

Jesus our Healer

**How the Lord extends healing,
restoration & supernatural health to
His people through Jesus Christ**

**We can be healed in God's Presence, through a divine
touch from Jesus, promised to believers in the old & new
covenants, available simply through grace**

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Studies in this book portray Biblical revelations, line upon line & precept upon precept. The scriptures are alive & real. God's Word is truly beautiful to shine the light of Jesus before us. And provide Heaven's roadmap. Biblical promises are like keys, opening for us the Door of Christ. Leading us into salvation & some pretty amazing experiences, including divine healing. Jesus is the One Who watches over us like a Shepherd, Who is infinitely reliable & trustworthy. In Him we can be confident & sure in the face of sickness, pain or death. Jesus conquered the grave. God created our bodies from the first. And our Creator knows full well how to heal & strengthen our frame, every step of the way.

My hope is you will join these dives into scripture. Open your heart to hear the Shepherd's voice. Even if you walk through the valley of the shadow of death. I pray you open up to the Word of God. Let the Revelation of Jesus & the inspiration of the Holy Spirit help & encourage you. I pray that sickness & fear comes to a full stop in your life. And the Presence of God reveals afresh Who Jesus is.

Christ is the One we turn to, if ever sick or hurting. Jesus is the Healer, the Light Who illuminates our way. Christ is our Door, the Way to healing. The resurrection & the Life. The Son of God is by our side always, in Whom we find help, forgiveness, assurance & hope. Every question we ask about life is answered in Christ. To find relief, strength, restoration of health & deliverance from trials, we turn to Christ alone. Jesus can reverse any injury, pain, disease, threat, sin or trouble. The Lord is truly our Rock, Fortress & Deliverer.

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Introduction: Foundational scriptures about healing

This book shares my personal experience of healing through Jesus. And outlines the Biblical Christian revelation of how believers can confidently walk on divine pathways to live & abide in strength, deliverance & health. John 15

God intended (James 5, Mark 16:15-20) that believers would be spared from & recover from physical issues, sicknesses, disease & ailments. And have power through prayer & the touch of God upon our minds & bodies to drive away sickness through divine energy & the intervention of the Holy Spirit. Healing & deliverance is said in scripture to be the children's bread. There is a distinction between the righteous & the wicked. Malachi 3:16-17 When all kinds of judgments & plagues fell upon Egypt (Exodus), God intended for the Hebrew people to be protected & spared from all those. Why? Because these were God's chosen, His people, those selected to be in a special covenant relationship with the Lord Himself.

God's love flows towards those who believe - whenever He touches us. The divine touch may be encountered through natural, medical, or miracle means. God is not inflexible. However, those who always lean only to natural means are missing something.

God has a variety of ways to bring healing to us. Each of these exemplify the Lord's covenant name, Jehovah Rapha, in action. Exodus 15:26

Healing can be received through various means, including the working of miracles, the prayer of faith, the laying on of hands, the anointing of oil, God's Presence touching us, as well as God's providence through medical resources. (Mark 16:18; James 5:14-20; 1 Peter 2:24; Matthew 8:17; Isaiah 53:4-5)

James 5:13-18

Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you ill? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them 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 them up. If they have sinned, they 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 person is powerful and effective.

Fundamentals about knowing Jesus as Healer:

1. Healing is not a random, unfathomable mystery. Healing is from God. We can know Jesus personally.

I admit the subject of divine healing can sometimes seem a bit evasive or tough to figure out. Divine intervention may seem a bit mysterious, at times, but it is not unknowable.

2. Healing is centered on Christ. Healing is explained & promised all over the Bible. Especially to those who believe. Offered to those who make covenant with God.

Both Christ & healing are revealed throughout the entire range of books in the Bible. For example, Moses, Elijah, Elisha, Isaiah 53 (healing through Christ's atonement on the cross); Matthew, Mark, Luke & John (Christ's ministry of healing to real individuals). The topic carries right on through to Acts & the epistles (James 5:13-18).

There are many facets to a balanced picture. Especially on topics like healing. To understand healing best - in a balanced, Biblical way, we must constantly **seek Jesus the Healer. The Lord is right at the center.**

Jesus described pathways of certainty for finding salvation, healing & answers from God. For example, asking, seeking, knocking on God's door. Scripture also describes praying, drawing near. James 4:8

All these remind us that God Himself holds the answer we are looking for. So, we seek Him for Who He is, as the One Who is the answer. We are not just after what He may give us. As we receive Jesus, find Christ, seek God & listen to His Word, the Presence of God draws close to us. Jesus & the Holy Spirit bring gifts of grace, even above & beyond what we ask, imagine or think.

Divine healing is available to us reliably & consistently IN JESUS. God's Word tells us we can experience a supernatural relationship with the Lord's one & only Son. It is time to go deeper.

3. Healing is ours in Jesus. Healing is poured out to sinners & saints through the conduit of grace. Established through God's words in Covenant.

Healing & health (God's gifts) are available to believers through Covenant. Covenant is a relationship to God as outlined in the new testament. As we seek first a Christ-based relationship with God, gifts of healing are included. Matthew 6:33 Healing is extended to us through (charis) grace. Grace is the means by which Jesus saves, heals, helps & delivers us.

“For it is by grace, you have been saved (Gk. Sozo: saved, healed, delivered,

made whole). **It is the gift of God, not by works** (not by human efforts, striving, merit or methods), so that no man can claim to have been the doctor, savior or deliverer.” Ephesians 2:8-9 (paraphrased)

Healing is provided through covenant, as one of God’s reliable benefits. Covenant means special things are reserved for those who are children of God.

“Praise the Lord, Oh my soul, and forget not all His *benefits*: Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases.” Psalm 103:1-3

4. **Healing & health are best received by those who, first, know Jesus as Saviour.**

If you don’t know God personally, you are unlikely to be a candidate for healing.

In the gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke & John), Jesus sometimes bestowed His healing touch upon Gentiles (outsiders, non-Jews) - or others who did not yet know the way of God clearly. Often this was a sign, plus an introduction to the goodness of God, meant to whet the appetite of those who saw & heard. To realize Jesus is someone special, actually the Messiah & Saviour of the world. Sometimes, Jesus our Healer reaches out to touch even those on the outside.

If you are in need of healing, **the place to begin is to come to Jesus for salvation.** That is the starting point. Let Christ forgive your sins & make you His child. Start the journey to build a real relationship with God. The Bible is the most dependable & accurate roadmap.

Once we are saved, those who believe in the blood Atonement of Christ can approach the Lord in faith, and hold with integrity to the promises of His Word. The scriptures are powerful & life-changing. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Healing is based on covenant with God. And is in the atonement. Isaiah 53, Matthew 8:16-17 Through persevering prayer & persistent faith, we can encounter God. And experience help & results. And even, miracles.

God’s prophesied salvation & healing flow from the cross. The covenant-enabling sacrifice of Christ (Isaiah 53) is where new life begins.

By believing in Jesus (Exodus 15:26), we can receive both salvation & healing through God’s grace. When we are saved, we are ready, more than ever, to personally encounter Jehovah Rapha, the Lord Who heals us.

At the dawn of the new covenant, Jesus (in the gospels) begins to bring forgiveness & healing as a sign & miracle. Divine help & reality was offered to those who came to seek Him, whether they were Jewish or not.

God brought healing to Jewish followers of the Lord in Old & New Testament. He extended healing also to Gentiles in Matthew, Mark, Luke, John & Acts. The Lord accepts all who believe as His children.

Now, through an unchanging new Covenant, Jesus longs to bestow healing upon us, His children, through grace.

James 5:10 Brothers, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. 11 As you know, we consider blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have **seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion** and mercy.

Job 13:15-16 Though He slay me, yet will I hope in (trust) Him...(because) Indeed, **this will turn out for my deliverance**, for no godless person would dare come before Him.

Psalms 34:19 A righteous man may have many troubles, but the LORD **delivers him from them all!**

Hebrews 11:5 By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death; he could not be found, because God had taken him away. For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God.

2 Kings 2:11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, [there appeared] a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and **Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.**

Exodus 23:25-26 Worship the LORD your God, and His blessing will be on your food and water. **I will take away sickness from among you**, 26 and none will miscarry or be barren in your land. **I will give you a full life span.**

God's Word declares that the Lord is our Healer. And the One Who removes sickness from our midst. Exodus 15:26, 23:25

Never forget: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today & forever." Hebrews 13:8 And "I, the Lord, do not change." Malachi 3:6

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Chapter 1 Jesus our Healer



Important keys to Healing

God is Sovereign & in control. It may not look that way sometimes. But don't let that fool you. When Lazarus' sickness ended in death, it seemed like all had been lost. However, when Jesus appears on the scene anything can change. John 11

There are numerous keys mentioned in scripture which lead us to paths & doorways God honors & opens. These are Biblical, divine pathways which help draw us closer to Jesus, our Healer & lead us through a door (Jesus Christ) into an experience of salvation & divine healing. God can touch us with the miraculous even when everything else has failed.

The avenue that leads us to healing may be prayer, trusting God, drawing close to Jesus, crying out, holding to Biblical promises. Divine healing is ready to be bestowed, but only in the name of Jesus. The Lord loves to respond by the Holy Spirit when we seek Him. And He can change our circumstances through the powerful touch of His divine Presence.

Pathways, doors & keys which open divine healing, leading us to Jesus

- **Meditation upon God's Word, Bible-based faith**

The roadway of faith is a path of holding personally to Jesus & the Lord's promises.

True faith rests

I personally have learned over the years that true faith RESTS in Who God is & what His Word reveals. Rest in the finished work of Christ. Rest upon God's promises. Rest, trusting Who God is. Matthew 11:28-30 describes how Jesus asks us to receive of Him. This also explains how Jesus takes a heavy yoke of sickness off of a person. You won't work your way into healing. But Jesus will enable you to take a yoke of freedom upon you. Connected to Christ, yoked to the One Who heals, your burdens will be gone. And the touch of Jesus will make you whole.

True faith beholds Who Jesus is

Real FAITH beholds WHO JESUS is! Focus on seeking Christ PERSONALLY as Healer.

Presumptive faith neglects to focus unwaveringly on who Jesus is. And forgets Christ as central focus. Presumptive religion focuses on impersonal principles, gimmicks, formalisms, secondhand notions or manmade doctrines. But Healing is not obtained through a formula, ritual, ceremony or denominational habits or gimmicks.

Or any kind of human effort. Divine healing can not be obtained by works or human efforts or religious or struggling (sweating of any kind). Healing comes through grace. And “Grace (healing, salvation, deliverance) & truth come through Jesus Christ.” (John 1)

For faith to be real, pure like gold, we have to set aside simplistic formulas, rituals, superstitions, works and human efforts. ONLY JESUS heals & saves. Christ is the One we seek. Jesus Himself is the Author & Finisher of faith. When we find Him, we have found the One our heart loves. And we will encounter God. It is time to see that Jesus is SUFFICIENT to heal any disease! **“Is anything too hard for the Lord?”**

- **Christ-focused prayer**

Healing is not obtained through a religious formula or any magical gimmick. Or through human effort or religious works (nor any form of law, legalism, moral struggling or sweating). Healing from God is not bestowed through rituals or anything magical (like the false tricks of Egyptian magicians or the fake promises of sorcery, witchcraft or so-called Christian science).

