

People Builder's Network
Firm Foundation Series
Lesson Six: **DIVINE HEALING**

Through the work of Jesus Christ on Calvary, God The Father has provided for all the needs of mankind including healing of the whole man. As one great theologian of a former generation said, "Healing is part and parcel of the gospel". Apostle Paul said it like this in Thessalonians:

"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit, soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ". 1 Thessalonians 5:23

THE SCRIPTURAL BASIS FOR HEALING

THE PERSON OF GOD

1. Goodness is an attribute of the person of God as revealed in creation. When God created the heavens and earth, disease, sickness and weakness did not exist. Genesis 1:31 says, "And God saw everything that He had made, and behold it was very _____".
2. Man was created "...in the _____ and _____ of God". Genesis 1:26. Man was free from sickness and disease. God's intention was that man should live a pure and healthy life on this earth forever.
3. We are told that Jesus "went about doing _____ and _____ all that were _____ of the devil". Acts 10:38 Jesus was the exact representation of the invisible God while on earth according to Hebrews 1:3, and said, "If you have _____ Me, you have _____ The Father". John 14:9
4. The eternal goodness and purpose of God was seen in Christ as He fulfilled the will of The Father in every act of healing. "Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, I say unto you, The Son can do _____ of _____, but what He seeth the _____ do; for what things soever He doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise". John 5:19

THE PROMISE OF GOD

5. When God brought Israel out of Egypt, He made an agreement with them regarding their need of physical healing and health. God promised that if the Israelites would serve Him in the earth, that He would take sickness away from their midst (healing) and fulfill the number of their days (health, longevity). “And ye shall _____ the Lord your God, and He shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take _____ away from the _____ of thee. There shall none cast their young, nor be barren in thy land; the _____ of thy _____ I will _____”. Exodus 23:25-26

6. After crossing the Red Sea and journeying in the wilderness for three days, they found water that was bitter and undrinkable. God showed Moses a tree and told him to cut it down and cast it in and the water would be healed. Afterward, God initiated His covenant of healing using the title “**Jehovah Rapha**”, meaning “The Lord our Healer”.

“...if thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and will do that which is _____ in his sight, and will give ear to His _____, and keep all His _____, I will put (allow) _____ of these _____ upon thee, which I have brought (allowed) upon the Egyptians; for I am the _____ that _____ thee”. Exodus 15:26

7. God’s promise to Israel also foreshadowed the work of Christ on Calvary where healing would be provided for Jew and Gentile alike. The “tree” Moses cut down and threw into the water symbolized the cross where Jesus bore our sickness and carried our disease. Galatians 3:13 says, “Christ hath _____ us from the _____ of the law, being made a _____ for us: for it is written, cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree”.

8. When Moses was telling the people of God’s plan for them once inside the promised land, he reiterated the promise of healing. It was God’s will that they should be free from all the sickness they had seen in Egypt. Deuteronomy 7: 15 says, “And the Lord will take away from thee all _____, and will put (allow) _____ of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee: but will lay (allow) them upon all that _____ thee”.

9. Egypt is a type of the world under the dominion of satan, and sickness is the reward for service under the this cruel taskmaster. However, God has promised total protection from all the diseases of earth for those who live obediently and

put their trust in God. "There shall no _____ befall thee, neither shall any _____ come nigh they _____". Psalm 91:10

THE PROVISION OF GOD

10. God has made provision for our healing and health through the substitutionary work of Christ on Calvary. Just as "surely" as he has borne our sins, He has also borne our sicknesses. Isaiah 53:4-5 says, "Surely he hath borne our _____ and carried our _____." Both of the words used in these verses, translated griefs and sorrows, are Hebrew words meaning sickness and pain. When Matthew quoted these verses from Isaiah, he used them to explain why Jesus healed all that were sick. "When the evening was come, they brought unto Him many that were possessed with devils: and He cast out the spirits with His word, and healed _____ that were _____: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken, saying, Himself _____ our _____ and bare our _____". Matthew 8: 16-17

