



Divine Healing

Lesson 6: Arguments for Divine Healing & Examples of Healing from the Old Testament

- 1. If sickness is the will of God, then Christians should never go to the doctor or take medication for healing because to do so would be to rebel against God's will.**
- 2. Many teach that sickness is a gift from God and that it causes us to become humble and draw closer to Him.**

If this is true, why is it that we never hear of people in church request that God would give them a heart attack, cancer, blindness, or some other "blessing"?

If sickness draws us closer to the Lord, then we should never stop asking God to give us more sicknesses and diseases.

- 3. If sickness makes us humble and purifies us from evil, we do not need the blood of Jesus to cleanse us from sin.**

This type of thinking reduces Christianity to the same level as Hinduism and Buddhism, which teach that the soul is cleansed through suffering.

- 4. If God wants people to stay sick, then Jesus rebelled against the Father.**

The Gospels repeatedly tell us that Jesus healed all those who came to Him.

- 5. Many people ask, "If God's will is healing for all, then why are not all people healed?"**

There are people who do not receive healing, but that does not mean it is not God's will to heal.

In the Bible story about the boy with a deaf and dumb spirit, the disciples were not able to heal the boy. But that did not mean it wasn't God's will to heal him. Jesus came and healed him.

In the previous lesson we saw that there were many hindrances to healing.

People are not saved, even though it is God's will to save everyone. Our experience does not reveal the will of God.

We must never teach and preach based on our experience. That reduces God's Word to our level. We must instead preach what God's Word declares about healing.

6. Instinctively, we know that sickness is bad and healing is good.

Ask a any child. They will know!

James 1:17

If it is a good thing – _____

Since healing is good, it must come from God.

7. It is impossible to simultaneously believe that it is God's will for us to be sick and it is God's will for us to be healed.

James 1:6-8

8. If sickness is the will of God, then Jesus redeemed us from God's will.

Matthew 8:16, 17

9. If God does not want to heal sick people, why is there not even one example in the Bible where Jesus turned someone away saying, "Sorry. It is not my Father's will to heal you."?

Acts 10:38

10. Some ask, "If Jesus wanted to heal everyone, why wasn't everyone healed at the Pool of Bethesda?"

In John 5 it tells us that there were many sick people next to the pool.

First of all, we don't know if Jesus healed more than one person at the pool. It is possible that He healed more people and it is was not recorded.

We also know that an individual's faith is the key to receiving healing. The man in the story had faith. Possibly others lying by the pool did not have the faith to be healed.

Mark 6:5, 6

Healing Examples from the Old Testament

1. Jehovah Rapha means _____

One of God's names reveals that He is the healer!

Exodus 15:26**Psalm 103:2, 3**

2. _____

When instructions were given to the Children of Israel about Passover, God told them to eat the meal with their traveling clothes on and ready to leave Egypt.

Exodus 12:11**Psalm 105:37**

God performed a mass miracle and healed everyone who was sick in the nation of Israel.

3. _____

Exodus 15:22-26

Sickness is part of the bitter waters of life.

In verse 25, God's solution was a tree.

The solution for our sin and sickness is also a tree – _____

4. _____

Numbers 21:4-9

In verse 6 the Bible tells us that the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people.

Sent is a permissive verb in the Hebrew. It literally means _____

Deuteronomy 8:15

This verse shows that the fiery serpents were already in the wilderness.

God did not _____ them. They were _____ there.

God _____ them from the fiery serpents while they were in the wilderness. When they became discouraged and began to be critical and negative, God removed His protection.

The people realized they had sinned and called for help.

Numbers 21:8, 9

What does a serpent represent?

Genesis 3:1, 13**Mark 16:18****Revelation 12:9**

When the Israelites looked at the serpent, they saw the very thing that had stung them rendered helpless and powerless.

Jesus became _____

The very thing that kept us in our condition hung on the cross.

The power of the curse was destroyed – sin, sickness, and poverty.

How to receive and keep your healing**1. Settle it in your mind that it is always God's will to heal you and to help you.**

Some believe God's makes you sick to teach you something or to make you more spiritual.

We have proven in this course that this kind of thinking is not correct.

It is _____ God's will to heal and to help you.

Mark 1:40-42

She said, "I am willing."

This is His will for everyone.

The devil is a liar. He says, "You have cancer and you are not going to live." But God gives abundant life!

You will not be shaken by the lies of the devil if you have it settled in your heart that it is God's will to heal you.

Acts 10:38

Sometimes people are bound by religious teaching and they believe sickness is from God. But, sickness is called a work of the devil in this verse.

God does not make you blind. God does not take your hearing away.

Proverbs 20:12

You were created in His image and in His likeness.

The devil hates the image of God. That is why he attacks people.

Your life is not based on what you are going through. Your life is based on what Jesus already went through.

In Matthew 8, Jesus was healing many people. He healed a leper, a centurion's servant, and Peter's mother-in-law

Matthew 8:16

He healed all who were sick.

One of the evidences that Jesus is alive is the sick are healed.

Because He is alive He can heal the sick and work miracles today!

Matthew 8:17

Jesus took infirmities and bore sickness

The devil cannot stop you from receiving from God. Decide in your mind that you are going to receive your healing.

Settle the issue – Healing belongs to me!

2. Establish a point of contact.

All through the Bible God used certain things to release the healing anointing.

We studied several things in this course that can be a point of contact. For example, the Book of James mentions oil as a point of contact when praying the prayer of faith.

In Mark 5 when the woman touched the hem of Jesus' garment, that was a point of contact that caused her healing.

Another point of contact that we never think about is your pastor. Your pastor is a point of contact to release the healing anointing into your life.

You cannot get healed if you are talking bad about your pastor or you harbor unforgiveness toward him.

3. When you receive your healing, begin to contemplate what God has done.

Do not go back and rehearse what you used to have. Instead, thank God for what you have now received!

You need to keep what God gives you.

How do you keep your healing?

1. You are kept by God's Word.

Read His Word to strengthen your faith.

Doubt will rob you every time.

We are kept by the "heard" Word (faith comes by hearing).

Luke 8:15

One way you keep it is to rehearse the Word over and over in your heart. But it cannot stop at your heart. It must also come out of your mouth.

2. You are kept by your confession.

The devil will constantly try to make you fearful or begin to doubt. He will try to bring the old symptoms back on you.

Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

The devil only attacks you with fear and doubt when you begin to walk by faith. Before, when you were not walking by faith, he didn't even bother with you.

We walk by faith by believing in our heart and confessing with our mouth.

The Word of God must be heard coming out of your mouth.

Mark 11:23

Part of this involves speaking _____ your mountain, not _____ your mountain.

You must speak over and over until that mountain is moved. Not just once or twice. You must be aggressive about it.

The Holy Spirit works _____

As long as you are speaking, He is working. When you stop speaking, He stops working.

The Holy Spirit works alongside the spoken Word of God that comes out of your heart.

2 Corinthians 4:13

1 John 5:4

3. You are kept your praise.

Philippians 4:4-7

Philippians 4:7 – King James Version

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

The Kings James Version of the Bible uses the word “keep”.

God desires for you to be healed but He also wants you to _____

There are things we can do to help us keep what God gives us.

You are kept by the Word of God, by your confession, and by your praise.