
FOUNDATION STONE 4A

GOD'S DIVINE HEALING

We have just completed the study on the laying on of hands and have learned that healing is just one of the blessings that come from our laying on of hands. As believers we know that sickness was not a part of God's plan for us. In the beginning He made us in His likeness and gave us a place to live with Him forever in the Garden of Eden. There was no sin or sickness in Eden! This was God's perfect plan for the human race. However, when Adam (considered the first Christ who was made from the earth) disobeyed God's word, sin entered into man (we call it the Adamic nature or iniquity) and God put Adam out of the Garden of Eden. Remember sin separates man from God and thus sickness came into the world. Still because of God's great love and mercy for man He made a way for forgiveness of sin and deliverance from sickness through His Son Jesus Christ. Since sickness, diseases and sufferings came through Adam's sin, we can say that healings, deliverance and peace come through our faith in Jesus.

WHY IS THERE SICKNESS AND DISEASE IN THE WORLD?

As stated above sin separated man from God and thus man because of sin have separated himself from God's blessings. Sin opened the door for Satan (called the serpent) to rob mankind of both eternal life and a life of divine health. Remember God has given us through His Son Jesus the authority to walk in His Kingdom (A type of Garden of Eden). Just like in the Garden of Eden there were Laws (God's directions) to follow, there are also Laws (God's directions) to follow in the Kingdom.

Genesis 3:2-3

From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said “you shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die. Up to this point in time mankind was in good standing with God. Just when all seemed to be going well, Satan came to tempt Eve. Yes, he even went into the garden, just as he comes into the churches today.

Genesis 3:4-5

The serpent said to the women, “you surely shall not die! “For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God knowing good and evil.”

1 Peter 5:8

Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

The word of God warns us to be on alert at all times, and Guard the kingdom in which He has entrusted to us. From the creation of man, until Satan tempted Eve, there was no sin in the world and therefore no sickness. Once sin entered, it opened the door for Satan. This is where sickness and diseases originated. Once man realizes that sin causes pain, misery, and even death, he will find the cure for sicknesses and diseases. That cure is repentance and applying the provisions given us by God.

Romans 5:12

Wherefore as by one man sin entered the world and death by sin; so death passed upon all men, for all have sinned

WHAT ARE SOME OF THESE PROVISIONS?

PERSONAL PRAYER AND PRAISE

2 Kings 20:1, 2-5

In those days Hezekiah became mortally ill. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him and said to him, "Thus say's the Lord, set your house in order, for you shall die and not live." Then he turned his face to the wall and prayed to the Lord, saying,.....vs. 5 Return and say to Hezekiah the leader of My people, "Thus say's the Lord, the God of your father David, "I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears: behold, I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of the Lord.

James 5: 13

Is anyone among you suffering? Then he must pray.

Matthew 8:2-3

*And a leper came to Him and bowed down before Him, and said, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean." Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him, saying, "**I am willing; be cleansed.**" And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.*

BY THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

James 5:14-15 &20

Is any 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; ant the prayer offered in faith will restore the one, who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him.

Mark 16:17-18

These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Mark 16:20

And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them, and confirmed the word by the signs that followed.

Acts 19:11-12

God was performing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, so that handkerchiefs or aprons were even carried from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits left them.

BY THE SENT WORD

Psalm 107:2

He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

Matthews 8:8

But the centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy for you to come under my roof, but JUST SAY THE WORD, and my servant will be healed."

We have seen that sin is the root cause of sicknesses and diseases. We have also seen that God has made provisions to cure all sicknesses and diseases. Next week we will look at what is required on our part to live in Divine Health or even if it is possible!

IS IT POSSIBLE FOR EVERYONE TO BE HEALED?

According to the word of God, all who have been born again receive the covenant promises of God. Divine healing (health) is just one promise of God's covenant that we have thru the sacrifice and suffering of Jesus. So the answer is yes

I Peter 2:24

And He Himself bore our sins in His body on the Cross, that we might die to sin and live unto righteousness; FOR BY HIS STRIPES WE WERE HEALED.

Isaiah 53:5

But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our infirmities; the chastening of our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed.

WE FIND THE PROPHECY OF ISAIAH CONFIRMED IN MATTHEW:

Matthew 8:16, 17

And when evening was come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed; and He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were ill in order that what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, "He Himself took our infirmities, and carried away our diseases."

Read Psalm 103:1-3.

ARE THERE THOSE WHO ARE NOT BORN AGAIN HEALED?

As we study the word we will find that there were instances in the word where non-believers were healed in order to confirm the preaching of the gospel. **(Mark 16:20).**

Acts 4:29, 30

"And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that your bond-servants may speak Your word with all confidence, while you extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Your Holy servant Jesus."

Acts 5:12-16

At the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were taking place among the people; and they were all with one accord in Solomon's portico. But none of the rest dared to associate with them; however, the people held them in high esteem. And all the more believers in the Lord, multitudes of men and women, were constantly added to their number, to such an extent that they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots and pallets, so that when Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on any one of them. Also the people from the cities in the vicinity of Jerusalem were coming together, bringing people who were sick or afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were being healed.

WHAT PREVENTS US FROM BEING HEALED?

There are many reasons that hinder one from being healed. Some of those are unconfessed sin, an unforgiving heart (spirit), enmity against a brother, etc. Sometimes we would like to think we are like Job, and God is using us to prove to Satan we will not fall into temptation. This would be a good witness for Jesus; however this is usually not the case.

Isaiah 59:2

But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, and He will not hear

Matthew 6:15

But if you forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Matthew 13:58

And He did not do many miracles there because of their unbelief.

Hebrews 11:6

And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

Remember God will always honor faith!!

IS HEALING ALWAYS INSTANTANEOUS?

The answer to this question is NO! We do not always understand why we do not receive at the moment we ask, but there is always a good reason when we search our hearts and ask God. At times it is even difficult for an older believer, let alone a young believer not to question God. If the reason for not being healed instantly was always sin, we would not have difficulty understanding why it did not happen. So, let's try to find some scriptural answers to this question.

Isaiah 54:7-8

For a brief moment I forsook you, but with great compassion I will gather you. In an outburst of anger I hid My face from you for a moment, but with everlasting loving kindness I will have compassion on you, SAY'S THE LORD YOUR REDEEMER.

I believe we could see here that the purpose of our affliction has not been accomplished, so we need to work through what ever situation we are in, so that we will receive our healing.

Romans 4:20-21 (Talking about Abraham)

And being fully assured that what God had promised, H e was able to perform. Therefore it was also credited to him as righteousness.

Romans 5:3-5

And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance, and perseverance, proven character, and proven character, hope; and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Hebrews 5:8 (Jesus Himself)

Although He was a son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered.

We should never be too quick as to why someone does not receive their healing immediately. If there is known sin in an individual, it should be dealt with in order that they could receive their healing. In the same manner, an individual may be wrestling with a situation that God is taking them through in order to grow spiritually and we need to encourage them not to give up and that God is never to late.