God is not new age, Buddha, Confucius, transcendental Eastern religion, Hindu-like, one of many, nor will positive thinking or the result of self-effort help you any. No earthly religion can get you there.

Jesus is the Way, the truth & the (only sure way to) life, no one comes to (God) the Father except through Christ. John 14:6 There is one way to Heaven. Jesus is the One Mediator between man & God. Begin the search for healing with prayer for salvation. In Christ. Then walk with God consistently. Take all needs to our Father in Heaven. Ask for forgiveness. Seek God for healing. Look for Jesus, the One & Only Healer, to draw near to you. Don't be satisfied with anyone else. Look for God's Presence. The Lord answers prayer & prayer in the Name of Jesus can change anything. Mark 11:24

- **Jesus *Himself* is our most reliable Source of Healing**

Healing is not so much a *thing* we need or a blessing to be received, but more of *an encounter with a Person*. As long as we are looking only for *something* to happen, we may not be properly focused. We need to look, square & center, upon the One Whom our answer will come from. Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Look full in His wonderful face.

Look for the Lord Himself to be the Answer for this situation. Draw close & seek Christ, not merely healing (or some other answer or gift). Ask for healing, but all the while, delight in the Lord Himself.

- **Humility is the best approach**

Humbly draw near to the throne of God daily. Remember God gives abundance of grace to the humble. But the proud He knows from afar.

- **The doorway of grace**

Healing comes through grace. Without Jesus you can't get it. "Grace & truth come through Jesus Christ." (John 1)

One key is to set aside all manner of self-effort, human pride, occult practices or any endeavoring to be good enough. False religion also puts you on a treadmill & enlists you to fulfill a quota. That never leads to salvation - or healing. Cease human efforts of sweating to earn approval from God or get rewards for religious works. Instead, look fully upon Jesus & the cross. Accept personally God's grace. Believe in the Blood of Christ. Let God's goodness & kindness usher you in to His Presence. Let healing flow to you on the avenue of grace.

Whatever you do, don't forget grace.

Remember, it's not likely healing will arrive through some personal effort at being good, or some earthly or human source. Skip the sweat of religious struggling or trying to be a good-looking zealot of religious works. God's not impressed. Just rest in the arms of your loving Father & ask Him to help you. Remember His love.

1 John 3:1

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

Realize healing flows from Jesus Christ alone, through God's grace. On the avenue of grace & faith, the Lord touches you with His Presence & Love.

One of the very most important keys to healing is realizing that **Jesus Himself is our Healer. And Christ heals out of love & compassion. These focus us toward the most reliable source of healing. Emotional, mental & physical healing flows to us from a Person. All we need is to simply touch Jesus. For Jesus to touch us. An important key to find divine healing & supernatural DELIVERANCE is learn to nestle close to JESUS! And remember, while you rest there, that Christ is all.**

- **Focus on entering each day into God's Presence**

Don't stay content with "outer court" religious activities. But learn to draw close & experience James 4:8 reality. Set aside anything which distracts or detours you away from closeness to God. Make yourself available to God's Presence.

Remember: Forgiveness, grace, love, acceptance, mercy & **healing emanate from God's Presence. From Christ Himself. Emotional healing, physical healing, mental healing. An important key to Healing & Supernatural DELIVERANCE is closeness to JESUS!**

- **Focus on the Love of God. Christ heals through compassion**

The compassionate heart of Jesus affectionately yearns for us to belong to God. And be close to Him forever. That same compassion forgives & touches our every need. The Lord longs to draw you close. When Christ's compassion begins to arise He will touch & answer you. Your healing is already on the way.

Each of the above paths are reliable avenues. God's Word, grace, humility, faith, prayer, compassion from Christ, the touch of God's Presence. Each of these can help us & God will surely heal us. Draw close to Jesus for anything you need. Draw close. You are welcome anytime. Confess your sin. And don't let anything keep you back. Walk these paths. And enter through grace, boldly by the Holy Spirit. At the end of each road, you will find Jesus & divine healing.

Jesus Himself is our Healer, our most reliable source of healing. Healing flows from a Person. All we really need is simply to touch Jesus. And for Jesus to touch us. Healing emanates from God's Presence. It is time to draw near.

- **Healing is in the atonement Isaiah 53**

Without Jesus & His atonement on the cross, the wish for health is probably going nowhere.

Christ died on the cross & shed His Blood to forgive our sins. The cross marks the eternal place where God accomplished covenant atonement. **"Behold the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world."** John 1:29

Through the new covenant & Christ's cross, the Lord shows compassion, love & mercy. From the cross, the Lord delights to save. God wants to pour out upon us His love & forgiveness.

The Lord delights also to heal the humans He created. To make us well in body, mind & spirit - through grace. Healing is provided in the atonement. Isaiah 53 Divine miracles are wrought by promises of covenant, extended to those who believe. Christians can reliably encounter the power of God as it flows from Jesus. Actually, "If you just touch the hem of His garment you will be healed." Wise people know this.

For believers, healing is provided through the Atonement of the cross: Isaiah 53

Both salvation & healing are delivered through the cross of Christ. **"To us who are being saved (healed, delivered, made whole), the cross is the power of God."**

God's power emerges from the redemptive, atoning work of Jesus. Jesus' sacrifice wells up like a fountain of life & resurrection, bringing help, healing & forgiveness.

It's so important for each Christian to realize HEALING, physical & emotional healing, are PART of the COVENANT. (Isaiah 53) Just as the atonement of the cross provides forgiveness of sins (redemption, heaven, a relationship with Jesus), there are other blessings bestowed through Christ in the new covenant. Physical, mental, emotional & relational healing, and reconciliation, are vital parts of the Christian's new, divine relationship.

Christ's power to heal, evident in the Gospels, is available through all covenants, old & new. Nothing passes away until we see Jesus face to face. 1 Corinthians 13 Answered prayer & healing are offered to all believers.

If we are willing to come to Jesus, you can experience healing grace, through His atoning sacrifice (Isaiah 53:4-5), manifest through His living Presence.

Jesus is the same yesterday, today & forever! (Hebrews 13:8) Hallelujah!

The Bible is a faithful & true guide to all aspects of life. Scripture gives wise & revealing answers. Psalm 119:105 The scriptures calm our fears, take away confusion & bring us answers.

Ultimately, if you are seeking healing, Christ says: **“Seek & you shall find. Knock & the door shall be opened to you. Ask & it will be given.”** Believe & do not doubt. Simply come to Jesus. His grace can do the rest. I know JESUS is the door & Christ has given everything to us on the cross to provide all of Heaven’s keys!

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Chapter 2 Jesus my Healer



A Personal experience of Healing

I personally seek to live a life that's often TOUCHED by God. To stay in His Word & live close to His Presence. Sometimes I may feel out of it. But I always want to return & enter back in. To draw close. James 4:8 says: "Draw near to God & He will draw near to you."

I have personally experienced divine strength, health & healing. Many times over the years. God has often touched my mind & heart. And healed my body. Powerfully reversing issues & ailments. The Word of God has delivered me more times than I can count. Christ protects His children from dangers, death & wards off disease.

The Lord often has delivered me into His arms of grace & hope, restoring health to my mind & body (sometimes naturally, but many times supernaturally). I have learned to count on God to extend GREAT COMFORT to me whenever I go through trials or my soul feels deep sorrows.

I love Jesus forever, because He TRULY has shown Himself to be the "FRIEND Who sticks closer than a brother!"

"Surely I am with you always, even to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:20

While pursuing the Lord's Presence over many years, inevitably I find all my answers shine from the pages of the Word of God. The Christian & Jewish scriptures, unlike any other book, are God-breathed & impart grace, love, healing & supernatural assistance to us. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 With my Bible open, kneeling at the feet of Jesus, through conversations of prayer, Someone inevitably answers & I am made whole!

Having faced a variety of troubles over the years, I know unwanted physical ailments can stress us out. Or make us feel afraid & hopeless.

What comfort God brings when Jesus appears on the scene! In the midst of our trial. And declares: "I AM!" **"I AM the Bread of Life."** **"I AM the Lord Who heals**

you.” “I AM the resurrection & the life.” Jesus is the cure for life's most emotionally distressing problems.

I personally have experienced Jesus in a very real way for many years as Saviour & Supernatural Healer! Sometimes dramatically, often more quietly. Psalm 46 says: “Be still & know that I AM God.” When we feel sick, that is a time when we experience real & distressing need. Through Christ we can experience real healing.

While it may be impossible to fully explain God’s deepest mysteries, I can testify, based on personal experience, that healing is real & available to those who believe.

Jesus Healed my crippled knee!

One night (back in 2001) Jesus touched me alone in the back office of my Indianapolis computer shop and said: “See I have made you well! Go tell everyone how the Lord has been good to you!”

That summer, I suddenly found I had injured myself & had a nearly “broken” knee joint, including severely torn ligaments & tissues. The assembly & function of many of the ligaments, tissues & joints in my right knee had become heavily torn, some part(s) ripped loose. I had wrenched part of the inside of my knee joint out of alignment. The knee then froze & nothing was functioning. My knee swelled. I was in pain & unable to bend.

For a few years prior to this (circa 1997-2001), my right knee had begun exhibiting a lesser, somewhat intermittent weakness or injury. At times, if I turned too abruptly or forcefully in a certain direction, my knee joint could begin to slip or slide a little out of socket or “out of joint.” Kind of like the joint & ligaments were not holding everything quite in the right place. This uncomfortable feeling & sensation of “going out of joint” wasn’t constant or daily, but over a period of many months, some amount of this happened many times. I would just slow down, reposition my leg & knee & kind of get everything back into place.

Now a much greater injury had happened making all of this FAR WORSE!

With the injury of 2001, the knee entirely lost function. I could tangibly feel there was breakage damage to joint, ligaments & tissues. Some knee parts felt like they were torn loose inside & misaligned (like a door now attached by only 1 of its 2 or 3 hinges or fastening points, sliding off track or a bit crooked whenever the door is moved). When the swelling was not making my knee completely frozen, I could feel loose (interior knee) pieces rubbing with friction, or kind of going off track or misaligned into a wrong position inside. I was distraught. Parts of my knee were sliding or moving that were not supposed to. The freedom of movement was gone. My leg would no longer work normally & the knee, for quite some time, locked frozen in a bent, severely injured position. The injury made the inside of my knee area feel seriously damaged (portions seemed torn or injured inside).

This was the first time my whole life I had ever become (partially) crippled (in one leg). And - as a result - I was almost unable to stand, sit or walk normally. At best, it

was very awkward. Because the injured knee made one whole leg no longer available to function properly.

This gave me a great & painful glimpse into the helpless horror people face when they are an invalid or disabled. Though this was just one leg, I began to fear for my future & wonder how I would ever continue to work or take care of myself with freedom again.

Jesus had COMPASSION on my helpless situation though and brought His Presence to me. And DID A MIRACLE! Why? Because HEALING is WHO JESUS IS! Christ is the Compassionate Healer. God is LOVE, the One Who hears our cries!

