

# HEALING

## SERIES

### part one

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In beginning this series it is vitally important that we must know and understand what Jesus did for us when He hung on the cross. Salvation, forgiveness, peace, joy, prosperity, and healing. This series is designed to train, enhance and refresh God's position on healing and our understanding of the part we play in knowing healing is for us today and then seeing we are to pray for the sick and see them make well. Jesus set the bar for us in Mark 16.

*Mark 16:18b they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.*

#### Is Healing for today?

Does God want you and I healed from sickness and disease? There are many voices which would try and get you to believe that healing is not for today, **but** to settle this we go to the final authority which is the Bible. Our source for the TRUTH. So let's just see what the Bible has to say regarding healing.

#### God does not change!

Malachi 3:6 says, *"I am the Lord, I change not"*. So this would establish that God and His Word has not changed from its inception right up to this day. Whatever God said in the beginning is the same word you will hear from Him today. The old testament reveals to us that God has seven redemptive names. One of those names is, *"Jehovah-Rapha" - I am the Lord that healed thee*. I am God who changes not and I want you healed from ALL sickness and disease. You see faith begins where the will of God is known.

#### Adam disobeyed God and opened the door

We must understand that sin, sickness, disease and poverty are all the result of Adam's disobedience to the command of God. His action opened the door for the devil to bring everything destructive into this world and execute his plan to steal, kill and destroy.

God's heart in regards to healing from the Old Testament. The people had sinned before God and their sin had brought death. Fiery serpents were biting them and they were dying. But God in His mercy and desire for mankind to be healed and whole said this to Moses.

*Num 21:8 And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live. 9 And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.*

This is a picture of Jesus hanging on the cross to redeem us from sin and the curse of sickness. Jesus said in John,

*John 3:14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:*

Jesus has the answer to every need we have. His Word rings out loud and strong from beginning to end.

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

God had the perfect plan and so He sent Jesus to fulfill that plan. One thing Jesus did was to stop the devil.

*1Jn 3:8b For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.*

What are the works of the devil? To steal, kill and destroy doing whatever it takes to accomplish this in our lives. He will use sin, sickness, disease, poverty, unrest, anger, fear and more to annihilate you and I from this earth. **BUT**, Jesus gave us another promise concerning His position about healing.

*John 10:10 I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. To the full, to overflow!*

If Jesus came so we might have life, that life would be full and complete in Him. No sickness, No disease.

Not convinced yet? Will it take more proof for you to believe that Jesus wants you well, sickness and disease free.

### What did Jesus do?

If Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil, what did Jesus do while He was on this earth?

*Act 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.*

Jesus healed ALL that were oppressed of the devil, because God wants us well. We must know and understand that salvation was not just to keep us out of hell. Jesus paid the price on the cross for each of us to have and experience the fullness of the life that God intended from the beginning. The life that He gave to Adam but was lost. But when Jesus died on the cross He redeemed that life for you and for me. The word salvation, in the Greek is "soteria" which means to save, deliver, protect, heal, preserve, be safe, prosper, and be whole.

*Luke 6:19 And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and healed them all.*

*Matthew 8:16 When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick:*

*Matthew 8:17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.*

The truth of God just keeps on keeping on. God wants you healed!

### Religion wants you to doubt God

Many do not get healed because they have not been taught healing is for today. Some have been taught healing stopped with the death of the last apostle. Also, taught is that the Apostles and Prophets are not for today. This is called "cessationism". Ephesians 4:11 says they are needed and states why.

*Eph 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;*

*Eph 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:*

Jesus is the same, yesterday, today and forever, so salvation, healing and all that Jesus paid for is still for us today.

### Bad news teaching!

One devastating teaching is that God uses sickness and disease to teach and train us. He makes us sick to teach us something. God our Father is going to put cancer on us so He can teach us something. What does He teach us? What have we ever learned from being sick? Not to get sick again! God is a good God. Would you as a parent put a vile deadly virus on your children to teach them something? Of course not! Here's a thought. If God uses sickness to teach us then why do we go to the doctor when we get sick? If God wants us sick to learn then going to the doctor is going against God's plan. The Bible says that Jesus bore our sins, our sicknesses, our grief, our sorrows, and with the stripes He bore we are healed, made whole.

### How does God teach and correct us?

God needs only His Word to bring correction and training to our lives. His rod of correction and discipline is His Word. It is by His Word that you got saved, it is by His Word that you get healed. It is by His Word that we receive all things we need to live a victorious life in Him without sickness and disease. That is His will and His plan. God told us to study the Word so we would be approved of Him a workman who would not be ashamed.

*2Tim. 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

*2Ti\_3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:*

*2Ti 3:17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.*

Healing is for today, healing is for you. God wants you whole and happy. He makes this very clear when He gives us this promise to live by and to live in.

*Mat 19:26 With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible. **Believe and receive your healing today!***

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