

GOD'S WILL IS TO HEAL YOU!

Healing Scriptures

<u>I.</u> THE SOURCE OF SICKNESS AND DISEASE

God did not make you sick. If God made you sick, then trying to get well would be sinning. A loving Father would never make His children sick. Sickness originally came from the devil. While you may use your time in the hospital to witness to other people, that is only God making *all things work together for good*. God can make good come out of a bad situation, but He did not cause the problem. Just because you always find firemen at a fire, doesn't mean the firemen caused the fire. They just show up to put the fire out.

<u>The thief</u> comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. (John 10:10)

Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom <u>Satan</u> has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?" (Luke 13:16)

³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the <u>devil</u>, because God was with him. (Acts 10:38)

II. GOD'S WILL IS TO HEAL

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and <u>healing every</u> disease and sickness. (Matt 9:35)

doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. (John 5:19)

Jesus went about healing. Jesus only did the Father's will. Therefore, healing is God's will.

¹⁹ Jesus gave them this answer: "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father

³⁸ For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. (John 6:38)

⁴⁰ A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean." ⁴¹ Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" ⁴² Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cured. (Mark 1:40-42)

²⁹ After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church— ³⁰ for we are members of his body. (Ephesians 5:29-30)

Christ would not want his body to be sick. You can't work properly to do God's will and it doesn't glorify God to have you sick in bed and hurting.

HEALING IS FOR EVERYONE AND FOR EVERY DISEASE

¹⁶ When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and <u>healed all the sick</u>. ¹⁷ This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases." (Matt 8:16-17)

12 The apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders among the people. ...

27 "I am the LORD, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me? (Jeremiah 32:27)

If Salvation and the forgiveness of our sins is for everyone, then healing is for everyone too. We don't ask "should this person be saved?" so we should not wonder if it is God's will to heal someone.

IV. SALVATION INCLUDES BOTH THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS AND HEALING FOR OUR BODY

² Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits— ³ who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases. (Psalm 103:2-3)

We are not supposed to forget this. God forgives all sin and heals all diseases. Jesus didn't go to the cross to forgive only a few of your sins and He didn't bare only some of your sickness. If you can believe that through Jesus your sins are forgiven, then use that same faith in God's promise believing that your body is healed. God didn't tell the truth in the first half of the verse and then lie to you in the second half.

¹⁹ God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill? (Numbers 23:19)

The Greek word for "saved" is "Sozo". (Stongs #4982) The word "Salvation" is used both for the forgiveness of sins, and salvation from physical sickness. (AV - save 93, make whole 9, heal 3, be whole 2, misc 3; 110) ¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, (sozo) but whoever does not believe will be condemned. (Mark 16:16)

As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. ¹⁶ Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by evil spirits, and <u>all</u> of them were healed. (Acts 5:12-16)

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God <u>does not show favoritism</u>" ³⁵ but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right. (no respecter of persons –KJV) (Acts 10:34)

⁵⁶ And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched him were <u>healed</u>.(sozo) (Mark 6:56)

When Jesus died on the cross His blood was shed to forgive your sins and His body was broken so that our bodies would be healed.

⁴Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. ⁵But 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. (Isaiah 53:4-5 KJV)

⁴Surely our sicknesses he hath borne, And our pains—he hath carried them, And we—we have esteemed him plagued, Smitten of God, and afflicted. ⁵And he is pierced for our transgressions, Bruised for our iniquities, The chastisement of our peace is on him, And by his bruise there is healing to us. (Isaiah 53:4-5 Young's Literal Translation)

²⁰ When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven." ...

The name "Jesus" is the Greek form of the name "Joshua" which means, "Yahweh is salvation." So just speaking the name "Jesus" is speaking Salvation, which includes deliverance from sin and sickness.

<u>V.</u> WE RECEIVE HEALING THROUGH OUR FAITH

¹⁶ By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is <u>Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him</u> that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see. (Acts 3:16)

¹⁸ Some men came carrying a paralytic on a mat ...

²¹ The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ²² Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? ²³ Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? ²⁴ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins...." He said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." ²⁵ Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God. (Luke 5:18-24)

²² Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." (Matt 9:22)

²⁸ When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" "Yes, Lord," they replied. ²⁹ Then he touched their eyes and said, "<u>According to your faith</u> will it be done to you"; ³⁰ and their sight was restored. (Matt 9:28-30)

¹⁷ A man in the crowd answered, "Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. " ²¹ Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?" "From childhood," he answered. ²² "It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us." ²³ "If you can'?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes." (Mark 9:17-23)

⁷ We live by faith, not by sight. (2 Cor 5:7)

Don't look at the circumstance, the pain or problem. Look only at the promise of God and have faith in His willingness and ability to perform His Word. When you pray to have your sins forgiven you might not feel anything at the time, but by faith in God's Word you believe your sins are forgiven. You might not instantly feel healed, but you must believe and have faith that God heard and answered your prayer. You trust He will do what He promised, regardless of how you might feel at the time.