The type of injury was one which I concluded could NEVER naturally heal. The more I studied the problem, the more it became clear that body parts affected like this did not have natural capacity to repair, realign, reattach or heal. Injuries like these generally require knee surgery & repair.

Upon more inquiry I found that often such procedures, statistically, fail (or take as long as a year or more for post-surgery recovery until a person may eventually get back to "normal." But may live the rest of their life in a weakened, feeble way. The uncertain results that attempts at knee surgery & repair often yield, may lead to a lifelong series of repeat visits to surgeons for never ending, temporary joint replacements (or procedures with temporary results).

It turned out I did not need surgery, however, after weeks of suffering this. Because when I reached my most desperate despair, the GREAT PHYSICIAN touched, rebuilt & restored my knee. Supernaturally!

In my office that night I sought the face of God, humbly praying for an hour or more, pouring out tears as prayer to God. I was deeply in anguish because my knee was so injured I could not stand up, walk or sit down (except by using my arms & a crutch or two as my only support). I was rendered unable to work, unable to do any normal pace of business. I felt despair. I could not walk to the restroom without crutches or by rolling on an office chair with wheels. I could not get to the phone quick enough to answer it. I could not even stand properly to get a dish out of the cupboard or prepare a meal for myself. I felt completely helpless & hopeless.

Then JESUS TOUCHED ME & now I am no longer the same!

That night in the back office of my computer shop after a half hour or hour in seeking prayer, crying out to God, JESUS began to TOUCH me (by His literal, tangible Presence). Along with this **I heard a clear, confident & loving Voice speak to me: "See I have made you well! Go tell everyone how the Lord has been good to you!"** I wept like a baby as I heard God's Voice & felt the Presence of God! His peace completely surrounded me and FILLED that room! I had gone there to pray alone. I went to prayer, desperate & in despair. But found SOMEONE ELSE came into the room & was right there with me! Jesus began right then & there knitting back together my knee on the inside. And making my knee COMPLETELY WELL.

Amazingly, over the days following, the problems more than went away, my knee actually became stronger than before the injury. In fact, my three year history of prior problems with this same knee also VANISHED! It began in Jesus' Presence. Beginning during prayer, the touch of God lasted in my heart for a long time after. And I felt His Presence touching my body for what seemed like a half hour (as His Presence filled the office space around me). Even MORE...my few previous years of trouble with that knee slipping out of joint completely vanished! Three prior years of a mildly failing, dislocating knee - gone. Ultimately, I became COMPLETELY WELL!

The actual supernatural result of God's touch took more than a day. There was a longer period during which the recovery was made complete. But there was no doubt this restoration was triggered by a divine experience, flowing from encountering the impossible. "With God, all things are possible." By God's grace, I was made able to stand, sit & walk again BY the very hand of GOD!

But how something like this happened was over the line of IMPOSSIBLE. THOSE kinds of injuries NEVER go away (or get fully better).

The healing was made possible by God, through faith in His Word, by drawing close to the Lord in prayer. My knee actually became STRONGER after compared to before the injury. (What was earlier torn & out of joint inside became amazingly realigned, rebuilt and - ultimately - functioned like a perfectly well knee.

God even made the joint strong and sturdy like a man a decade or two younger than my age! I experienced FIRSTHAND: "I am the Lord Who HEALS you!" Exodus 15:26

Four years later (as of this writing) - and still, 17 years later (when recompiling this testimony into this book, Jesus the Healer), my knee still remains well.

I exercise with my legs & knees at a fast pace on treadmill machines at nearly 4 miles per hour with a steep uphill climb. I ride bicycles. And walk long distances or bend any way needed with no discomfort, no pain, no slipping or malfunctioning knee parts. I am & remain HEALED!!!

I never did go to see a surgeon (over the following years). Nor did I suffer all the medical anguish & expense that goes with doctors & surgical procedures. Actually, JESUS saved me TONS of money. Money I did NOT HAVE at the time and, honestly, could not afford to pay.

I can only say **Jesus did this to me BECAUSE of LOVE!** Because long ago He created me in my mother's womb. And called me to be His own. The motivation of Christ to heal His people is love. The Lord's compassion & mercy leads Him to extend grace to the humble, hurting & believing. Salvation, healing & deliverance come to us from Jesus. And make the believer whole: spirit, soul & body.

Matthew 11:5

The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor.

Luke 7:22

Jesus replied to the messengers, "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor.

Besides enjoying many years of impossibly supernatural divine health (in most respects), I personally have also known the anguish of health-threatening situations. And received several major miracles of divine healing during my first 25 years' journey as a Christian. Commonly in such situations Jesus DELIVERED me SUPERNATURALLY with healings occurring after or during prayer or by the TOUCH of God's PRESENCE! The best simple act of faith a Christian can do when sick is DRAW NEAR to God. All of life is to be an experience of DRAWING NEAR! I have experienced divine miracles many times (& both physical & emotional healings) when I drew close to Jesus in prayer.

Healing is not necessarily guaranteed to happen *exactly when* or in the manner we want. Sometimes it may take a season of prayer (even weeks or a month or two), waiting on God. During such times, by perseverance, we can move toward an answer. Those days we may suffer the mystery of divine TIMING, yet God's promises are perfect & sure.

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Chapter 3 Jesus our Healer



Healing through the Love of God

1 John 3:1

“How great is the love the Father has lavished upon us that we should be called children of God. And that is what we are!”

Powerful keys to healing:

The heart of God *overflows with Love*. Sweetly & tenderly Jesus expresses compassion that brings HEALING!

Jesus draws near to us *revealing His Love & Compassion*

Jeremiah 31:3

“I have loved you with an everlasting LOVE!”

Jesus touches us. We hear a Voice which says:

Exodus 15:26

"I am the Lord Who HEALS you!"

To find healing, we can see God more clearly & receive better from His hand if we first focus on the LOVE of God. Don't focus on your problem. Or what you need. Focus on Christ's Love.

I personally have experienced this many, many times. When we draw close to God daily, we can seek to behold Who He is. Get a DEEP, PERSONAL glimpse of His LOVE (both through the scriptures & amidst worship & prayer). Learn to meditate on God's Presence in a living, interactive way.

Let God make His love real to you. Don't be afraid to cry, express your emotion, good or bad. Tell the Lord your hurt or fear. He's not surprised. Let Him comfort you. Pour out your heart to God. Express what's bothering you. Get rid of it. Once & for all. Don't be stoic. Be honest! Show the Lord your need. Stop praying religious prayers. Instead, cry out for help. Then you can more easily draw close & experience God.

Love invites us to draw near. James 4:8 Love snuggles close & brings us peace & joy. Jesus, His love & compassion can greet us. And enable us to experience divine healing as His Presence touches our emotions, body & spirit!

Jesus is not some ancient historical figure from the 1st century days in Israel. Christ is the King, the God of love, right here & now.

The COMPASSION of JESUS HEALS!

The Ministry of COMPASSION, Healing through COMPASSION

We can receive healing through the ministry of COMPASSION, the heart of our loving Shepherd, flowing from JESUS! Jesus LONGS to minister to the needs of people because of His great love! Compassion HEALS! Faster than anything. John 3:16

The reason why mother Theresa was such a great woman of God: a heart of great compassion.

Jesus heals us BECAUSE of the Father's compassion, mercy & kindness! Compassion extends God's hand of healing to our hearts & bodies through grace.

So here's the battle plan: **Get up in the morning. Read the Bible. Pray. Worship. Draw close to God. Pursue a DEEP PERSONAL experience each day with the Lord. Get ready to hear His voice. Drop selfish expectations. Through the Bible & during prayer, cease thinking about yourself, instead glimpse His LOVE. And linger there. Lift your voice in worship & draw close to His embracing, forgiving, healing LOVE.**

Love prepares our hearts to be touched by His Presence. To be touched by healing. When we think about Jesus' love, kindness & grace, we are ready to experience more of Him, even divine healing!

It is the **LOVE of God** which sees our struggles & looks beyond our faults. The compassion of a loving Father longs to touch our needs. Throughout the gospels, we see Jesus, *FILLED with COMPASSION*: drive out demons, heal epilepsy, make blindness & incurable sicknesses vanish! Healing flows from Christ through DIVINE LOVE! Don't look for healing, draw near to God. Receive & bask in His love.

What hinders us?

We desperately need to know & focus on God's Love. We also desperately need to shed a sense of spiritual rejection.

Christ dealt fully with all of our sin on the cross. Act like it. Self-effort, religious legalism, human doctrines, condemnation, guilt, fear - these all try to be tools in satan's hand to persuade us to a perspective that seems far from God. Religious self-focus goes nowhere. It's like a plane without wings. Religion without Christ

leads to disillusioned, confused & sick people. Christ-less religion kills. (Remember it was religion & politics which crucified Jesus.)

The Old Testament example of Moses, 1 Peter 2 & the book of Hebrews all tell us that we are like anointed priests, called into the holy of holies, cleansed by the Blood of Christ, invited by grace into God's Presence. Act like it's true. Believe God's Word. Come humbly. Draw near. Boldly. These are God's ideas. Not ours.

Satan is a liar. And tries to get believers to cower in defeat, prolong & exaggerate guilt & feel distant from the Lord. Repent of your sin, confess. Believe in what Jesus did for you on the cross. Then, emboldened, draw near. Fear the Lord. But embrace His love.

How love works & brings healing

To get healed, focus on God's Love.

Ephesians 3:16-21

I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the saints, to **grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge** & that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. 20 Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Notice how focusing first on God's love leads to being filled with the fullness of God. Then the Lord answers prayer & touches our needs beyond what we can ask or imagine. In other words, the answer is more than what you prayed for. Then we experience His power at work within us. This result includes HEALING.

Let's recap.

A. Ephesians 3 urges us to go glimpse a breathtaking view of God's love.

(vv. 18-19)

B. This leads to experiencing God DO AMAZING THINGS (v. 20) & reveal HIS POWER *at work in us!*

To cure our problems, the LOVE of JESUS is indeed a MIRACLEWORKER!

Focus your need for healing first on the DEEPER NEED to know & experience the Love of God. Don't listen to satan's doubts about your (exaggerated) unworthiness. Also, reject the thoughts telling you: "Yeah, God is good, but He doesn't care that much about you." Instead, draw near to LOVE, embrace the Presence of God! Then, when COMPASSION sweeps over you, you may find your enemies surrounded. And your disease or injury can begin to be touched by divine GRACE

and a beautiful flow of Jesus' love. Love takes all the barriers & lies away. And gets satan out of the way.

God's love is real enough to touch you.

LOVE HEALS! God IS LOVE!

"I am the Lord Who heals you!" Exodus 15:26

Here are a few thoughts inspired to me today on The COMPASSION of JESUS! By a glimpse over Matthew 9, I saw clearly in scripture what my heart already knew: that each experience of supernatural forgiveness, deliverance & healing, everything God does for us, is really Jesus bringing us reflections of His compassion. And revealing the Father's loving heart. Jesus as a Shepherd ministers even to our temporal needs, because these moments leave in us LIFELONG IMPRESSIONS of His character & heart! There is nothing temporal about experiencing the ETERNAL GOD! Healing & deliverance can never "pass away" actually unless God is going to cease to be loving or compassionate. His compassionate heart MOVES HIM to touch our needs!

