

Doctrine of Healing

1. Though the sickness of Miriam was related to her opposition to Moses, the great leader of God's people in matchless grace prayed for the healing of his sister.
 - *Numbers 12:13 And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, Heal her now, O God, I beseech thee.*
2. The sovereignty of healing is declared to be reserved to God Himself.
 - *Deuteronomy 32:39 See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand.*
3. God expects His people to look to Him first for healing.
 - *2 Chronicles 16:12 And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease he sought not to the LORD, but to the physicians. 13 And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign.*
4. When King Hezekiah (BC 715 –686) prayed for divine healing the Lord was pleased to answer his prayer and extend his life by many years.
 - *2 Kings 20:5 Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the LORD.*
5. The mercy of God to Hezekiah was not dependent upon the king's faith for he dared to ask a sign that God would keep His word.
 - *2 Kings 20:8 And Hezekiah said unto Isaiah, What shall be the sign that the LORD will heal me, and that I shall go up into the house of the LORD the third day?*
6. One of the greatest promises made to any covenant nation is that if sin is forsaken healing will be part of the divine blessing.
 - *2 Chronicles 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*
7. The prayers and the cry of the Psalmist should be the plea of every soul for salvation and for physical healing.
 - *Psalms 6:2 Have mercy upon me, O LORD; for I am weak: O LORD, heal me; for my bones are vexed.*

- *Psalms 41:4 I said, LORD, be merciful unto me: heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee.*
8. God has ordained there is a time for sickness and there is a time for healing.
- *Ecclesiastes 3:3 A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;*
9. When God moves in judgment against a nation or an individual the divine intent is to induce the people to repent, pray and return to righteousness.
- *Isaiah 19:22 And the LORD shall smite Egypt: he shall smite and heal it: and they shall return even to the LORD, and he shall be intreated of them, and shall heal them.*
 - *Isaiah 57:18 I have seen his ways, and will heal him: I will lead him also, and restore comforts unto him and to his mourners.*
 - *Isaiah 57:19 I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith the LORD; and I will heal him.*
10. God pleads with backsliding individuals to return to Him so He can heal the soul of spiritual diseases. Lust is a spiritual disease. Irrational anger is a spiritual disease. Covetousness is a spiritual disease.
- *Jeremiah 3:22 Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings. Behold, we come unto thee; for thou art the LORD our God.*
11. As David pleaded with the Lord for healing so did the prophet Jeremiah.
- *Jeremiah 17:14 Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise.*
12. Sometimes the Lord looks upon His people with divine pity when He considers the cruel comments of their enemies.
- *Jeremiah 30:17 For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the LORD; because they called thee an Outcast, saying, This is Zion, whom no man seeketh after.*
13. Sometimes the sins of the saints become excessive like the waters of the sea that God wonders as it were how He can heal them. Sin left unchallenged will metabolize.
- *Deuteronomy 28:27 The LORD will smite thee with the botch of Egypt, and with the emerods, and with the scab, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed.*

- *Deuteronomy 28:35 The LORD shall smite thee in the knees, and in the legs, with a sore botch that cannot be healed, from the sole of thy foot unto the top of thy head.*
 - *Lamentations 2:13 What thing shall I take to witness for thee? What thing shall I liken to thee, O daughter of Jerusalem? What shall I equal to thee, that I may comfort thee, O virgin daughter of Zion? For thy breach is great like the sea: who can heal thee?*
14. It is good when the church remembers to return to the Lord believing in His power, grace and mercy to heal.
- *Hosea 6:1 Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.*
15. God has promised to heal the spiritual sickness of backsliding.
- *Hosea 14:4 I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him*
16. When God does judge a nation He raises up leaders who do not care for the physical or spiritual needs of the people.
- *Ezekiel 34:4 The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them.*
 - *Zechariah 11:16 For, lo, I will raise up a shepherd in the land, which shall not visit those that be cut off, neither shall seek the young one, nor heal that that is broken, nor feed that that standeth still: but he shall eat the flesh of the fat, and tear their claws in pieces.*
17. Some of the most precious words Jesus spoke is when He was asked to heal someone and He replied, *“I will come and heal him.”*
- *Matthew 8:7 And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.*

“Does Jesus care when my heart is pained
Too deeply for mirth or song,
As the burdens press, and the cares distress
And the way grows weary and long?

Oh yes, He cares, I know He cares,
His heart is touched with my grief;
When the days are weary, the long nights dreary,
I know my Savior cares.

Does Jesus care when my way is dark
 With a nameless dread and fear?
 As the daylight fades into deep night shades,
 Does He care enough to be near?

Does Jesus care when I've tried and failed
 To resist some temptation strong;
 When for my deep grief there is no relief,
 Though my tears flow all the night long?

Does Jesus care when I've said "goodbye"
 To the dearest on earth to me,
 And my sad heart aches till it nearly breaks,
 Is it aught to Him? Does He see?"

18. The Lord is no less merciful when He sovereignly chooses not to honor a request of healing. In such cases the believer can "*kiss the Hand that strikes the blow.*" When the people of Capernaum tried to force Jesus into performing miracles He rebuked them for so doing.

- *Luke 4:23 And he said unto them, Ye will surely say unto me this proverb, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in thy country. 24 And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country. 25 But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land; 26 But unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow. 27 And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian. 28 And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, 29 And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong.*

19. Because the Lord had power to heal He could instill that power to others which He did by giving the Twelve Disciples authority and power to heal.

- *Matthew 10:1 And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.*
- *Matthew 10:8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.*
- *Mark 3:15 And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils:*

20. The enemies of the gospel do not care for individuals to be healed unless that healing takes place according to the rule of religion.

- *Matthew 12:10 And, behold, there was a man which had his hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath days? That they might accuse him.*
- *Mark 3:2 And they watched him, whether he would heal him on the Sabbath day; that they might accuse him.*

21. When individuals do not repent of sin and turn from their evil ways then the basis for divine healing begins to be minimized.

- *Matthew 13:15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.*

22. Jesus believed that part of His messianic responsibilities included healing not only spiritual and physical illnesses but ministering to broken hearts as well. Mental well-being is part of the grace of the gospel.

- *Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,*
- *Luke 5:17 And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them.*

Sermons Passage to Preach on for Healing

- *Isaiah 53:5 But 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.*
- *Matthew 8:16 When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: 17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.*
- *Acts 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.*
- *Exodus 23:25 And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.*
- *Proverbs 4:20-22 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. 21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. 22 For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.*
- *James 5:14-15 Is any sick among you? 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: 15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.*
- *3 John 2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.*
- *Matthew 21:22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.*
- *John 14:12-14 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. 13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.*

- *John 15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.*
- *John 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.*
- *1 John 5:14-15 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: 15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.*
- *Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. 17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 .They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.*
- *Mark 6:4 But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house. 5 And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them.*
- *James 1:6-8 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. 7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. 8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.*