




Jesus

Lesson #5 Divine Healing

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My Struggle for Truth

- *Having seen instantaneous and complete healings in some, partial healings in others, and for still others, no healing at all - I stand amazed that the subject of healing is clear to anyone.*
 - *I do not find clarity in the bible and perhaps the most frustrating part of all is the subtle pressure in some circles to have a short, clear statement on what the bible teaches about healing.*
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The A.G. Fundamental Truth

- ***Divine healing is an integral part of the gospel. Deliverance from sickness is provided for in the atonement, and is the privilege of all believers.***
 - ***Isaiah 53:4*** *Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. NIV*
 - ***Matthew 8:16,17*** *When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick. 17 This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases." NIV*
 - ***James 5:14-16*** *Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. 16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. NIV*






The Church of Today

- *For the most part, the church of 2010 is spilt between two camps:*
 - *One believes that miraculous healings ceased with the apostolic age because by then the entire Word of God was in place.*
 - *One believes that a cold hearted and backslidden church is the reason why we do not see healings today like those done by Jesus and the apostles.*






The Church of Today

- *There are more miraculous healings in other countries where the gospel is just taking root than here.*
 - *We (the American church) have all but assaulted the gospel and may have forfeited the blessing of miracles to a great extent.*
 - *Matthew 12:38 Then some of the Pharisees and teachers of the law said to him, "Teacher, we want to see a miraculous sign from you."
39 He answered, "A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a miraculous sign!" NIV*
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What About Divine Healing Today?

- *Is there any evidence that God wants all believers to be well in this life?*
 - *It seems that Jesus never told one sick person to resign himself to his fate, but the Apostle Paul was told just that.*
 - *There is no debate today over if He can; just over if He will.*
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Matthew 8:13 Then Jesus said to the Roman officer, "Go back home. Because you believed, it has happened." And the young servant was healed that same hour.

- *In this example, a Roman soldier came humbly asking for help and somehow knew Jesus could heal his servant just by speaking it.*
- *The healing of the servant was immediate.*
- *There is no mention of the sick person having faith.*





Matthew 8:16-17 That evening many demon-possessed people were brought to Jesus. He cast out the evil spirits with a simple command, and he healed all the sick.

- *Here we are told that he cast out the demons with a simple command and he healed all the sick.*
- *No apparent fanfare, and all of the sick were healed.*
- *It also seems warranted to infer the sick were healed instantaneously.*



Matthew 9:22 Jesus turned around, and when he saw her he said, "Daughter, be encouraged! Your faith has made you well." And the woman was healed at that moment.


- *A woman who has suffered many years decides that all she had to do to be healed was to touch His robe And it worked!*
 - *Her faith was integral to her healing.*
 - *Her healing was instantaneous and complete.*
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Matthew 14:14 Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

- In the context of this event we learn that Jesus was looking for some 'alone' time, but still responded to the needs of the sick.***
- Again it seems he heals with ease and again it seems fair to infer it was immediate and complete.***
- Notice His motivation – compassion.***






Matthew 15:28 "Dear woman," Jesus said to her, "your faith is great. Your request is granted." And her daughter was instantly healed.

- *The woman was a Gentile and was looking for healing for her daughter.*
- *She persists in her pursuit of help and will not take no for an answer.*
- *The healing involved the faith of the mother and it was instantaneous.*






Matthew 15:30-31 A vast crowd brought to him people who were lame, blind, crippled, those who couldn't speak, and many others. They laid them before Jesus, and he healed them all.

- ***Here we see a great crowd of people coming to Jesus for healing.***
- ***There is no mention of their faith, but the fact they came to Jesus indicates some faith.***
- ***Again, the healing seems to be complete and instantaneous.***






Matthew 17:18 Then Jesus rebuked the demon in the boy, and it left him. From that moment the boy was well.

- ***Again, it is the faith of another and not the sick person.***
- ***The healing was instantaneous.***
- ***There is something new in this event – demon possession and sickness are linked.***






Mark 6:12-13 So the disciples went out, telling everyone they met to repent of their sins and turn to God. 13 And they cast out many demons and healed many sick people, anointing them with olive oil.

- *This time we see empowered disciples of Jesus casting out demons and healing the sick.*
- *Again, it seems the healings were complete and instantaneous.*





His Many Methods

- *Spitting in eyes, putting mud in the eyes, speaking the word, and laying hands on those who were sick – many different methods.*
 - *Many methods, but always the exact same result – complete and instantaneous healing.*
 - *Sometimes personal faith, and other times the faith of others.*
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John 9:1-4 As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3 "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life NIV

- ***This is a hard teaching to take in – that God would deny sight to a little boy and later a grown man so that his healing 38 years later would glorify God.***
- ***Perhaps only if you have a small view of God.***
- ***The man has no regrets today – in fact probably rejoices in being selected to suffer for his Lord.***





What About Divine Healing Today?

- *What is described in the gospels is certainly not our common experience.*
- *It seems at times that God is just totally random in selecting who will be healed.*
- *Let us do away with the cop out of “death is a kind of healing” and look at the facts as we know them.*





What About Divine Healing Today?


- *James 5:14 Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. 16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. NIV*





What About Divine Healing Today?

2 Corinthians 12:7-9 To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. 8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. 9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." NIV





What About Divine Healing Today?

- *We are told to call for the elders and be anointed with oil. (James 5)*
- *We are also told that one great man of the Bible was denied healing. (Paul, 2 Cor 12:9)*
- *In addition, we all have countless examples of friends who have sought for healing without receiving it.*






What About Divine Healing Today?

- *Do we need to separate divine healing (James 5) from the miraculous healings of the gospels?*
- *We see and hear about occasional healings, but they are far from the norm.*
- *Jesus endorsed physicians – were they and are they part of his plan for healing us?*






Is it this simple?

- *If we believed that nothing has changed between the days of 'Sign' healings and today our prayers would be different.*
 - *The healings done by Jesus and the apostles were miraculous, instant, and complete. Do we pray so?*
 - *Are we 'settling' for something less when we ask for wisdom for our doctors instead of instant and complete healing?*
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In the end

- *Do I believe God can and does still heal the sick?
(yes)*
 - *Do I believe he always heals when we ask in faith?
(no)*
 - *Are we still friends?*
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Questions