I was SO BLESSED & ENCOURAGED today to see that the scripture shares clearly (i.e. Matt. 9) that COMPASSION is the motive & ministry of Jesus! There is a moving experience flowing to us through Jesus bringing us to experience His love whenever healing & deliverance occur. He shares the Father's Word, brings the gospel, saves us. And seeks us as lost sheep through the power of COMPASSION. Then Matt. 9 shares that he sends each of us as His disciples, representatives of COMPASSION, to go out & do the same. The preaching of the gospel, according to scripture then, is to be accompanied by MINISTRIES of COMPASSION (including healing & deliverance, following the very example of Christ). There will never be an end to God's healing, deliverance, compassion or love toward us. **Where there is compassion, there is healing!**

Meditate on scriptures about love. Let the Bible speak into your heart & pour over you fresh realizations of God's Love. Believe & focus on Jesus' love.

Matthew 4:4

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

Psalm 136 says a dozen times over that God's faithful love & mercy truly will ENDURE FOREVER! I am so thankful for an EVERLASTING LOVE in the heart of Jesus which ever cares about my every hurt & need. His compassion & love for us remains strong & true forever! Jesus is our ANCHOR, LIFE & HOPE! Are you hurting today? Remember there is HEALING COMPASSION in the heart of Jesus! He is the One Who will never fail you!

One of the pre-eminent experiences for the Christian is to KNOW (experience) the character & heart of God. Physical & emotional healing are important (key) experiences for each believer, because in the midst of them we are struck by the

realization that God is FULL of COMPASSION for our personal needs. When this happens (especially) in an impossible situation (i.e. a medically incurable circumstance), we are left with a LIFELONG impression of the COMPASSION & LOVE of God. Physical & emotional healing is not about some THING we need, these experiences are ALL ABOUT JESUS & about personally experiencing the WONDERFUL, LIFECHANGING COMPASSION of GOD!

When you pray, FOCUS on the LOVE of God

Let your times of prayer focus on the LOVE of God. Soon you may realize that the Holy Spirit is meeting you WITH the LOVE of GOD. A message of LOVE from GOD can heal you. And change your situation forever. The Presence of Christ's LOVE can heal your body. And clear all doubt & fear from your mind.

Make a right turn with all of your prayers toward a focus on LOVE, realizing: The Lord loves me with an everlasting love. God is with me & hears me. Right here & now.

The COMPASSION of JESUS! (as outlined in Matthew 9)

1. Jesus ministers deliverance by his compassion (to deliver someone from a kind of demon problem which caused physical infirmity, muteness)

Matthew 9:32-33 While they were going out, a man who was demon-possessed (physically demon-oppressed or demonized) and could not talk was brought to Jesus. 33 And when the demon was driven out, the man who had been mute spoke. The crowd was amazed and said, "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel."

2. (Uncompassionate) Erring religion speaks against deliverance & healing

Matthew 9:34 The Pharisees said, "It is by the prince of demons that he drives out demons."

It is generally a lack of love for others (plus a lack of seeing Jesus earnestly desiring to express God's love & compassion) which leads religious teachers to devise false "Christian" doctrines. For example, outlawing or forbidding help, healing, miracles, a touch from Jesus, a prophetic revelation or various supernatural expressions of Jesus' LOVE reaching out to help people.

3. Jesus commonly combined the ministry of healing along with preaching the gospel

Matthew 9:35 Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.

4. It is deeply meaningful to minister even to people's medical (or temporal) needs. Because these moments bring a DEEP EXPERIENCE to people of the COMPASSION of God!

Matthew 9:36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

5. The harvest we are called to is ONE of MINISTERING COMPASSION (likewise)

Matthew 9:37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

6. Healing & deliverance will accompany the ministry of the REVELATION of JESUS: His compassion to others.

Matthew 10:1 He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. 2-5 These are the names of the twelve apostles..These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 6 Go...to the lost sheep of Israel. 7 As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.' 8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

Preaching, healing, deliverance touch human need. And are a compassionate demonstration of the gospel. These acts demonstrate GOOD NEWS & show Jesus cares about us! We are no longer hopeless & trapped in our troubles. We are embraced as His sheep, the sheep of His pasture. We are the flock under His compassionate, loving care.

Healing & the driving out of demons are specific ACTS Jesus described in Matthew 9. Scripture commends us to understand Christ's COMPASSION (Matthew 9:32-36). The Holy Spirit goes on to commend COMPASSION as our personal calling (like Christ) as we go into the harvest field.

In just this way, the disciples (apostles) were given instructions to preach the gospel, heal the sick, bring loving, healing attention to peoples' disease & sickness, address these needs in peoples' lives through prayer & divine touch. And drive out demons. Matthew 9 shows us tangible healing & help is simply JESUS EXPRESSING His Presence & COMPASSION to those He LOVES.

God's motive for healing is LOVE: God is LOVE!

The Bible says that "**faith works by love.**" (Galatians, KJV) Some people emphasize *faith* to be healed. Jesus Himself confirms the importance of faith, for example, saying things like: "**Your FAITH has made you well.**" But faith is NOT an exercise in self-effort. True faith SIMPLY SEES JESUS for Who He is, draws close to Him & opens up to receive His LOVE! There is a RESTING in faith, that lets JESUS do EVERYTHING for us! We simply COME TO Him & cling to Him. Crying out to Christ, like blind man

Bartimaeus, this is often all that is needed to extend faith toward God which draws Jesus close to us, then we receive healing.

James 4:8 promises: "Draw near to God & He will draw near to you."

When Christ draws near to us, spiritual, emotional, mental & physical healing are ready to occur. Healing happens because Jesus' heart of COMPASSION touches us. It is the power of GOD'S LOVE flowing toward us that heals. When God's Presence comes upon us, LOVE HEALS! Healing arrives in the most beautiful way. **God IS LOVE!**

What does LOVE do?

If you loved your children, would you delight to make them sick? Or scheme to inject influenza into their morning cereal bowls? Would a father make sure to spray disease germs on their toothbrushes or into their lunch platter? Of course, not. Would you, as a loving mother, find joy staying up nights devising ways you could fiendishly inject cancer or leukemia into your child's body? Of course not. Would an earthly father long to see their child suffer pain? Or try to arrange maiming accidents or injuries? No! A thousand times no. Even human love, if it's real, would never LONG to see harm occur to one's own children. Should we accuse God then of worse?

Religion portrays God in a way that is very different from who He really is.

Matthew 7:9 "Which of you, if his son asks for **bread**, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a **fish**, will give him a snake? 11 If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give **good gifts** to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give **good gifts** to those who ask him!

Jesus taught here that **the Father is a giver of good**. Any loving parent endeavors daily to feed, nurture health, strength, good nutrition & wholeness in their child (through supplying good gifts, bread & fish).

James 1:16-17

16 Don't be deceived, my dear brothers. 17 Every *good and perfect gift* is from above, coming down *from the Father* of the heavenly lights, Who does not change like shifting shadows.

Tradition, religion & false doctrine gets things turned around backwards. And confuses the identity of the Father with a harm-intending stranger. However, in John 10, Jesus taught that satan is a stranger & thief. Not God. Jesus says that Christ is the GOOD Shepherd, the gentle, loving Shepherd. If we mix up the works & deeds of satan & attribute some of those to God, we may end up confused & never really be sure whether God wants to heal or help us, or not?

The teachings of Jesus can correct misconceptions. Hear Christ's voice of certainty, that the Lord will give & bring answers to us.

Matthew 7:7-11 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened."

Isaiah 62 describes Jesus as Bridegroom of LOVE

All that Jesus gives us as His bride is brought to us through LOVE.

Jesus loves & cares for His people as a good Husband affectionately takes care of His bride

Isaiah 62 unveils covenant with God as a Divine Romance. And explains how the love of God yearns for relationship with His people. Here the Bible reveals that we (the people of Zion, the Church, the believers in Christ) are GETTING MARRIED! And the Lord will delight & rejoice over us & give us His Name at a wedding. Then we will be held & kept & belong to Him forever.

Isaiah 62

2 The nations will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will bestow. (That is a bride being renamed at her wedding! - Jeff) 3 You will be a crown of splendor in the LORD's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God. 4 No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate. But you will be called Hephzibah (Hebrew: "My delight is in her"), and your land Beulah (Hebrew: "married"); for the LORD will take delight in you, and your land will be married. 5 As a young man marries a maiden, so will your sons marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you.

Isaiah 61:10 enthusiastically declares the Lord brings salvation (the robe of righteousness), healing & deliverance (other garments of salvation) to us like the adorning of a bridegroom & bride. The salvation, healing & deliverance of Christ is all about a loving relationship which brings healing, forgiveness & freedom to the bride. And bestows acceptance upon us more than any we have ever known. Like a beautiful wedding.

Isaiah 61:10 I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

If we are Christian believers, Ephesians 5 reveals that Jesus is, metaphorically, our "Husband." We are His bride. How does Jesus, the Bridegroom, feel about us? He takes personal responsibility for the needs of our body, looks after our health & makes sure that we are loved & well. The Lord has a vested interest in the well-being of His bride. Jesus loves us as like a good husband & cares for us with a tender heart!

Matthew 6 describes God as a LOVING FATHER

All that the Father gives is brought to us through LOVE.

Throughout our life on earth, Jesus teaches in Matthew 6 that we should realize our Father in Heaven has deep concern for us, even the needs of our BODIES! Our Father loves to provide, give us food, clothes, health & well-being. He wishes to set us free from worry.

Matthew 6:25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? 26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet **your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?** 27 Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? 31 So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and **your heavenly Father knows that you need them.** 33 But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

According to such loving words, God is interested in every aspect of our bodies and earthly needs. His love frees us from worry about our future & physical wellbeing. The Lord protects, provides & keeps us. According to Jesus' very own words!

In Ephesians 5, Jesus is described as a Bridegroom. A good husband (Jesus) earnestly takes care of his wife & all her needs, even thoughtfully & affectionately. He makes sure she has everything she needs, that she is well-nourished & healthy. The husband, loving with vested interest, cares for every aspect of nourishment, health & safety for his wife's **body**. Because of love.

Jesus displays daily a deep concern, shielding His Bride, caring even for our bodies, nurturing His Church, extending a daily husband's provision, and a flowing river of everlasting love. The bridegroom parable illustrates Jesus' great concern for the spiritual, emotional & PHYSICAL wellbeing of His people. Jesus regards each believer with deep concern, even for the well-being & health of "His wife's body."

Think of it. Every day Jesus is thinking how to feed, clothe, wash, protect, heal, provide for us, caring for us as His own. The Lord wishes to bring us health. To spare us from accidents. And keep us safe. He loves us as the Apple of His eye. And moves to deliver us from dangers. This is the role of a Loving Husband.

Psalms 23 describes Jesus as a LOVING SHEPHERD

All that the Lord, our Shepherd bestows upon us as sheep is brought to us through LOVE.

Psalm 121 & 23 explain that Jesus is a loving, faithful Shepherd, whose protection & provision is ever pouring out to us, wishing that our cup will overflow. He walks with us through the valley of the shadow of death and makes sure death does not succeed in overtaking us.

