

HEALING

Healing — Does God heal today? YES! Jesus declared: “If you ask anything in My name, I will do it” (John 14:14). But WE must believe with NO doubting! “But let him *ask in faith, with no doubting*; for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways” (James 1:6-8). So WE must believe *without doubting*.

Besides believing, another thing that is required of us for our physical healing is REPENTANCE. That is—we must stop doing the things that have contributed to our problem in the first place. For instance, if it’s a sickness, then we need to STOP doing the things that are CAUSING us to be sick. Just as God will not *spiritually* heal us (of our sins) unless we believe *and* repent (Acts 2:38, 5:32), God also will not *physically* heal us unless we also believe *and* repent. For example, if we have a disease that was caused from a faulty diet, then we need to repent—that is—we need to replace our bad diet with a healthy diet. As the Bible emphatically declares in Galatians 6:7: “BE NOT DECEIVED, *God is not mocked*—for whatever a man sows that he will also reap!” And God’s Word also thunders in 1 Corinthians 3:16-17: “Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are!” So WE must do the best we can to take care of our bodies.

Thirdly, in order to be healed, we must OBEY God. “And whatever we ask we receive from Him, *because we keep His commandments* and do those things that are pleasing in His sight” (1 John 3:22). So WE must do our best to live according to God’s Word.

Fourthly, we are admonished to do the following: “Is anyone among you sick? 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. And the prayer of FAITH *will* save the sick, and the Lord *will* raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he *will* be forgiven” (James 5:14-15).

Finally, Jesus told the Apostles after His resurrection: “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.... And these signs [of miraculous healings as well as other miracles] *will* follow those who *believe*... they will lay hands on the sick, and they *will* recover” (Mark 16:15-18). And look what happened: “And they went out and preached everywhere, *the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying SIGNS* (Mark 16:20).

Isa 53:4-5 — Surely He has borne our griefs [sicknesses] and carried our sorrows [pains]; Yet we esteemed [reckoned] Him stricken, smitten [struck down] by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded [pierced through] for our transgressions, He was bruised [crushed] for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, *and by His stripes [blows that cut in] we are healed.*

1 Pet 2:24 — who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—*by whose stripes [wounds] you were healed.*

Mat 8:16-17 — When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and *healed all who were sick, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: “He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses.”*

James 5:14 — Is anyone among you sick? 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. And *the*

prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

1 Cor 11:27-32 — Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. *For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep [are dead].* For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.

Mark 16:17-20 — “*And these signs will follow those who believe:* In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; **THEY WILL LAY HANDS ON THE SICK, AND THEY WILL RECOVER.**”...And they went out and preached everywhere, *the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs.* Amen.

Mark 6:7, 12-13 — And He called the twelve to Him, and began to send them out two by two, and gave them power over unclean spirits. So they went out and preached that people should repent. And they cast out many demons, and *anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them.*

Mat 10:5-8 — These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: ...“And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ *Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons.* Freely you have

received, freely give.”

Luke 10:1-2, 9, 17 — And after these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. Then He said to them, “...*And heal the sick* who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’” ...Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.”

Acts 19:11-12 — Now God worked *unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them* and the evil spirits went out of them.

Acts 5:12,14-16 — And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people.... And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that *they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them.* Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, AND THEY WERE ALL HEALED.

Acts 14:3 — Therefore they [Paul and Barnabas] stayed there [at Iconium] a long time, speaking boldly in the Lord, who was bearing witness to the word of His grace, granting SIGNS AND WONDERS to be done by their hands.

Acts 14:8-10 — And in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother’s womb, *who had never walked.* This man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and SEEING THAT HE HAD FAITH TO BE HEALED, said with a loud voice, “Stand up

straight on your feet!” *And he leaped and walked.*

Acts 3:1-12, 16 — Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. And *a certain man lame from his mother’s womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, “Look at us.” So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. Then Peter said, “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.” And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God. Then they knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. Now as the lame man who was healed held on to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the porch which is called Solomon’s, greatly amazed. So when Peter saw it, he responded to the people: “Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? ...His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, THE FAITH WHICH COMES THROUGH HIM HAS GIVEN HIM THIS PERFECT SOUNDNESS in the presence of you all.*

Mat 17:14-21 — And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and of-

ten into the water. So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him.” Then Jesus answered and said, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me.” And Jesus rebuked the demon, and he came out of him; and *the child was cured* from that very hour. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast him out?” So Jesus said to them, “Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, *if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.* HOWEVER, THIS KIND DOES NOT GO OUT EXCEPT BY PRAYER AND FASTING.”

Mat 9:27-31 — When Jesus departed from there, TWO BLIND MEN followed Him, crying out and saying, “Son of David, have mercy on us!” And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.” Then *He touched their eyes, saying, ‘According to your faith let it be to you.’ And their eyes were opened.* And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, “See that no one knows it.” But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country.

Mat 9:20-22 — And suddenly, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came from behind and touched the hem of His garment; for she said to herself, “If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well.” But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, “*Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well.*” And the woman was made well from that hour.

Mark 6:1, 5-6 — Then He went out from there and came to His own country, and His disciples followed Him. Now *He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His*

hands on a few sick people and healed them. And He marveled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.

Mat 8:5-13 — Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, “Lord, *my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented.*” And Jesus said to him, “I will come and heal him.” The centurion answered and said, “Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, “Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! ...Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go your way; *and as you have believed, so let it be done for you.*” *And his servant was healed that same hour.*

Mat 9:1-8 — So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. And behold, *they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. And Jesus, seeing their faith,* said to the paralytic, “Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you.... **ARISE, TAKE UP YOUR BED, AND GO TO YOUR HOUSE.**” **AND HE AROSE AND DEPARTED TO HIS HOUSE.** Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God...

John 14:12-14 — “Most assuredly, I say to you, *he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do,* because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **IF YOU ASK ANYTHING IN MY NAME, I WILL DO IT.**”

James 1:6-8 — **BUT LET HIM ASK IN FAITH, WITH NO DOUBTING,** for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea

driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. [See also: Mat 13:53-58]

Galatians 6:7 — Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for *whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.*

1 Corinthians 3:16-17 — Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? *If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.*

1 John 3:22 — AND WHATEVER WE ASK WE RECEIVE FROM HIM, BECAUSE WE KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS AND DO THOSE THINGS THAT ARE PLEASING IN HIS SIGHT.

See also: Hands on the Sick; Sick