11. The Hebrew word for "borne" is "nasa" and means to take upon oneself as a vicarious substitute. The word "carried" is "sabal" and means to bear something as a penalty. Christ not only bore our sins to the cross, but He bore the penalty as well. "Who His own self _____ our _____ in His own _____ on the tree, that we being _____ to _____, should _____ unto _____; by whose stripes ye were _____". I Peter 2:24

12. The word "stripes" means a blow or mark. When Jesus was lashed with the cat-o-nine tails by the Roman soldier, His flesh was torn as the price for our healing. Notice the verb Peter uses in past tense, "were" healed, indicating a finished work.

THE ORIGIN AND NATURE OF SICKNESS

SATAN THE ORIGINATOR

13. The answer to the question, "How did sickness enter the world?" is found in Romans 5:12. "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and _____ by _____: and so _____ passed upon all men, for all have sinned". Physical death and all that produces it are the results of sin.

14. How came man to sin? The Bible tells us in Genesis 2:17 and Genesis 3: 1-19 that it was satan who caused our first parents to disobey God. Then satan

is the real originator of sin, sickness and death. This explains why Christ said to the man He cured at the pool of Bethesda, in John 5:14, “_____ no more lest a _____ thing come upon thee”. His sickness had come as a result of sin.

15. Again, in Mark 2: 9-11, Jesus said, “Whether it is easier to say to the sick of palsy, thy _____ be forgiven thee, or to say, arise and _____ up thy bed and walk? But that you may know that the Son of man hath _____ on earth to forgive sins, He saith to the sick of the palsy, arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thy house”. The people would not believe Christ had power to forgive sins, so He said to them, in effect: “I will prove to you that I have the power to forgive sins by curing this palsy, which is one of the consequences of sin. When you see that I can cure or take away this sin produced disease, then you will know that I can take away sin itself”.

16. We know that satan is the originator of sickness because Peter said that all the sick ones Jesus healed were under the domination or lordship of satan. “How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and power: who went about doing _____ and _____ all that were oppressed by the _____”. Acts 10:38 The Greek word for **oppressed** means “**down under the lordship of**”.

17. Another proof that satan is the originator of sickness and disease is that Jesus always uses the same harsh word “epitimaō” to rebuke sickness as He uses to rebuke evil spirits. In Luke 4:35 we read, “And Jesus _____ him (the evil spirit in him) saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him”. Then in Luke 4:39, in regard to sickness, we read, “and He stood over her (Simon’s wife’s mother) and rebuked the fever; and it left her”. Every sickness, disease and deformity Christ cured while on earth was the result of satan’s work.

SATAN THE PROPAGATOR

18. Not only is satan the originator of sickness, but he is also the propagator of it. The Bible tells us that he has evil spirits whose chief business is to make people sick in body and mind. In Mark 9:25 the Bible tells us that satan has “deaf and dumb spirits”. “When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He _____ the foul _____, saying unto it, Thou _____ and _____ spirit, come out of him, and enter no more into him”.

19. In Luke 13:11 we read, “And behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of _____ eighteen years, and was bowed together and could in no wise

lift up herself". The word **infirmity** in the Greek is "**sickness**", so she actually had a spirit of sickness. Jesus said, in Luke 13:16, "Ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom **satan hath bound**, lo, these eighteen years be _____ from this bond on the Sabbath day?"

20. Because satan is the originator and propagator of sickness, Jesus told us in Luke 10:19, "Behold, I give unto you power over all the _____ of the _____, and _____ shall by any means _____ you".

GOD'S WILL AND HEALING

THE WRITTEN WILL OF GOD

21. It is vitally important to those in need of healing to have a full understanding of God's will to heal them. Nearly everyone knows that God does heal some, but much in modern theology leaves many unsure of God's willingness to heal all. **It is impossible to claim a blessing of God where the will of God is not know.** The leper in Matthew 8:1-3 is a good illustration. "And behold, there came a leper and worshipped him saying, 'Lord, if you _____, you can make me clean. And Jesus put forth His hand and touched him saying, I _____, be thou clean". Knowing God "can" is not sufficient for a full exercise of faith, we must know that God "will" heal all that come to Him In faith.