The Lord really is our Shepherd. And Jesus, an expert PHYSICIAN!

Psalm 23:4-5

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Hebrews 12:2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, Who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Jesus is the Author and Finisher (the perfecter & fulfiller) of true faith & its rewards.

Divine healing is based IN JESUS & comes to us through His pursuing, caring LOVE!

Jesus is the most powerful doctor! Never at a loss for remedies.

Multitudes saw Christ heal the blind and open deaf ears. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today & forever." Hebrews 13:8

Through the love of God, Jesus touched children on their deathbeds & these were raised and returned to supernatural life & health!

Isaiah 61 describes the power of Jesus longs to be expressed to us through the Anointing of the Holy Spirit

Christ, the Messiah loves to heal, save & deliver. Jesus will medically & spiritually care for us. The Spirit of God brings an anointing upon Jesus' Presence that pours out freedom, emotional & physical healing & comfort from God. The Lord blesses, heals and will deliver & bestow salvation. God fulfills promises like all these to reveal His everlasting covenant.

Isaiah 61:1 The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up (heal & medically care for the wounded, to heal) the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, 2 to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, 3 and provide for those who grieve in Zion - to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair...and everlasting joy will be theirs.

8 For I, the LORD, love justice; I hate robbery and iniquity. In my faithfulness I will reward them and make an everlasting covenant with them. 9 ...All who see them will acknowledge that they are a people the LORD has blessed. 10 I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

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Healing through the Voice of God

Listen to the voice of God
Follow the leading of the Holy Spirit:
God's direction can lead us personally & provide individual keys
which best open a divine door of healing

An important key to healing: follow the leading & voice of God

Obey what God shows you through His Word. Listen to His voice.

Presumptive faith just goes by "general principles."

Divine healing more readily streams to those who follow God's leading. And hear His voice. "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

John 11:41 So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." 43 When he had said this, **Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"** 44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

It's important to listen to the voice of Jesus. And obey.

Religion, and its accompanying deafness, never really delve beyond the stoic & shallow into the deeper, truer waters of REAL RELATIONSHIP with God.

Revelation 21:1-7

Then I saw 'a new heaven and a new earth,' for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Behold! God's dwelling-place is now among the people, and He will dwell with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God...

⁵ ...Then He said, **'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true...'**

⁷ Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and **I will be their God and they will be my children.**"

God is true to every principle in His Word. And every word He speaks.

Matthew 4:4

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes **from the mouth** of God.' "

Listening to God & hearing His comfort, encouragements, affirmations, promises & directions involves hearing what proceeds from His **mouth**. The Bible is complete & perfect. However, those very pages describe a living relationship that each person is meant to have with God. Never to contradict the scriptures, but to amplify the written Word with personal experiences & encounters with Jesus, the Living Word of God.

The personal leading of the Holy Spirit enables us to know when & how to apply promises & principles from the Bible. When to go right, when to wait, when to slow down, how to respond to situations.

In John 10, Jesus says: "My sheep hear My voice & follow Me."

In Matthew 6:8-13, Jesus taught us how to pray:

"Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

Is it possible that - to better know God's will, timing & direction in our lives - we need to hear His voice? To follow His leading? To get the Holy Spirit's inspiration? To have illumination of the scriptures? And personal application?

Hearing our Father's voice brings us to a new level of personal relationship. "In Him we live & move" according to the wise & welcome leading of the Holy Spirit.

Pharisees & religious people often say: "God can't (or won't) heal or do miracles." They mislead everybody stating that God only did miraculous things in the past, but not anymore. Or "we're not sure if God will heal or not?"

God's promises, though, are not a question mark.

The truth: God can do ANYTHING HE WANTS TO! And He declared His character & Name to be HEALER (Ex. 15:26, Heb. 13:8, Mal. 3:6, Psalm 103:1-3) And He won't change! Then people begin to believe the Bible & get into presumption. They think: God is a Healer. He will heal me. He'll heal everyone. He will always heal me NOW! It is by intimacy with the voice & leading of God & RELATIONSHIP with Jesus (the Healer) personally that we actually know when & how He is going to heal. GENERALLY, Yes God is FOREVER a HEALER. Specifically, when & how to cooperate

with this general intention requires prayer & listening. Following the personal leading of God. He might even lead you to go to a doctor or take some medicine!

In knowing how to deal with situations of sickness or medical problems, the personal leading of God is better than principles or doctrine. John 10 describes Jesus as a Shepherd who guides sheep by His VOICE. If you are sick, you should seek Jesus & PRAY! Forget tradition. Any traditions or doctrines contradicting scripture (or its balance) are WRONG. Stick with God's Word. Go direct to the Source! Follow His Voice. What you need to direct your situation is a more sure Word of prophecy.

In the hour of pain or disease, doctrine or human advice may not help. Nor will traditional, Bible-ignoring religious condolences. What we need is JESUS! Christ is the answer for all situations, an ever-present Help in time of need. The One Who rescues from sickness & protects from danger.

Tune in to God's voice, read the Bible, pray, listen to your loving Father, be led by the Spirit. Turn to Jesus & call on Him! Don't be surprised if it turns into a two way conversation.

The Shepherd's voice loves to lead us. Hearing the voice of God can reveal directions & guide our steps. The Holy Spirit teaches us & illuminates scripture. The revelation of Jesus can lead us past obstacles & fear, bring great assurance. And insure a sweet experience of divine Healing. Supernatural DELIVERANCE awaits those who love & walk with God. Like Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego.

Jesus is our FAITHFUL HEALER FOREVER & EVER!!!

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Good things come from God

Let's settle the sterling truth once & for all! Shake off any misinformation you've got in your head. Any thoughts that breed negativity.

Healing is best experienced through faith, not amidst a mind tossed around by doubt, or a heart debating whether miracles are for today or meant for me. God knows you personally. He can certainly heal you personally.

We need to grow beyond a darkened perspective, words of doubt from religious folks, atheists or agnostics, traditional denominationalists who forget about God's willingness & availability to touch us & heal. Focus instead on the truth of scripture. God is not disabled. Nor mute. Or unable or unwilling to help. Forget what religious people & doubting voices from demons say. "Did God really say?" Genesis

Did you ever wonder why Jesus did not often heal many in the synagogue or inside the seminary? Or when hard-core religious, pious pompentates were standing in the way? Because many teachers of the law, scholarly rabbis, priests & even some of today's pastors & Biblical professors often show themselves misled, captive to unbelieving traditions. Perhaps more in tune with satan's doubts & denials than God. Religionists adopt rigid postures, pious doctrines, rituals & ceremonies, but stay aloof & averse to truth & personal closeness with God.

Remember: **good things come from God. Bad things, typically, do not.** James 1:16-17 God, ultimately, wants good for His children. Satan never does.

Though simplistic statements do not cover all situations, the truth can be as simple as: "Every good & perfect gift comes from above, from the Father of the Heavenly lights who does not change like shifting shadows." James 1

Get this principle clear & the path to healing will become more straightforward. Negative things, typically, reflect the will of satan wreaking havoc, or sometimes just the harsh reality of what we encounter in a fallen, sinful world. John 10:10 Some negatives are due to human sin, or the actions of sinners, or curses falling upon a lost & rebellious world.

In Exodus God sent judgments upon Egypt (to compel them to let His people go). Yet the Lord placed the Israelites under His shelter of protection in the land of

Goshen. Malachi tells us we are the Lord's treasured possession & that God will again show a clear distinction between those who serve Him & those who do not.

Healing comes from Christ. It is finally time for us to know Who our Healer is.

Good things come from God. Bad things come from the world, sometimes as consequences to sin, sometimes as the result of sin or sinners, the worst ills often come from demons & the devil. 1 Peter 5:8

Where does sickness & suffering come from?

One of the deepest mysteries of life is: Where is God if we face sickness or human suffering? The book of Job studies this very question. Job 1 & 2 explain trials often come from spiritual warfare & satan. Not necessarily from natural sources. Job 42 explains God's will for us, after patient faith & prayer through tests & trials, is to enter, by grace, into healing, restoration & forgiveness. The Lord does not leave or abandon us in our trials.

The Bible presents a balance of messages to help us understand God's perspective on how to overcome tough matters & trials. Romans 8 assures us: **"No, in all these things, we are more than conquerors through Him Who loved us."**

Where do harm-intending trials tend to come from?

There is no simple or all-encompassing answer. But I can tell you, from scripture, that some people have the answer to this question confused. Job 13:15 shows some "doctrinal" or personal confusion in Job's emotions. Job 1 & 2 show clearly the SOURCE of Job's trials was satan (not God). But Job did not seem to realize that.

Job 16:6-7

Yet if I speak, my pain is not relieved; and if I refrain, it does not go away. Surely, O God, you have worn me out; you have devastated my entire household.

That is a pious & religious thing to say. But the direction of blame is all wrong. Sometimes we say things, whether they are true or not. Were these words of Job true? Job often talked during his months of trial as if GOD was the source of his sickness, financial loss & family woes. As if God were the murderer of some of Job's offspring by tornadoes, for example. Yet scripture shows the source of these trials was actually NOT God.

Job 1:1-11

In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job. This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil. 2 He had seven sons and three daughters, 3 and he owned seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen and five hundred donkeys, and had a large number of servants. He was the greatest man among all the people of the East.

6 One day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them. 7 The LORD said to Satan, Where have you come from? Satan answered the LORD, From roaming through the earth and going back and forth in it.

8 Then the LORD said to Satan, Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil. 9 Does Job fear God for nothing? Satan replied. 10 Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. 11 But stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face.

Notice here that satan tries to entice God to remove His protection. And even to hurt or strike Job. Satan also is the confusing one who attributes bad possibilities to God. The Lord does not fall for this role reversal. Jesus clearly shares in John 10:10 what the loving, good, gentle Shepherd is like. In stark contrast to a thief (satan) who seeks to steal, kill & destroy. Never get these two mixed up!

The Lord's allowance of satan's presence or evil-intending plans to remain & sometimes act in the earth can be a bit baffling. In general, there may be some leeway (apparently according to these verses in Job), for the enemy to be allowed (at least occasional attempts) to attack or test even faithful servants of God. This is a divine mystery. No one should pretend to adequately understand it.

Job 1:12

The LORD said to Satan, Very well, then, everything he has is in your hands, but on the man himself do not lay a finger. (Notice here, there are LIMITATIONS, which specify what satan can NOT do.) Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.

Job 1:13-19 describes heart-rending trials including lightning, tornadoes, theft & kidnapping by evil men (& more).

The real problem for each believer is described in Job 2:2 & 1 Peter 5:8-11.

Job 2:2

The LORD said to Satan, Where have you come from? Satan answered the LORD, From roaming through the earth and going back and forth in it.

1 Peter 5:8-11

Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings. And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. 11 To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

I notice that 1 Peter 5:10 promises to New Covenant believers the SAME restoration that happened to Job in Job 42.

