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God's Will on Healing

3. Healing in Redemption

- Physical healing is the right and responsibility of every Christian. If you are a Christian, you have a right to be healed and to minister healing to others, and a responsibility to be healed and to minister healing to others.
- You are a walking billboard, or a walking testimony and you don't want to advertise the works of the devil, but the excellence and power of God.
- Divine healing is included in redemption (or salvation). God made man a physical spiritual being. So, redemption has to be a physical and spiritual redemption. Sin and sickness are 2 fruits from the same tree, or better said sickness is a result of sin. Man's sin caused sickness and disease. However, sickness was not and is not caused by an individual specific sin.
- The fact that healing is included in redemption is the most important thing about divine healing. IF physical healing was included in redemption, then we are as free to proclaim it as we are the preach salvation from sin. If healing is not true, then salvation from sin (any sin, anyone, anywhere, anytime) is not true. How do you know you are saved since you didn't see heaven yet? It is more difficult to believe about healing because we are faced with the need to see results, while in salvation you don't need to see anything. It is easier to believe the past (that Jesus died) and the future (that He will come back and we will go to heaven) than to believe the present (that He heals today and His perfect will is always to heal).

Matthew 8:16–17 (NKJV)

¹⁶When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and **healed all who were sick**,

¹⁷that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our **infirmities** and bore our **sicknesses**."

- The word *sick* from verse 16 comes from the Greek word *Kakos*, which means "sickness", "plague", "calamity", or "to be in a bad state". A few parallel New Testament passages using the same Greek word in relation to physical sickness are Luke 7:2 (and a centurion's slave, who was highly regarded by him, was **sick** (gr. *Kakos*) and about to die.), Matthew 4:24; 9:12; 14:35.
- The word *infirmities* (v. 17) comes from gr. *Astheneia*, which means physical weakness, illness, sickness or disease. The exact sense used here is impairment of normal physiological function affecting part or all of an organism. Parallel passages using the same Greek word: Luke 5:15; 13:11-12; Acts 28:9.
- The word *sicknesses* (v. 17) comes from gr. *Nosos* and its primary meaning is physical sickness,

malady, disease, illness. Parallel NT passages using the same Greek word: Luke 7:21; 9:1.

Isaiah 53:4–5 (NKJV)

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

⁵But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and **by His stripes we are healed**.

- We see in the above 2 passages, that what Jesus did (healing ALL who were sick) was actually the fulfillment of Isaiah 53 where it says that Jesus has borne our griefs and sorrows... and by His stripes we are healed.
- The Hebrew word for "griefs" in v. 4 is *choli* and its first meaning is *sickness*. The other secondary meanings are: affliction, disease, grief, illness, sick. A few parallel Old Testament passages using the same Hebrew word in the context of physical sickness include Deuteronomy 7:15; 1 Kings 17:17; 2 Kings 1:2; 2 Kings 13:14.
- The Hebrew word for *sorrows* is *makob* which means pain, sorrow, suffering. Parallel OT passages using the same Hebrew word in relation to physical pain: Job 33:19.
- If some Christians don't have a problem with healing in general, they surely have a problem with ALL, that Jesus healed ALL who were sick, and that ALL should be healed. And it's usually because they might have prayed for someone and he or she didn't get healed. So, then they began to believe that it's not for all.
- The same thing is with salvation. The salvation of Jesus paid for the sins of all people. Anybody can get saved, but not everybody does. And you cannot blame God if they don't get saved, because He has already paid the price. The price for healing has been paid, but will everybody be healed? Probably not.
- God doesn't decree healing at the individual level. He doesn't sit in heaven and just flip the switch on who gets healed and who doesn't. He flipped the switch in favor of healing once and for all when Jesus paid for it with His stripes. God has already granted healing for anyone, anywhere, anytime. If there is sickness and disease in a person, it's either because we have not received it or ministered it.

Luke 5:12-13 (NKJV)

¹²And it happened when He was in a certain city, that behold, a man who was full of leprosy saw Jesus; and he fell on his face and implored Him, saying, "Lord, **if You are willing, You can** make me clean."