You might not understand how taking a little pill will make your blood pressure lower, remove an infection or stop your headache. You have faith in the doctor that gave you the medicine and trust that he told you the truth. You must have enough faith to take the medicine. You don't have to understand how it works, but you do have to have enough faith to do what the instructions tell you and take the medicine before it can work. Now do the same thing with the Great Physician. Trust Him. Follow His advice. Stand on the Word and take His scriptures like a medicine. If you have difficulty believing for your healing, then just believe that He told you the truth. God will do the rest.

⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. (Hebrews 11:6)

When we pray for healing we are not acting in arrogance and disobedience by telling God what He must do, we are exercising our faith in Him, believing His Word, and expecting to receive something He has already given us. This faith pleases God. When we are healed, God is glorified.

¹⁷ Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ. (Romans 10:17)

Build up your faith by continually reading God's Word. As you meditate and think about God's promises your faith will rise up until you reach the point where you know that God's promise is bigger than your problem.

VI. THE PROMISES OF GOD FOR HEALING

Look to Jesus to forgive your sins and heal your body.

¹⁹ Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress. ²⁰ He <u>sent forth his word and healed them</u>; he rescued them from the grave. (Psalm 107:19-20)

²⁶ He said, "If you listen carefully to the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for <u>I am the LORD</u>, who heals you." (Exodus 15:26)

⁸ The LORD said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live." (Numbers 21:8) ---

¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. (John 3:14-15)

- ²⁰ My son, pay attention to what I say; listen closely to <u>my words.</u> ²¹ Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; ²² for they are life to those who find them and <u>health to a man's whole body.</u> (Proverbs 4:20)
- ²⁵ Worship the LORD your God, and his blessing will be on your food and water. I will take away sickness from among you, ²⁶ and none will miscarry or be barren in your land. I will give you a full life span. (Exodus 23:25-26)
- 37 But he brought his people safely out of Egypt, loaded with silver and gold; there were no sick or feeble people among them. (Psalm 105:37 New Living Translation)

VII. PRAY IN JESUS NAME

- 13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. (John 14:13-14)
- ... I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. ²⁴ Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete. (John 16:23-24)

VIII. SPEAK TO THE PROBLEM

- ²² "Have faith in God," Jesus answered. ²³ "I tell you the truth, <u>if anyone says</u> to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. ²⁴ Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. (Mark 11:22-24)
- ²⁰ ... I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, <u>you can say</u> to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." (Matt 17:20)
- ¹⁹ I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. ²⁰ However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." (Luke 10:19-20)
- ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way. (Ephesians 1:22-23)
- ³ For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. ⁴ The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. (2 Cor 10:3-4)
- ¹⁸ "I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. (Matt 18:16)

IX. PRAYER OF AGREEMENT

¹⁹ "Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." (Matt 18:19-20)

X. ANOINTING WITH OIL

- ¹⁴ Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. (James 5:14-15)
- ¹² They went out and preached that people should repent. ¹³ They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them. (Mark 6:12-13)

XI. LAYING OF OF HANDS

¹⁷ And these signs will accompany <u>those who believe</u>: <u>they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.</u>"

(Mark 16:17-18)

- ⁸ His father was sick in bed, suffering from fever and dysentery. Paul went in to see him and, after prayer, placed his hands on him and healed him. (Acts 28:8)
- ²² Then one of the synagogue rulers, named Jairus, came there. Seeing Jesus, he fell at his feet ²³ and pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." (Mark 5:22-23)

XII. WE ARE ALL CALLED TO MINISTER HEALING

This is the opportunity and responsibility of every Christian:

- He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. ¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸ 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." (Mark 16:15-18)
- 7 As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.' 8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give. (Matt 10:7-8)
- ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. (James 5:16)

¹⁹ —And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. (2 Cor 5:20)

<u>XIII</u> SUGGESTED READING

Healing The Sick - T. L. Osborn Harrison House, Tulsa OK

Christ The Healer - F.F. Bosworth Whitaker House, New Kensington, PA

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. (1st Cor 12:27)