One of the most common discouragements of satan in our minds when we suffer & hurt is: What is SO BAD or wrong about me that I am going through this? Is this punishment for my sin? Am I being judged by God? There are times, such as in Exodus, where God judges Pharaoh & hardheartedness & the enslaving wrongs against other people. Sin is judged. And deliverance proclaimed. If, like Pharaoh, you persist in disobeying God & wronging others, then God will judge you. He

might even send PLAGUES to compel you to Let my people go! But don't confuse such examples with humble children of God who have a well-meaning, honest, integrity before God. Who trust in His Blood, redemption & forgiveness. For THOSE kinds of people, God promises the Blood of the Passover! Did you ever notice that the SAME plagues which fell on Egypt were spared AWAY from God's people. Why? Because the Blood of Christ (the Passover Lamb sprinkled on their doorposts) moved AWAY from them the destructions of Egypt & set them apart to God.

Where do harm-intending trials typically come from?

Notice Job 2:3 that the LORD says these attacks from satan were happening without reason. That the charges against Job, accusing him, were groundless. Similarly, we are innocent of transgression through the blood of Christ. The real explanation for some trials is that the demons of this world are evil & full of hate. They are filled with fury because they know that their time is short. Call it jealousy. Call it spite. But be free of condemnation. The Lord is FOR you. Even when everyone else is against you! Romans 8

Job 2:3

Then the LORD said to Satan, Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil. And he still maintains his integrity, though you incited me against him to ruin him without any reason.

Notice satan is the one giving request for worse & worse trials against Job. God is actually FOR Job, even though the Lord does not necessarily stop every trial. Jesus said: In this world you WILL have tribulation. But Paul reminds us: If God be FOR us, who can be against us? Clearly satan was against Job, even for no valid reason.

Job 2:4-6

Skin for skin! Satan replied. A man will give all he has for his own life. 5 But stretch out your hand and strike his flesh and bones, and he will surely curse you to your face. 6 The LORD said to Satan, Very well, then, he is in your hands; but you must spare his life.

(Notice that physical affliction here came from satan, *NOT* from God.)

Job 2:7 So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and afflicted Job with painful sores from the soles of his feet to the top of his head. Job 2:9 His wife said to him, Are you still holding on to your integrity? Curse God and die!

Warning: Don't always follow the advice of your wife! Or others around you. Especially when the advice is inconsistent with who God is or what scripture says.

If God holds back for His answer for a short season, waiting for the right time. Or allows us to occasionally "go through the mill," that may be hard to fathom. Sometimes delays don't make sense. And it may be tempting to think GOD is doing this to us or even wanting it. Yet the opposite is usually the case. And

something very different than how things appear is closer to what is really happening.

Sometimes the greatest riddle may be the mystery of divine timing. Jesus waited some days before healing Lazarus (raising Him from the dead). In the gospels & Acts, some people had been sick for years BEFORE JESUS came (or before those people were ready to draw close to Jesus & ask for help). Yet, in the fullness of God's timing He sent forth His Son. And "Jesus went about doing good, healing all who were oppressed of the devil, for God (the Father) was with Him." Acts 10:38 JESUS REVEALED HIMSELF AS HEALER! Right on time. And, better late than never!

All humans, even Christians, sometimes suffer...

Yes, life can bring sufferings. We can suffer persecution, unfairness, conflicts, setbacks. Job's experience testifies of this. But Job, even more loudly testifies of God's faithfulness to ultimately bring the believer to hope & deliverance.

There are many kinds of personal misunderstandings & confused ideas people often about trials. It feels only natural to ask: Why is this happening to me? When will this trial end? What is causing this? Humanly we want to make it end? Or never experience bad things in the first place.

The safeguard to keeping our head on straight is to LET ONLY SCRIPTURE & the revelation God gives you personally explain matters to you. Many incorrect explanations are taught from seminaries, religious voices & pulpits worldwide. Entire doctrines & books are written (some are actually deceptions from satan in religious sheep's clothing. Such ideas are from confused religious men.

Other confused ideas come from sincere people like Job, or his friends, who thought Job's trials were sent by God. All the pain & heartache, according to them, was supposedly "God's will."

If you think staying in your sufferings is God's lifelong will, that may be a great error (just read Job 42). If you think God is the One causing your trials? And you think the Divine is masochistically wanting you to suffer horror & heartache for your good, perhaps you are attributing characteristics to the Father that are untrue.

Christ already suffered on the cross to save, heal & deliver us. The actual source of suffering, like persecution, for example, may actually be emanating from somewhere else (according to Job 1 & 2). See: 1 Peter 5:8-10 or John 10:10 to clear up the misunderstandings.

A more accurate explanation for mysteries & suffering can be seen in scripture.

For all of us, there will be days of trial. Only a personal relationship with Jesus, turning to Him in all the dark days, can see us through.

The scriptures paint a promising picture of who Jesus is. Lord, even in the midst of our trials. Deliverer of our souls. Healer of our bodies. The God that HEALETH THEE!

Jesus commitment to us: Everlasting Love. He is with us always. Even in suffering.

Once there was a fourth man who LOOKED like the SON of GOD appearing in a fiery furnace. Daniel 3 That den of suffering was sent by a sinful king, under the influence of satan, to doom Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego. Just remember, even your worst trials are headed toward faithful DELIVERANCE! God's will leans much more toward ANSWERS, healing & sufficient help. His grace is sufficient for us. Jesus is the King of Solutions. God usually desires to turn our captivity. If we will believe & obey Him. Turn back to His plan. If we humble ourselves & seek Him, He will heal our land! 2 Chronicles 7:14

Let God's Word be your delight! Psalm 34 promises troubles may come at times, but don't forget: the Lord promises, IN JESUS, to deliver us from them all!

God's will is for our BEST. The Lord promises hope for our future! Jeremiah 29:11-14 Even if we have to wait days or years, God remains true to His plan to take care of us. He will ever faithfully provide for our needs.

Good things come from God. Bad things come from the world, sinners or the devil.

Don't get confused like Job & his friends. Know where your problems are really coming from. Probably NOT from God. Actually, the source of most negatives is a thief.

"The thief comes to steal, kill and destroy." John 10:10

Most bad things which happen on this earth often emanate from a devilish, human or earthly source. That's why Ephesians 6 clearly states: "Our struggles (battles & rough situations) are not with flesh & blood (but more clearly) come from principalities & powers & spiritual forces of wickedness from the unseen spiritual realm." (satan & demons - or demonic influence upon wicked people who are taken captive to do satan's will)

It is sinners who are bad. satan is the fallen, evil one. They collaborate. And bring us the battles.

The Lord, on the other hand is GOOD & His mercy endures forever. Jesus told many stories in the gospels about how God is the giver of GOOD gifts to His children. That the Lord does NOT make any normal practice of giving serpents, scorpions or negative bestowments on His children. God may judge His ENEMIES. But to His children, God usually gives GOOD GIFTS!

Matthew 7:7-11 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. 9 "Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 11 If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

Luke 11:9-14 "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. 11 "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" 14 Jesus was driving out a demon that was mute. When the demon left, the man who had been mute spoke, and the crowd was amazed.

A statement that should help us discern what is going on?

"Good comes from God.

Bad comes from satan, sinners & a fallen world."

Feel free to quote me. I would RATHER you believe this simple proverb than some of the WEIRD religious ideas misguided people say! Like: "this is my cross to bear" (when that's often not what's going on at all) Confused ideas about Paul's "thorn" (which scripture states was primarily: suffering persecution, hardship, conflicts, a rough life & opposition from sinful men. The actual thorn was a "messenger of satan." That likely refers to demonic activity & spiritual warfare.) "I'm just sick like Job." "God made me sick to teach me something." "It's all for His glory." Or the like. John 10:10 verifies a very different perspective. Sickness is something we are to resist & reject. To fight against. If it was really God's will for Christians to be sick, then why would we advise family members to go to a doctor - to resist God's will? It was Job's wife who espoused a doctrine: "You're sick because of God. Just curse God & die." Is this what we should teach & believe? **James 1:16 Don't be deceived, my dear brothers.**

James 1:12-17

Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. 13 When tempted (Greek: tempted, tested or tried), no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; 14 but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. 15 Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. 16 **Don't be deceived, my dear brothers. 17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.**

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Chapter 6 Jesus our Healer



Healing is God's will

This is true, more often than not

**Jesus manifests & exemplifies God's will.
Christ is the Word made flesh, dwelling among us,
showing us the Father's will**

Knowing Jesus is the clearest explanation of God's will. Therefore, seeing Jesus, we know that salvation, healing & deliverance are truly God's will. The name, Jesus, means: "Our Lord Who saves, heals, delivers & makes whole (spirit, soul & body)."

God's will is being manifest when Jesus moves heaven & earth to love, save, heal & help people. Watch the Lord drive out demons and set captives free. Luke 4:18 When God provides, performs miracles, manifests gifts of the Spirit, brings about divine intervention & answers prayer, then God's will is revealed and manifest. The Presence of God flows to us in all the works of Christ. Jesus is the same yesterday, today & forever. Hebrews 13:8

DIVINE HEALTH & SUPERNATURAL DELIVERANCE are central included in the full array of God's promises. The Lord is Sovereign. And powerfully in control. Stronger than disease or any sickness. The Lord delights to manifest a generous willingness to heal. If we will simply come to Jesus, we can know that He delights to show His faithfulness & manifest His promises.

To get there, we must shake off religious misinformation, plus any doctrines of doubting. Some of these purport negativity about "God's will." For example, if we express our uncertainty (amiss) and say: "Lord, *if* you are willing, my servant can be healed." Jesus loves to respond to this: "I AM WILLING. (Cross the bridge from could to would.) Go and see now (earlier you had it all wrong). I AM WILLING. Your servant is made well." (Take this as a sign & don't bring doubts into your prayer life again.)

God's Word is His will. The scriptures reveal, explain & illuminate God's will.

Sickness & disease is typically not God's will for believers who embrace His covenant. Set aside religious ideas you've heard which confuse ideas about "God's will," especially naysaying that breeds doubt & negativity. Satan is the author of most doubt. Scripture leads us instead to Christ, the Author of faith. Jesus Himself is manifest as our Healer.

Typically God's will is, oftentimes & usually, a strong possibility & a consistent promise of healing. Revealed to us by a God Who loves to answer prayer. We can be certain of God's loving will & look for divine intervention. The Lord is truly a God Who acts on behalf of His people. Healing & deliverance are ours as the children's bread.

Jesus Himself is a picture of God's will!

Jesus' actions & words manifest & exemplify God's will. Most of what you see Jesus do in Matthew, Mark, Luke, John & Acts illustrates precisely what God wants to do in your life today.

Jesus did NOT go around predicting or arranging for people to be sick! Or leaving people in their problems, willing that they would stay that way.

Christ, very differently, typically, intervened & touched people, delivered those who simply met Him, asked & petitioned, from problems too big for them to handle. As a way to show His glory. And verify His credentials. Hebrews 13:8 Jesus does much the same thing today.

God's will for the believer, typically, is to, often & generously, answer, address problems, bring cures & speed answers - even giving us more than we asked for.

JESUS REVEALS the manifest WILL of God!

