

Healing Series Intro:

Before someone can trust God for healing, they must rid themselves of any uncertainty about God's will in the matter.

And this is the concern that often arises when we are looking at healing. Most of us have probably heard a testimony about someone getting healed. We have heard it preached that God wants to heal us, or that God can heal us. We have seen people go up to a prayer line to be prayed for and heard those testimonies.

Many of us have walked ourselves up to those prayer lines and believed for God to heal us. And at times for some reason we reason in our minds different things.

Will it work for me?

Am I worthy of God healing me?

Maybe this preacher will be able to make it happen?

Maybe if I just go up one more time...

God can do that, He created the universe, I'm sure he can, but will he?

And these doubts or questions we have in our mind can be fueled on when we see someone who is a new believer, just walk up once and get healed.

So what's going on here?

If there is anything about us worth understanding here it's that we like to know how things work, why they work, and what we can do about it...

This series was inspired as a response to a need that we have, to answer beyond a shadow of a doubt the questions I mentioned before and give us a path to walk down to strengthen our faith and to be able to receive healing for ourselves and those we pray for.

Our study is going to be doing an overview of the key points from a book called Christ the Healer, by a gentleman named F.F. Bosworth.

We will have a companion website that will be going up alongside this series. That you will be able to access and I encourage you to do so for a number of reasons.

Firstly, because you will be able have access to a free digital copy of the book Christ the healer. You can read the material I will be drawing from and reinforce these messages.

Secondly, you will also see links to the book on audio that has been uploaded to youtube, so you can be listening to this material as well. Alongside this, the audio from these classes will be going up so you can be re listening to this as well.

This will provide us all something to reference for ourselves and others in the future. Remember Repetition of truth builds our faith.

→ [Romans 10:17](#)

[So faith comes by hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.](#)

We will be covering lots of scripture, so you can see in the word what God says concerning healing. In fact I have pulled scriptures in a number of areas to lay brick after brick into this foundation.

This is the foundation for faith in God for any promise of God.

Because, before someone can trust God for healing, they must rid themselves of any uncertainty about God's will in the matter.

Each of our sessions will be oriented around a question, and tonight's is

Week One: Is it God's will to heal his children?

The short answer is 'Yes', but the long form of the answer will give us a foundation on which to base that Yes.

Because it is impossible to boldly claim, by faith a blessing that you are not fully convinced that God offers.

Faith begins where the will of God is known.

So lets dig into it.

→ Romans 5:12

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned...

Disease is a penalty of sin, a symptom of the breaking of the created order. (we see this and will see this later in a passage from Deuteronomy)

Isaiah 53:4-5

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

If Christ has borne in his body all our physical liabilities on account of sin, our bodies are therefor released judicially from disease.

Christ has redeemed us through his atonement, not just from our sin, but also from the curse of the law.

1. The Curse of The Law:

Deuteronomy 28:15-62

Curses for Disobedience

¹⁵ “But if you will not obey the voice of the LORD your God or be careful to do all his commandments and his statutes that I command you today, then all these curses shall come upon you and overtake you.

And then it goes on to list among other things about 17 or so places where sickness will be the result of disobedience of the Lords command. The choice of life and death was placed before them and if they chose the path of death this is what they could look forward to. So we can see that as it explicitly states every sickness and disease is a part of the curse of the law.

But then we see

Galatians 3:13

¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”—

He became the perfect blood sacrifice to redeem us.

2. His Name:

If we have been redeemed from the curse of the law, or the penalty of breaking it, then we have been redeemed from disease.

It is so important to God that we get this, that it is included in one the seven of God’s self-revealed, redemptive names, where God came and said I AM...

→ Jehovah Shammah – The Lord is There

Ezekiel 48:35

³⁵ The circumference of the city shall be 18,000 cubits. And the name of the city from that time on shall be, The LORD Is There.”

→ Jehovah Shalom – The Lord our Peace

Judges 6:24

²⁴ Then Gideon built an altar there to the LORD and called it, The LORD Is Peace. To this day it still stands at Ophrah, which belongs to the Abiezrites.

→ Jehovah Ra-ah – The Lord is my Shepherd

Psalm 23:1

The LORD Is My Shepherd

A Psalm of David.

²³ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

→ Jehovah Jireh – The Lord will provide

Genesis 22:14

¹⁴ So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”;^[a] as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”^[b]

→ Jehovah Nissi – The Lord is our Banner

Exodus 17:15 English Standard Version (ESV)

¹⁵ And Moses built an altar and called the name of it, The LORD Is My Banner,

→ Jehovah Tsidkenu – The Lord our Righteousness

Jeremiah 23:6

⁶ In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’

→ Jehovah Rapha. I am the Lord that health thee.

Exodus 15:26

²⁶ saying, "If you will diligently listen to the voice of the LORD your God, and do that which is right in his eyes, and give ear to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you that I put on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, your healer."

3. His Promises:

Exodus 23:25-26

²⁵ You shall serve the LORD your God, and he^[a] will bless your bread and your water, and I will take sickness away from among you. ²⁶ None shall miscarry or be barren in your land; I will fulfill the number of your days.