¹³Then He put out His hand and touched him, saying, "**I am willing; be cleansed.**" Immediately the leprosy left him.

- Most of us know that God can do anything and heal anyone, but we're not sure if God is willing to do it for us personally when we are sick. However, God is always willing to heal and cleanse us, that has been His heart all along.
- In the case of the man full of leprosy from the passage above, notice that Jesus didn't say: "Father, we have this leprosy here and You know, he is in a bad condition. And you know Lord, he's got problems Lord. I mean, look at his ear, it fell off. Oh, that's terrible. Lord, we just pray for him. And look at his nose, that must have hurt. So, Lord we just pray, You know what's best for him. Lord, we

pray for healing, but we just trust You.” Notice Jesus didn’t pray like that EVER. The apostles didn’t pray like that EVER. The Bible NEVER said to pray like that EVER. But we do it. Why? Because other people do it. We heard other people doing it, so we do it, instead of asking ourselves: what is God saying?

1 Peter 2:24 (NKJV)

²⁴who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—**by whose stripes you were healed.**

- The same thing from Isaiah is reiterated in the New Testament in 1 Peter, but in a different tense. While Isaiah says that “by His stripes we ARE healed” in present tense, 1 Peter 2:24 says “by His stripes we WERE healed” at past tense. So, something significantly happened between Isaiah 53, Matthew 8 (which was the fulfillment of Isaiah 53) and 1 Peter 2:24: Jesus died on the cross.
- You might say: “If that’s true, why do Christians get sick and are not automatically healed?” For the same reason why not all people are saved. They need to apply faith to Jesus’ sacrifice for themselves (personalize it) to be saved. The same goes for healing: you need to apply faith on Jesus’ sacrifice for your personal healing.
- Some may say that the healing in the above passage is only spiritual and not physical. That is wrong. If you compare the Greek word “healed” from Isaiah 53:5 (The Greek Septuagint translation) with the Greek word for “healed” in 1 Peter 2:24, they are the same. It is the Greek word *iaomai*. It means to cure and to heal and it’s ONLY used in reference to physical healing. It is never used in reference to spiritual healing.
- Moreover, whenever you were born again, you didn’t receive spiritual healing. You were dead in your sins and trespasses. You were resurrected and recreated. That is not healing. So, the passage above cannot refer even to spiritual healing.

Romans 8:32 (NKJV)

³²He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him **also freely give us all things?**

- God sacrificed for us His most precious possession – His Son. And with Him He freely gave us ALL things. Healing is one of those things. Saying the God doesn’t heal today anymore is the same thing as saying the healing is much higher than God’s own Son. Because God already sacrificed His only Son, so why would He retain healing from us?

Luke 5:17–26 (NKJV)

¹⁷Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was present to heal them.

¹⁸Then behold, men brought on a bed a man who was paralyzed, whom they sought to bring in and lay before Him.

¹⁹And when they could not find how they might bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the housetop and let him down with his bed through the tiling into the midst before Jesus.

²⁰When He saw their faith, He said to him, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.”

²¹And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, “Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

²²But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answered and said to them, “Why are you reasoning in your hearts?”

²³**Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise up and walk?’**

²⁴**But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins**”—He said to the man who was paralyzed, “I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.”

²⁵Immediately he rose up before them, took up what he had been lying on, and departed to his own house, glorifying God.

²⁶And they were all amazed, and they glorified God and were filled with fear, saying, "We have seen strange things today!"

- Jesus is saying here: "Guys, both forgiving one's sins and/or healing them of sickness are impossible to accomplish humanly speaking. So, in order to prove to you that I can forgive sins as well, I will heal this person physically. So, by doing one miracle that is equally required for forgiving sins, I hope that you will realize that I also have authority to forgive sins."
- Both forgiveness of sins and healing of sickness are on the same place.
- It is interesting that the Pharisees didn't seem to have a big problem with Jesus healing that man physically, but they had a problem with forgiveness of sins. Today, is the other way around: we don't have a problem with forgiveness of sins, which is much more difficult to accomplish, but we do have problem with physical healing, which is a byproduct of the forgiveness of sins. It is probably because forgiveness of sins is something spiritual and unseen, but physical healing is tangible and needs to happen in front of our very eyes.