If you LOVE & RECEIVE JESUS fully in your "doctrines" then you stand a better chance to be in line with God Himself. Embrace the controversial Christ. You can be sure forgiveness, healing & the EXPERIENCE of Jesus are God's answer for our suffering. The Lord's compassion & love will touch us. By bringing Jesus to us. JESUS REVEALED is always the manifest WILL of God! Christ often ministered to people in healing, forgiveness & love, EXEMPLIFYING the Father's heart. Christ Himself (NOT doctrines) is the truth! John 14:6

John 9:1-34

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. 6 Having said this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. 7 "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means Sent). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

8 His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" 9 Some claimed that he was. Others said, "No, he only looks like him." But he himself insisted, "I am the man."

10 "How then were your eyes opened?" they demanded. 11 He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see." 12 "Where is this man?" they asked him. "I don't know," he said.

13 They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. 14 Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. 15 Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see." 16 Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath."

But others asked, "How can a sinner do such miraculous signs?" So they were divided. 17 Finally they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened." The man replied, "He is a prophet." 18 The Jews still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man's parents. 19 "Is this your son?" they asked. "Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?" 20 "We know he is our son," the parents answered, "and we know he was born blind. 21 But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself." 22 His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for already the Jews had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Christ would be put out of the synagogue. 23 That was why his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

24 A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. "Give glory to God," they said. "We know this man is a sinner." 25 He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. **One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!**"

26 Then they asked him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" 27 He answered, "I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?" 28 Then they hurled insults at him and said, "You are this fellow's disciple! We are disciples of Moses! 29 **We know that God spoke to Moses**, but as for this fellow, we don't even know where he comes from."

30 The man answered, "Now that is remarkable! You don't know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. 31 We know that **God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly man who does His will**. 32 Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. 33 If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." 34 To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out.

Jesus is a clear PICTURE of God's will

Jesus did NOT go around wanting, making or wishing people to be sick!

God's will for the believer, usually, is an often & generous experience of DIVINE HEALTH or SUPERNATURAL DELIVERANCE (like Jesus healing the blind eyes or making the lame to walk). You may go through a problem (like Lazarus did) but God will NOT LEAVE you in your problem! And when the Christian has a problem,

Psalm 34 is to "kick in," "The LORD delivers him from them all!" Psalm 34:19
Lazarus, suffering sickness & death, was delivered from BOTH!

Jesus is the SAME yesterday, today & forever! Hebrews 13:8

Jesus was not HAPPY Lazarus had died. Neither did he recite a morbid: "God wants you sick" doctrine to the mourners at Lazarus' grave. No! Jesus wept. He was MOVED by their grief. He LOVED Lazarus, the scripture says. And Jesus RAISED Lazarus up from his death bed! So some wrong religious notions some people espouse need to BOW to the truth of God's Word. Let God be true & every man a liar. Rom. 3:4 Tell me WHO JESUS IS! Gauge it by His example in scripture! In Ex. 15:26, God said: If you listen carefully to the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees...I am the LORD, who heals you.

Doctrines which change or distort who God is are actually FALSE doctrines.

Jesus Himself is the ultimate key to Healing & the Source of supernatural DELIVERANCE!

For physical health, the believer should pray earnestly for supernatural deliverance each time he is posed with a physical weakness or a medical battle. It is more fun & encouraging to be delivered by God than to resort to natural remedies. Be more bold in asking for God's faithfulness to touch & keep you. Pray for lifelong health! I often pray far beyond any current physical problem I ever encounter. It is WISE to pray for God's faithful provision of healing, shelter, protection. Base your request on the scriptures themselves. Hear the Voice of God, abide in Jesus. Stay close to God. Ask Him for all that the scriptures promise. Live a life of true prayer.

A good goal to have

Here are some good, Biblically inspired goals:

As a Christian, it is reasonable to ask the Lord to enable you to be lifelong, 100% supernaturally healthy. You may only end up with an 85 or 95% "success rate." But aim for the bullseye of God's promises. Marksmen aim for the bullseye. 100% We should expect no less. 100% healing, 100% deliverance is a good goal we can aim for (no matter how many trials have gone before). If we miss the mark, then 100% restoration of health is the backup plan.

Jeremiah 30:17 says: “I will restore you to health & heal your wounds, declares the Lord.” Aim to bounce back from any adversity. After you have stood the test,

James 1 says: “You will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those Who love Him.”

Trust Philippians 1:6, that “He Who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ.” Jesus is the Author & Finisher, the Beginning & the end. Jesus said: “Surely I will be with you always, even to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28

Psalm 27

“I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.”

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Chapter 7 Jesus our Healer



What about “unanswered prayer”?
And why do some people not seem to get healed?
(at least not right away when prayer is first offered)

Don't ever give up. No matter how things look.
Things are not always how they seem. God's help is on the way.
God knows the end from the beginning.

What should we understand about “unanswered prayer”?

What should we do if earlier attempts at prayer seemed to meet delay or unanswered requests? After what seems like silence or delay, we may begin to feel uncertain or discouraged. Or doubt into the future.

Isaiah 43:19-20 & Philippians 3 remind us: **“Forgetting those things which are behind & pressing toward those things which are ahead...”**

Meditation on scripture is one way to gain back our confidence. You don't want to be self-confident or self-righteous anyway. Professional sports teams don't win every game. Losing is no reason to quit. Just train more & get back in the game.

What we need is God-confidence, inspiration & new hope. Not a perfect batting average or a perfect season.

Why do some people not seem to get healed? And some prayers seem to not be answered?

How can I be certain of receiving healing from God myself personally?

When I look around, it seems like God does not always heal, or always answer prayer with miracles for everybody?

Answers: There are significant differences between various people & situations. There are significant differences between how people pray & what foundation they stand upon.

- Some people have faith & are in Christ, others not
- Some people are true Christians & a part of the body of Christ, others are not

Though they may have a generic belief in God. People can say they “believe in Jesus” while going to some traditional, ritual-based, religious denomination, synagogue, church, cult or sect. They may practice a lot of religiousness, pious rules, do sacraments, make penance, confession, observe feasts, holidays, lents & participate in ceremonies & devout chants. Despite their diligence at all these rituals, they may not really have a saving relationship through Christ. Their group may have led them astray. After all their works, they missed personal salvation. They may be zealous advocates of salvation by works, yet keep their hearts largely away from Jesus. So very religious, but outsiders to the covenant.

The Lord does send rain on the righteous & unrighteous. And He will try to help people no matter where they are. Sometimes, as a sign of divine intervention & the reality of Jesus to unbelievers, just like we see in Matthew to Acts, the Lord will selectively do miracles to reveal Himself before the heathen or pagan nations (as he did in Exodus). He may selectively touch & heal outsiders who He knows will respond & come to faith afterwards, as a sign to verify the Living Reality of Christ.

Except for signs like these in outreach & evangelism, we should realize that healing is the children’s bread. And is for those who embrace Old &/or New covenant with Christ. Therefore, healing should not be too frequently anticipated for humanists, atheists or others who refuse to be true participants in Christ’s miraculous atonement. Believing in the cross, accepting forgiveness through the Blood of Christ are, typically, prerequisites to the privilege of answered prayer & divine blessings. Salvation is not by works. But by grace, through faith. Both salvation & healing are grace gifts. And healing, typically, is not much intended for outsiders. Ephesians 2:8-10

- **Some people walk humbly in Bible-based trust (others barely know the Bible or hardly read scripture at all)**

As a result, some suffer ignorance, lack any confidence in Christ, or suffer a large absence of scriptural faith.

- **Miraculous answers are more likely for believers who approach God humbly, hold scripture promises with faith, who live thankfully & pursue closeness to God relationally & consistently, basing their whole spiritual lives on Christ.**

There is no other foundation except the foundation of Jesus. And there is no other name under heaven by which men can be saved except the name of Christ. There are also no substitutes for Biblical faith, God’s grace or the cross. Redemption brings us through the atonement of Christ into a covenant. That covenant prepares us to be recipients of the Promises of God. We can boost faith through consistent immersion in scripture, prayer & seeking God. Psalm 1:1-3, Matthew 6:33

- **Some people approach God a religious way and miss Jesus & real faith.**

Likewise, their attempts at prayer may be amiss, based on presumption. Others may miss God & healing by leaning on (trusting in) methods, rituals, traditions, apparitions, angels or other spiritual formulas.

- **Some people really truly know the Lord's salvation. And approach prayer for healing with a clear reliance on God's Word & grace. And believe in miracles.**

While others let religion get in the way. They may lean on their own version of religious sinking sand: i.e. new age, occult, methods of works, reliance on rituals, formulas, belief in Mary (rather than Jesus), looking for dead saints or others besides Jesus to be our advocate & intercessor. Some look to angels, other gods, idols, images, false religions, cults, sect-like or denominational doctrines.

Jesus' name may be on some of their buildings, but Christ is not in their hearts,

In some circles, there has been many years of what can only be honestly appraised as false cessationist teaching. This erroneously deceives those who listen. And claims (falsely) that God has somehow changed over the centuries. That the God Who did miracles in creation (Exodus), who showed signs in Egypt (Exodus), who did the miraculous through Moses, Elijah, Elisha, the prophets, Jesus, the gospels, Acts, Paul & others throughout the New Testament - according to their religious seminaries & doctrine - is no longer allowed (by humans & our churches) to do anything supernatural, or be vocal or involved with the Holy Spirit, spiritual gifts, amazing answers to prayer or the miraculous. Sadly, many such naysayers may know the Lord's salvation, but claim that God's love, grace & compassion that saved them, has somehow ceased in any areas they wish to forbid. Including healing & miracles. So denominational religion, anti-scriptural doctrine can short-circuit the God of the Bible (or try to). Pose a roadblock to faith & prevent expectation of healing, long before we even get started. Such men, scripture warns, "have a form of godliness, but deny the power thereof."

- **Some understand how to request healing based on faith in the atonement, cross & Blood of Christ. They pray as ones who are saved & trusting in Christ for salvation & everything they need**

Others live far off, as foreigners to the faith. They choose to keep their hearts far away from God, treat God like strangers. Heathen, pagans, unbelievers insist to dwell outside, like foreigners to the covenant. There is little blessing or relief there. If people persist outside of God's kingdom, choose a shallow life, or dwell in some religious outer court, those individuals miss the rich inheritance we have in Christ. Living far from God is a tragic mistake. To disbelieve & reject God, despise the Bible & spit upon Christ, without repentance, prevents people from divine miracles or becoming candidates ready for the touch of God & answered prayer.

Sometimes God will begin to draw people, no matter how far away. The Lord wants folks to know His salvation & pursue the lost. However, it is better if we seek, draw near & cooperate.

Tips & advice for those who long to experience healing:

When we need a miracle, it is important to **pray trustfully with perseverance**.

Hebrews says that “faith plus patience inherits the promise.” We must **move into real faith based solely on God’s Word**, not secondhand info or faintly remembered Bible readings from yesteryear. **Get your relationship with God more up to date**. It helps to actually know & **insert God’s promises into your prayers**.

Be as personal & honest in your prayers as you would be with a close friend. Drop all the cloaks, stuffy words & barriers akin to distant religion.

Make ready to honor God’s timing, especially if the answer does not arrive right away.

Obey what God shows you through His Word. Listen to His voice.

