sickness, ailment, irrespective of its origins.
6. God has set things up for every Christian to do likewise.
7. It is essential for every Christian to have the mind of Christ when it comes to healing and deliverance, and to subdue the lies and deception taught by the devil.
8. You will only grow in experience by trying, persevering, and being teachable.
9. The Holy Spirit will teach everybody who is serious about following Jesus and obeying His commands.
10. Praying for the sick requires you to take a risk. So take it and be surprised.
11. Teach your children that God wants to use them also. Let them practice on you.

You can trust God and take Him at His Word. Read through these Scriptures over and over again till they become personal revelation to you. Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you, then let Him. Allow Him to build your faith, and receive your healing or pray for others.

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