

Healing and the will of God

School of Healing

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The Purpose of the School of Healing:

- Equipping
- Activation
- Expansion of the Kingdom
- Bring glory to Jesus

Reference books – Che Ahn’s book, “How to pray for healing”; Bill Johnson’s book, “When Heaven Invades Earth”

When I refer to healing, I am speaking of the complete restoration of a person’s body and/or soul and/or spirit. This is a huge value in our church & one that we are emphasizing this year.

Let me answer the big question that everyone ask, “Why doesn’t God heal everybody?” Three reasons: Sin, unbelief, & mystery.

Why Healing Is God’s Will

Intro – this must be established in our minds or we won’t pray with any level of authority. Just as it is God’s will to save everyone, it is his will to heal everyone.

1. Adam & Eve were completely well in the Garden of Eden. God created everything perfect. This was and still is his original plan. All sickness was and still is contrary to the plan of God.
2. God promised the Israelites that they would walk in health as long as they were obedient (Ex.15.26; 23.25). Obedience is an important factor in walking in health. Taking care of this temple is part of the obedience dimension.
3. Jesus healed everyone who asked him and all who came to him. He didn’t turn anyone aside. Jesus Christ is the same now as then (Heb.13.8).

4. Jesus taught us to pray, “Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.” The kingdom of God is referring to the reign of God in both heaven & earth. In God’s perfect kingdom there is no sickness and he told us to pray that reality into this life. Jesus preached the kingdom and then demonstrated the kingdom with signs & wonders.
5. He has given us the commission to heal the sick (Mark 16) and he told us we would do greater works than these (John 14.12). In order to participate at this level, the qualification is for those “who believe.” This is more than a faith statement, but also a position of the heart. You believe in Jesus for salvation, but you believe in Jesus for the miraculous.
6. Through the death & resurrection of Jesus, God has reestablished our authority over the created order. Therefore, as we establish the Kingdom of God we should expect healing as a normal part of our Christian experience. It’s winter breaking in Narnia.
7. James 5 says the “prayer offered in faith will heal the sick,” not might.
8. Sickness does not bring glory to God. It is a part of the Devil’s work to steal, kill and destroy. The sick person can bring glory to God by their attitude and response.
9. Healing is in the atonement!
 - a. Is.53.4–5. Let’s just believe it and quit letting our experience explain it away. We’re experiential Christians, rather than Biblical Christians. We spiritualize this passage, whereas Matthew under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit took it literal (Mt.8.16–17). Let’s just believe too much rather than too little.
 - b. Matthew uses the same word that refers to Jesus carrying our sins. Just as Jesus carried my sins away through his death so also has he carried my sickness away.
 - c. Everything is found in the atonement: forgiveness of sin, healing of the body, deliverance from demons, and victory over death. If healing isn’t a part of the atonement, then I

wouldn't get a new body. I would have a forgiven spirit, but not a new body. I get a new body, b/c of the cross.

- d. Therefore, sickness has been defeated, even though I still wrestle with it. Matthew 8.16–17. Let's not allow our experiences to influence our interpretation of Scripture.

10. God is not the source of sickness! Sin & Satan are the sources of all sickness!

- a. James 1.17 – Every good & perfect gift comes from the Father's of Light. Sickness isn't a good & perfect gift. Don't use Ro.8.28 as a cloak to cover evil. God can use "everything", including the devil for goof, but that doesn't mean the "everything" is good.
- b. All of John 10.10
- c. 1 John 3.8, "The reason the son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work."
- d. Acts 10.38, "and healing all who were under the power of the devil," Part of the devil's work is sickness.
- e. He has given us authority over the Devil – 1 J.4.4.
- f. Satan is seen in Job as the one dispensing sickness.
- g. God brought sickness upon various groups when they sinned:
 - i. Deut.26.21, 27 – It has to do with willfully disobeying God.
 - ii. Num.12. – Miriam & Aaron's opposition. Miriam struck with leprosy.
 - iii. Num.14 – The 10 spies who brought a bad report and spread division within the Israelites were struck with a plague.
 - iv. 2 Sam.24 – David counted the troops and God brought a plague that killed 17,000.
 - v. 1 Cor.11.27–32– Eating the Lord's Supper in an unworthy manner.

- vi. The common belief was that all sickness was due to sin. Example – Job’s friends & John 9. Some is, but some isn’t!
- vii. If you’re sick or you have children or spouse who is, you need to do 1 Cor.11 & James 5. Confess your sins and break all agreement with it.
 - 1. Matt.9.1–8: He forgave the man first and then healed him. We don’t know if his paralysis was due to sin, but it’s an important pattern to follow.
 - 2. Confess all sin (from the above Scriptures the examples are pretty clear) and completely renounce it! Then seek healing.
 - 3. Make it that simple. Don’t try to make it into a difficult process. Is there anything you’re doing or believing that is out of line with the Scriptures? Is your relationship with God where it needs to be? Are your relationships with others where they need to be?
 - 4. Once you get everything right then relax. God will show you any sin that may be hindering healing if you’re really seeking Him – through revelation or circumstances.
- viii. Sometimes sickness (Mental or Physical) is due to foolish and sinful decisions. We have to confess that also – poor eating habits, risky behavior, not listening to others,
- ix. God doesn’t allow for sickness unless there’s some sort of willful defiance.
- x. Let’s place blame where it is due. Sickness is due to sin & Satan!