Romans 6:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴For **sin shall not have dominion over you**, for you are not under law but under grace.

- Sin no longer has dominion over the new creation. Sickness entered the world as a result of sin. Since the believer is no longer under the dominion of sin, he is no longer under the dominion of sin's effects either (like sickness).

Romans 5:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness **will reign in life** through the One, Jesus Christ.)

- Believers reign in life over all negative circumstances, and over sickness.

2 Corinthians 5:18–19 (NKJV)

¹⁸Now all things are of God, **who has reconciled us to Himself** through Jesus Christ, and **has given us the ministry of reconciliation**,

¹⁹that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and **has committed to us the word of reconciliation**.

- The ministry of reconciliation actually means to distribute life and it functions at 3 levels: in the spirit (salvation), in the soul (deliverance), and in the body (healing).
- Since healing is included in the Gospel, God can never say no to someone sick or to a certain sickness. Otherwise, He would also have to say no to salvation to some people.

4. Same Works as Jesus

John 14:10–14 (NKJV)

¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.

¹¹Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

¹²"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, **the works that I do he will do also; and greater works** than these he

will do, because I go to My Father.

¹³And **whatever you ask in My name**, that I will do, that **the Father may be glorified in the Son**.

¹⁴If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

- We are supposed to do at least the works of Jesus and then greater works as well. Why? BECAUSE Jesus went to be with the Father.
- Whenever we ask/demand something to happen and it happens in the name of Jesus here in earth, the Father is glorified. Whenever sick people are healed, it brings you joy and to God glory.

John 16:7 (NKJV)

⁷Nevertheless 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 depart, **I will send Him to you**.

- Healing people, it's not a spiritual gift given by God to only few people. It is the right and the responsibility of every believer.

Matthew 10:23–25 (NKJV)

²³When they persecute you in this city, flee to another. For assuredly, I say to you, you will not have gone through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

²⁴“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master.

²⁵It is enough for a disciple **that he be like his teacher**, and **a servant like his master**. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more will they call those of his household!

Luke 6:39–40 (NKJV)

³⁹And He spoke a parable to them: “Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into the ditch?”

⁴⁰A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained **will be like his teacher**.

- The idea here is that we need to look like Jesus and do what Jesus did. You cannot look like Jesus and not operate in power. If you take away healing and power out of the ministry of Jesus, you are messing with the DNA of God. It is in His DNA to deliver, to heal, to set free and we need to have the same DNA.
- You hear people sometimes say: “Oh yeah, but that was Jesus, or those were the disciples.” There will always be somebody. The devil has at least 2 tactics to stop you from releasing power: (1) by putting you down at first (who do you think you are); (2) after you start getting victories, by pushing you forward into pride (you are someone now important, everybody should listen to you, you're anointed, special).

Ephesians 4:11–15 (NKJV)

¹¹And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

¹²**for the equipping of the saints** for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

¹³till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, **to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ**;

¹⁴that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

¹⁵but, speaking the truth in love, **may grow up in all things into Him** who is the head—Christ—

- We have pastors and teachers and apostles and prophets with the purpose of training us into mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the FULLNESS of Christ. That's where we're heading. We are to grow into Him in every way.

Romans 8:29 (NKJV)

²⁹For whom He foreknew, He also **predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son**, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

- We were predestined to be conformed to the image of God's Son, Jesus.

1 John 2:4–6 (NKJV)

⁴He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

⁵But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.

⁶He who says he abides in Him **ought himself also to walk just as He walked**.

- We are to walk in the same way Jesus walked.

1 John 4:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because **as He is, so are we in this world**.

- We are exactly like Christ in this world, right now, not in the next world.

John 3:34 (NKJV)

³⁴For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for **God does not give the Spirit by measure**.

John 20:21 (NKJV)

²¹So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, **I also send you.**"

- The Father gives the Spirit without measure to the person He has sent, like He did to Jesus. Then Jesus said that in the same way the Father sent Him (with the same power), even so He sent us to speak His words, to heal and to deliver.