22. God desires to make His will known to us in regard to healing, and all redemptive blessings, as is revealed through the inspired prayers of the Apostle Paul. "For this _____ we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to _____, that you might be _____ with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual _____". Colossians 1:9 God's will is made known through His written word to us which records all of His promised blessings.

23. The question we should ask, rather than, "Is it God's will to heal me?" would be, "Is it God's will to keep His promise?" Of course, we would all agree that God is willing to keep every stated promise. Numbers 23:19 says, "God is not a _____ that He should _____ neither the son of man that He should _____; Hath He _____ and shall He not do it? or hath He _____ and shall He not make it _____?"

24. Consider God's promise to the sinner; "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved;" (Romans 10:13) and to the thirsting saint, "Is any man thirsty, let him come unto Me and drink". (John 7:37) Shall God not also keep His promise to the sick one? James 5: 14-16

"Is _____ 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: and the prayer of _____ shall _____(heal) the _____, and the Lord shall raise him up".

THE REVEALED WILL OF GOD

25. Jesus said, "My _____ is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work"- John 4:34. We could say that Jesus was the will of God in action, or the revealed will of God, because He showed forth the will of God in His earthly life.

26. To the Pharisees He said, "Many good works have I _____ you from my Father" -John 10:32. Then every healing and miracle performed by Christ was an expression of the Father's will, which tells us that God desires to heal ALL that were sick because Jesus went about doing good, healing all that were oppressed by the devil.

CHANGING GOD'S WILL

27. Malachi 3:6 says, "I am the Lord and I _____ not". God is an unchanging God and has revealed Himself to be Jehovah Rapha, "I am the Lord that healeth thee". He remains the same Great Physician throughout all ages.

28. The greatest cause of doubt and unbelief regarding God's will in healing results from the failure on the part of His followers to do His works. Read Mark 9: 14-29. The father of the demonized child was disillusioned because the disciples of Jesus could not cast the devil out of his son. When he came to Jesus he said, "If thou _____ do anything", Mark 9:22. To which Jesus replied, "If thou canst _____, all things are _____ to him that believeth" Mark 9:23. Jesus proved it was still God's will to heal even when the disciples could not deliver because of their unbelief. The same is true today: when the church is unable to "do his works" because of unbelief is not a reflection of any unwillingness on God's part to heal and deliver the people.

29. When the believers of today “do the works of Jesus” John 14: 12-14, there will be no doubt about God’s will to heal because we will be “proving the will of God” Romans 12:2, as Jesus did when He was on this earth.

METHODS OF RECEIVING HEALING

PRAY TO THE FATHER IN JESUS NAME

30. “And in that day ye shall ask Me _____. Verily, verily, I say unto you, _____ ye shall ask The Father in my name, He will _____ it to you”. John 16:23 This is a prayer of petition by the child of God to his Heavenly Father which will be granted because it is authorized by the Son.

CAST OUT THE DEVIL IN JESUS NAME

31. Read Luke 10: 17-19. “Even the _____ are subject to us in thy name”. Jesus said in John 14: 13-14, “And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be _____ in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it”. The Greek word for “ask” actually implies **demanding** and speaks of our demanding the devil to leave. (As we are acting as a representative of Jesus Christ.

CALL FOR THE ELDERS OF THE CHURCH

32. “Is there any _____ among you? Let him call for the _____ of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the _____ shall save (heal) the sick, and the Lord shall _____ him up”. James 5: 14

LAYING ON OF HANDS

33. “They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall _____”. Mark 16:18. Recovery here implies a process of healing that begins the moment when hands are laid on the sick person and healing power is imparted.

