

## Doctrine of Healing

### Principle of Biblical Healing

1. Miracles of healing or the lack of the same are related to the sovereignty of God who works all things after the counsel of His will.
  - *Ephesians 1:11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:*
2. Christians are to seek for the will of God to be done on earth as it is done in heaven.
  - *Matthew 6:10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.*
3. Jesus performed miracles by the power of the Holy Spirit.
  - *Matthew 12:28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.*
4. When a healing miracle takes place the kingdom of God is revealed to be in the midst of a people.
  - *Luke 10:9 And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.*
5. As miracles demonstrate the power of God and the presence of the Kingdom of Heaven so miracles are designed to lead people to faith. The writer to the Hebrews insists that the message of the Gospel was attested to by miracles.
  - *Hebrews 2:3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; 4 God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?*
  - *Matthew 10:7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. 8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.*
6. As the Lord heals, so He afflicts in order to conform us into the image of Christ.
  - *Psalms 119:67 Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.*

#### ***Special Note.***

In 2006, while waiting on the pathology report to see if there was cancer in my body, Mike Marshall from New Zealand sent the following excerpt from a letter.

Dear Stan,

*"God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in His holiness" (Heb. 12:10). God does not afflict His children willingly. He takes no delight in seeing our tears--or hearing our groans. But He does take delight in . . . doing us good, making us holy, conforming us to His own image, and fitting us to dwell in His own presence. God treats us as the sculptor does the marble under his hand, which from a rough unsightly mass, he intends to carve into a splendid statue--a glorious work of art. Every application of the chisel, every blow of the mallet, is to strike off some bit of the stone, which must be removed to bring out the figure in perfection, which he designs to form. In our case, how much is necessary to be struck off from our corrupt nature, before we can be brought into that form and beauty which it is the intention of the divine Craftsman that we should bear. How much . . . pride, vanity, carnality, worldly-mindedness, self-sufficiency, independence, creature-love, earthly dependence; must be removed by each blow of the mallet, and each cut of the chisel, before the beauties of . . . holiness, humility, meekness, heavenly-mindedness; and all the graceful proportions and features of His own image, can be exhibited in us."*

7. Whether in healing or in sickness the heart is to give thanks to the Lord and trust in the sufficiency of the Savior.
  - *1 Thessalonians 5:18 In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.*
  - *2 Corinthians 12:9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*