Psalm 103:1-5

Bless the LORD, O My Soul

Of David.

103 Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
² Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
³ **who forgives all your iniquity,**
who heals all your diseases,
⁴ who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
⁵ who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

4. His Son:

Jesus Life was both a revelation and a manifestation of the unchanging love and will of God.

John 6:38

³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.

John 14:10

¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

5. His works:

Wherever Jesus preached we see time after time people are called to repentance and forgiveness, and they are healed. It is offered universally. And it is appropriated by the power of the holy spirit through faith and through His word.

Matthew 8:16-17

¹⁶ That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. ¹⁷ This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "He took our illnesses and bore our diseases."

Matthew 8:1-3

Jesus Cleanses a Leper

8 When he came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. ² And behold, a leper^[a] came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." ³ And Jesus^[b] stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

Psalm 107:20

²⁰ **He sent out his word and healed them,**
and delivered them from their destruction.

1 Thessalonians 2:13

¹³ And we also thank God constantly^[a] for this, that **when you received the word of God**, which you heard from us, **you accepted it not as the word of men^[b] but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.**

Proverbs 4:20-22

²⁰ My son, **be attentive to my words;**
incline your ear to my sayings.
²¹ Let them not escape from your sight;
keep them within your heart.
²² **For they are life to those who find them,**
and healing to all their^[a] flesh.

6. He Healed them all:

Matthew 4:23-25

Jesus Ministers to Great Crowds

²³ And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom **and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.** ²⁴ So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, **and he healed them.**
²⁵ And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

Matthew 9:35-36

The Harvest Is Plentiful, the Laborers Few

³⁵ And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and **proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction.** ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Matthew 10:1

The Twelve Apostles

10 And he called to him his twelve disciples **and gave them authority over unclean spirits,** to cast them out, and **to heal every disease and every affliction.**

Matthew 12:15

God's Chosen Servant

¹⁵ Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there. And many followed him, **and he healed them all**

Matthew 14:34-36

Jesus Heals the Sick in Gennesaret

³⁴ And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret. ³⁵ And when the men of that place recognized him, they sent around to all that region and **brought to him all who were sick** ³⁶ **and implored him that they might only touch the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.**

Luke 6:17-19

Jesus Ministers to a Great Multitude

¹⁷ And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸ **who came to hear him and to be healed of their**

diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

7. His Sacrifice

Jesus went to the cross, spirit, body and soul, to redeem man, spirit, body and soul.

Was it Just to Save our spirits?

Isaiah 53:3-4 Properly translated.

Isaiah 53:3-4

³ He was despised and rejected^[a] by men,
a man of sorrows^[b] and acquainted with^[c] grief;^[d]
and as one from whom men hide their faces^[e]
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

Choli – if you look in an exhaustive concordance for this word definition you will see this. affliction (1), disease (2), grief (1), griefs (1), illness (3), sick (1), sickness (14), sicknesses (1). Grief is used here, but if you look in the footnote attached to most study bibles, you will see that sickness is the other word that could have been used as it is in:

Deut 7:15, 28:61, 1 Kings 17:17, 2 kings 1:2, 2 Chronicles 16:12, 21:15

Makob – translated here as sorrows, again, if you look at the footnote it says could also have been written as pain. As in Job 14:22, 33:19.

So lets read this with those definitions in the text.

Isaiah 53:3-6

³ He was despised and rejected^[a] by men,
a man of **pains**^[b] and acquainted with^[c] **sickness**;^[d]
and as one from whom men hide their faces^[e]
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴ Surely he has borne our **sickness**
and carried our **pains**;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:10

¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;
he has made him sick,^[a]
when his soul makes^[b] an offering for guilt,
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

8. Jesus said it would be better for him to go

John 16:7

⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

... how could this be true if going away would affect his ability to heal the afflicted? And if Jesus worked his miracles by the power of the holy spirit, why would the time now when the holy spirit is at the forefront would we not see these miracles, when Jesus said **that we would do greater works...**

John 14:12

¹² "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me **will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do**, because I am going to the Father.

We can have firm trust for this because he said it, and he told us how it would work in the very next verse...

John 14:13

¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

9. He commissioned us:

He commissioned us to do this, as a part of the great commission

Mark 16:15

¹⁵ And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.

Mark 16:18

¹⁸ they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."

And we see the healing power of the Holy spirit at work countless times after Jesus ascension and after Pentecost. The same and greater works.

Acts 5:15-16

¹⁵ so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. ¹⁶ The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

If salvation is all inclusive in accessibility, then healing must be as well.

The word for salvation in the greek, soteria, implies deliverance, preservation, healing, health, and soundness. The greek word sozo, also translated saved, also means healed, made sound, made whole.

Romans 10:9

⁹ because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be **saved**.

Acts 14:9

⁹ He listened to Paul speaking. And Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that he had faith to be **made well**,^[a]

Layer after Layer, Brick After Brick, we are seeing the word builds a foundation of the Word, to plant a proper seed in our hearts of faith that Gods word is true, and that he keeps his word, he keeps his promise, and his desire is for us to be healed, to be whole, to be fit to run and finish our race...