THE LORD’S SUPPER

34. The emblems of the passover meal are symbolic of the body and blood of Christ. In regard to healing and forgiveness, which always go hand in hand in the Word of God. The emblems are “points of contact” by which we release our

faith, acknowledging that the work of substitution is accomplished and we are forgiven and healed. Read I Corinthians 11: 23-26

KNOW YOU ARE HEALED

35. The best method by which you can be healed is to know for yourself from The Word of God that "...by His stripes you were healed". 1 Peter 2:24. When we know that we have been made "righteous" in Christ, we refuse to allow condemnation to reign over us. 2 Corinthians 5:21. Likewise, when we know that "Himself took our infirmities" and that "by His stripes we **were** healed, we resist the devil's attempts to put unlawful sickness upon us. James 4:7 says, "Submit to God, _____ the devil and he will _____ from you".

WHEN HEALING IS DELAYED

In view of the many promises for God to hear and answer prayer... such as 1 Peter 3: 10-12; 1 John 5: 14-15 and Matthew 7: 7-1. It is important for us to look at the following checklist suggested to uncover any delay when results are not forthcoming.

CHECK YOUR HEART

36. "If I regard _____ in my _____ the Lord will not hear my _____". Psalm 66:18 We must make sure we are walking in love, because a step out of love is a step into sin. We are told in I John 3: 22-23, "Whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we _____ His _____, and do those things which are pleasing in His sight. And this is His commandment, that we _____ on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and _____ one another".

CHECK YOUR PROMISES

37. The next step is to make sure that we are praying according to God's Word. Faith cannot be based on feelings or experiences of any kind. Ask yourself, "**What scriptures have I based my prayer on?**" Prayer according to God's Word is prayer according to His will. "And this is the _____ that we have in Him, that if we ask _____ according to His _____, He _____ us: And if we know that He heareth us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we _____ the petition that we desired of Him". 1 John 5: 14-15

CHECK YOUR FAITH

38. Understanding the nature of faith is vital to answered prayer. Hebrews 11:1 says, “Now faith is the _____ of things hoped for, the _____ of things not seen”. The Amplified Bible adds, “**Faith perceives as fact that which is not yet revealed to the senses**”.

39. Faith is believing we “have” something we cannot yet see or feel. Jesus told Thomas, in John 20:27, “Be not _____ but _____”. because Thomas wanted some evidence from the sense realm before he would believe the word Jesus spoke.

40. When Jesus taught His disciples about faith, in Mark 11:24, He said, “Whatsoever things ye desire when ye pray, _____ ye _____ them and ye _____ have them”. You must believe you “have received” them “when you pray”, faith being the evidence or proof of their reality. **The nature of faith is to put the answer to your prayer in the “past tense”, believing it is “done” before you see any evidence in the “feeling” or “seeing” realm.** Nothing else is faith.

CHECK YOUR WORDS

41. Jesus told the Syrophenecian woman, in Mark 7:29, “For this _____ go thy way, the devil is gone out of thy daughter”. Faith is in two places: **in your heart and in your mouth**-Romans 10:8. What you say reveals what you really believe in your heart, “for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks” Matthew 12:34

42. Paul said in 2 Corinthians 4:13, “We having the same _____ of _____, according as it is written, I _____ and therefore I have _____; we also believe and therefore speak”. If we believe God has answered our prayer, then we must acknowledge it.

43. Many healings have been lost because of speaking doubt and unbelief after prayer was made. “Let us hold _____ the _____ of our _____ without _____, faithful is He that promised, He also will bring it to pass”. Hebrews 10:23

CHECK YOUR PATIENCE

44. Many times people think they do not have enough faith, but actually it is patient endurance they need. It takes patience to “continue in faith” until you see the results of your believing. Hebrews 6: 11-12 says, “And we desire that every one of you do shew the same _____ to the full _____ of hope unto the end; that ye be not _____ but followers of them who through _____ and _____ inherit the promises”.