

# *Healing is For Us Today!*

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**This brief study is the result of the healing miracles that have happened in Bethel Tabernacle recently. It seems that the Lord has opened a door of healing to our congregation. In the past two years, through the power of the Lord Jesus Christ, we have seen five miraculous healings of cancer. These have been documented and confirmed by tests. There have also been healings of rheumatoid arthritis, chronic back pain, high blood pressure, severe internal bleeding and many others. On a weekly basis, people are coming to our services asking God for a miracle. Needless to say, we believe that God can do anything!**

**The doctrine of healing is a powerful part of the New Testament plan that God has given to us. It is often overlooked or bypassed by many Christians. Below are a few of the important aspects of this wonderful truth. Devine healing is somewhat of a mystery in that the will of God is also involved. The scripture teaches us there are times when suffering plays an important role in our relationship with God (Romans 8:17-18, I Peter 4:19). Nevertheless, healing is included in what Jesus did for us by taking the stripes on His back and by giving His life for us. If you awake to this truth, it will lead you down a path that will have you asking God for all He has for you. We should study all that the New Testament church had and ask if God will do it again for us!**

*(Heb 13:8 KJV) Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.*

**The stripes on Jesus' body purchased our healing. The scripture in Isaiah, from the Old Testament, is a prophecy about Jesus and what He was to do for us. We see this echoed in I Peter 2:24.**

*(Isa 53:1 KJV) Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?*

*2 KJV) For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.*

*3 KJV) He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.*

*4 KJV) Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.*

*5 KJV) But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.*

*(1 Pet 2:24 NIV) He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.*

**Jesus told His disciples they could also heal the sick and ask for miracles as well! Prayer for the sick, asking for healing, is part of what the disciples of Jesus Christ are commissioned to do.**

*(John 14:12 KJV) Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.*

*13 KJV) And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.*

*14 KJV) If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.*

15 KJV) *If ye love me, keep my commandments.*

16 KJV) *And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;*

17 KJV) *Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.*

**Here is a promise for all believers to do great things in the name of Jesus; this includes the healing of the sick!**

*(Mark 16:17 NIV) And these signs will accompany those who believe: **In my name** they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues;*

*18 NIV) 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."*

*19 NIV) After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God.*

*20 NIV) Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.*

**Here are some examples of healings by the early church in the Book of Acts. I suggest reading this entire book. The receiving of healing and the receiving of the Holy Ghost (Spirit) happen throughout the book.**

*(Acts 5:12 KJV) And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.*

*13 KJV) And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them.*

*14 KJV) And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.)*

*15 KJV) Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.*

*16 KJV) There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.*

*(Acts 8:5 KJV) Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.*

*6 KJV) And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.*

*7 KJV) For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.*

*8 KJV) And there was great joy in that city.*

*(Acts 19:11 KJV) And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:*

*12 KJV) So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.*

*7 KJV) In the same quarters were possessions of the chief man of the island, whose name was Publius; who received us, and lodged us three days courteously.*

*8 KJV) And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him.*

*9 KJV) So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed:*

**James encouraged the elders of the church to pray for the sick so they could be healed, anointing them with oil.**

*(James 5:14 KJV) Is any sick among you? 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:*

*15 KJV) And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.*

*16 KJV) Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*

**Notice in the above verse he encouraged them to purify their lives and ask for forgiveness of one another. This is very important. If you have wronged someone or if there are things you need to ask God to forgive you for, clear yourself of them. Grudges, and the lack of forgiveness on your part, must be released and put away. Sin must be confessed to God. If you have anything against anyone or are angry with anyone, put it in the hands of God and ask His forgiveness. Here are verses that explain this principle and the results that can follow.**

*(1 John 3:20 KJV) For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.*

*21 KJV) Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.*

*22 KJV) And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.*

**Forgiveness is assured. It is guaranteed!**

*(1 John 1:9 KJV) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

**Faith is the key to seeing miracles. Below are some scriptures dealing with faith and believing where the Lord asked if the person had faith.**

*(James 1:6 KJV) But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.*

*7 KJV) For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.*

*(Mark 11:23 KJV) For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.*

*24 KJV) Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.*

*25 KJV) And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.*

*26 KJV) But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.*

*(Mat 9:28 KJV) And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord.*

*29 KJV) Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you.*

*30 KJV) And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See that no man know it.*

*31 KJV) But they, when they were departed, spread abroad his fame in all that country.*

*(Mark 9:23 KJV) Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.*

*24 KJV) And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.*

*25 KJV) When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.*

*26 KJV) And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead.*

*27 KJV) But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose.*

**Obviously, it is not the will of God for all to be healed or sick Christians would never die from their illnesses. However, there are many scriptures that encourage us to ask and believe for these things.**

**In 2005, my wife was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma in the fourth stage. Of course, this was devastating news for us. After just four of 12 prescribed treatments of chemotherapy, we had prayer for her healing in both the Sunday morning and evening services. The following Tuesday her PET scan showed NO cancer whatsoever! Because of this, her treatments were cut short, and she did not have to take radiation that was also planned. To God be the glory! She is still clear today! My wife and the others who have recently been healed are proof that God still works in this arena!**

**Ultimately, we want the will of God for our lives, and the greatest thing we can do for ourselves is making things right with God and be saved. We would be glad to discuss salvation with you as well. The Book of Acts records the birth of the first church and all of its actions. It is important to ask yourself in the context of the early church, "Have I received all God has for me?" The salvation formula preached by Peter and the early church is found in Acts 2:38 and is practiced in numerous places in the Book of Acts.**

**This study does not contain all there is to say about this subject, it just hits the high points. If you have questions about salvation or any part of this study, feel free to call or email me. Our church prays weekly for the many emails and requests that we have for healing. I am anxious for us to see what God will do for you! We are praying for your healing!**

***Addendum:* Also, something that we have had success with is the anointing of handkerchiefs. When a person cannot come to where we are, we send this token and symbol of God's power. It is based on the scripture below.**

*(Acts 19:11 NIV) God did extraordinary miracles through Paul,*

*12 NIV) 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.*