In your life, follow God’s ways. Conform to the image of Christ. Grow in the fruit of the Spirit. Start a consistent prayer & Bible reading time. Fellowship with other believers. Honor the Lord with your life. **Fear the Lord. Shun evil. Repent of your sins.**

All the tips mentioned above can help unclog the pipes of answered prayer. You won’t get a thing from God by works. But it always helps to get yourself into right relationship & right standing with God through grace. Have a heart that’s true, obedient & faithful. Be honest about your shortcomings.

Basically, put your house in order, that may improve the avenues by which grace, love, mercy & miracles can flow straight to your heart & address whatever you need.

Despite all our weaknesses, mistakes & failures, simply, endeavor, from now on, to be a real Christian. Seek first the kingdom of God. And lean hard upon grace.

- **Embrace humility, grace & Christ Himself in sincere prayers of faith**

Others instead pray out of religious blindness or their own selfish, self-centered demands. Some refuse to love or obey Christ in real life or from their heart. They do their own thing. And live their own way. Fools wander into sin. Yet, when people get in trouble, like Israel, they somehow want God to answer their prayers. If they, then, don’t get the answer they want, they renew a longheld anger toward God. And, in their hearts, “go back to Egypt” or - after faith & prayer for a minute, hopelessly give up & go back to the world for their answers.

Others can pray from wrong motives or hold pride or anger in their hearts toward God. Which serve as barriers when the going gets tough. Some blame their trials upon the Lord or even doubt He exists.

Others substitute some manner of religion & approach God without relationship. This impersonal approach to religion usually keeps a person deaf & dumb in prayer. And far from answers.

If you think you could not possibly be as off track & religious as what I have described, please reach out for a refresher course in the book of Job. There, it becomes easier to see:

Distance from God through sin, religion or self-centeredness can happen to anybody

In Job, notice all the dross which surfaces in Job's friends during Job's (hard to explain) trials. Confusion & misunderstanding is even echoed through Job's wife & Job himself.

If you have problems or get sick, rather than freaking out in some kind of religious rage (like Job or his friends), try to quiet your soul & listen. Read scripture. Go back to the basics. Take Jesus' yoke upon you & learn from Him. The darker your valley, the more the Lord your Shepherd wants to be with you. Psalm 23

God gives grace to the humble.

But some, like Cain, choose the way of pride & self-justification.

Abel symbolizes those who focus all their love on Christ Himself, embrace the Lamb of God, walk with living faith. They trust in the Blood of the Lamb to save & wipe away all sin.

Prayer walks through grace & the door of Christ, to help us get close & personal. What we need is personal prayer. We can get farther with God faster, through humble faith & loving the Lord. Seeking God's kingdom first.

When you pray, don't try to do all the talking. First, read the Bible. Then learn to listen. If you don't hear something personal, open up the Book of God. Read the Bible with new eyes. God will talk to you daily there.

A lesson about drawing near to Jesus:

Matthew 11:28-30 shares powerful keys to Christ-centered prayer

At least three ingredients to effective prayer are shared BY JESUS in Matthew 11:28-30. Revealing how we can draw near & receive from God.

Jesus is trying to explain how we can rightly align our hearts to closeness with God & receiving from the Lord's hand. More than answered prayer, we can be right with GOD.

1. Simply **COME** to JESUS, humbly.
2. Focus on the face & character of Christ. See the LOVE in His eyes. Ponder Who He is. Receive JESUS HIMSELF as the healing you need.

More than just saying words or asking for help, **focus on Christ**. Look to the Lord as the Answer & Source for all you need. **Jesus is our Healer**. Healing is not something, healing is SOMEONE. When Jesus touches you, you will be healed.

3. **Abide close to the Lord.**

Never forget: True faith rests.

Don't wrestle & be afraid. Nestle & embrace. Receive Christ's acceptance & take His yoke of REST upon you. Matthew 11:28-30 Lay everything at His feet. And believe.

Stay connected to God whenever you pray. Embrace closeness & relationship. Have a two way conversation. Listen. Worship, draw near to the Lord. In His Presence, receive words which boost your confidence. Soar on wings of eagles.

Believe in Jesus' forgiveness. Resolve to obey what He shows you. Surrender your heart. Give everything to God. Lay it all down. Base your approach to draw near leaning fully upon grace.

Lay all your burdens down, receive Jesus as the solution. Work out your salvation with fear & trembling. Fear God, resting in His grace. Don't doubt God's love. Rest in Who He is. Let the Covenant Names & character of God guide each prayer. True believers are God-confident. Not self-confident.

Seek the Lord deliberately, but relax in His love each time you draw close. Rest in His peace. Snuggle & receive. Let Jesus' love daily surround you. Bask in closeness to God.

Make your prayers & requests confident in Who God is. Confident in His Word.

Be Jesus-dependent, not self-dependent. Pray in a Jesus-focused way.

Fix your eyes, mind & ears on God's written promises. Rest in assurance that His Word is true. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 Listen CLOSELY to His voice. Let God SPEAK PERSONALLY to you about your need & situation. Surrender everything & give it to God. Then rest. Matthew 11:28-30

Let Jesus keep you in His arms each day.

Stay out of the place of self-effort & religious striving. As you pursue Christ the Healer alone, it becomes easier to obtain healing, because God brings gifts to you through grace. Healing is simply deposited in your bank account, apart from any works you have done.

Receive through trust & rest. Draw near to God, and let the love & power of Jesus DO what seems impossible for you!

Biblical scriptures overflow with treasures for our souls, opening our eyes to realize a way to forgiveness, hope & healing.

God's Word (& the full armor of God, Ephesians 6) offers an arsenal of weapons we can use to overcome sickness, disease and persevere through trials. And, ultimately, Jesus will overcome even death & the grave.

Qualities of heart which empower true prayer

The Bible often hints of important heart qualities which surround true prayer. These also remove blockades to healing & answers. Some tremendous glimpses into prayer are outlined in 2 Chronicles 7. We need to grow in these qualities by God's help & grace. The passage specifically promises a pathway likely to "heal our land."

- **Humility**

Prayer that can more readily be answered begins by humbling ourselves

- **Prayer**

Prayer works best when we humbly turn our attention toward undistracted time in prayer. Whether it's minutes or hours.

- **Turn from wickedness & sin**

- **Fear God**

- **Obey God**

- **Seek God**

- **Get real about walking in COVENANT with God**

- **Get ready for answers & HEALING**

Notice the hopefulness & power of the scriptures. In 2 Chronicles 7, the Lord *appears* to Solomon & *speaks* to him personally. Wow! The truth is: Dreams, visions, prophecies, divine encounters, hearing from God are basic parts of normal Christianity, and even Old Testament Judaism. What happened in the old days to priests, prophets, special servants & kings in the Old testament has been expanded ever since the first century. To all believers, who are now kings & priests in the New Covenant. Supernatural encounters are meant for all sheep, who Jesus says: will hear My voice & follow Me. God loves to arrange divine encounters like the one Solomon had with all believers everywhere.

The possibility of entering into divine healing also can become more real & ready for us to experience. It is wise to follow the 2 Chronicles 7 principles through relationship with Jesus. And allow God to move us onto a more supernatural level of conversation & interaction. God is more real & personal than we let Him be. It is time for some of us tap into more of God.

Moses spoke with God face to face as a man speaks to his friend. That is available to us as well. We can go up on the mountain and meet with God. Through Christ, our eternal High Priest, we can enter into the holy of holies & experience God close, upfront & personally.

2 Chronicles 7:11-21

The Lord appears to Solomon

¹¹ When Solomon had finished the temple of the Lord and the royal palace, and had succeeded in carrying out all he had in mind to do in the temple of the Lord and in his own palace, ¹² **the Lord appeared to Solomon at night and said:**

'I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a temple for sacrifices.

¹³ 'When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, ¹⁴ **if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.**

¹⁵ **Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place.** ¹⁶ I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there forever. **My eyes and my heart will always be there.**

¹⁷ 'As for you, if you **walk before me faithfully as David your father did, and do all I command, and observe my decrees and laws,** ¹⁸ I will establish your royal throne, as I **covenanted with David** your father when I said, "You shall never fail to have a successor to rule over Israel." ¹⁹ 'But if you turn away and forsake the decrees and commands I have given you and go off to serve other gods and worship them, ²⁰ then I will uproot Israel from my land, which I have given them, and will reject this temple which I have consecrated for my Name. I will make it a byword and an object of ridicule among all peoples. ²¹ This temple will become a heap of rubble.

Those last 4 verses sound rather scary. But there are consequences to not seeking & following Christ. We either live in the holy of Holies & walk with the eternal God. Or we seal our fate in the den of iniquity.

Luke 4:23 KJV explains why need to look for healing from Christ & Christ alone / (vs. wandering around searching for help everywhere else except Jesus)

"Jesus said unto them, You will surely say unto Me this proverb: "Physician, heal thyself," whatsoever we have heard you did in Capernaum, do also here in thy (home) country."

"Physician heal thyself" sounds like words Christ's mockers & critics arrogantly spout, perhaps to accuse God of their frustration, if it turns out God may be unwilling to take religious dares from hometown boys or religious enemies, who doubt His reality. These are the fools who challenge God & demand: If it's really true that you healed other people in different places & times, why haven't you healed us! Prove

healing, as well as your Messiah credentials, are really true by doing miracles when & where we choose. Do it here, in your hometown, on demand, because we want to see some mystical experiences for sport, to satisfy & entertain us. Then, if you meet our demands, after we see it, and You do our will, then we may believe.”

The principle to learn from arrogant religionists is: Challenging Christ, with the ultimatum of doubt, is not likely to be met with answers & move God’s hand. Animosity, skepticism & mocking does not attract anything close to the same result as humble, reverent, believing prayer.

Luke 4:15-27

¹⁵ Jesus was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where Jesus had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸ ‘The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.’

²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹ Jesus began by saying to them, ‘Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.’

²² All spoke well of Jesus and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. ‘Isn’t this Joseph’s son?’ they asked.

²³ Jesus said to them, ‘Surely you will quote this proverb to me: “Physician, heal yourself!” And you will tell me, “Do here in your home town what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.”’

²⁴ ‘Truly I tell you,’ he continued, ‘no prophet is accepted in his home town. ²⁵ I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. ²⁶ Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. ²⁷ And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed - only Naaman the Syrian.’

Sometimes God prefers to visit humble, repentant individuals (rather than prideful religious people). God may be more ready to respond with miracles & divine intervention when people of faith, humble themselves (like 2 Chronicles 7 says). There is a spiritual magnet of grace that gravitates toward the humble. If you’re baffled about answered prayer, start there. Also, live in the fear of God, go ahead & cry out to the Lord, tell Him all your needs. But first, give Him your heart. Surrender your life to Christ. And get ready to receive grace.

God knows who those men & women are who will respond to divine blessing with gratitude & consecration. The Lord is generous, kind & good. He wants us to respond after the miracle with lives of obeying & honoring Jesus in true faithfulness. We may be looking for a miracle, but Christ is more interested in securing an eternal bride.

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Chapter 8 Jesus our Healer



Healing is still available to those who've been sick for a LONG time!

Don't ever give up.
Don't be discouraged. God's help is on the way.

Sometimes, inheriting a promise from God, is kind of like receiving a post-dated check. The check is written, signed & waiting. The date is for the future. Meanwhile you wait. You got the promise of payment from a wealthy person who is good. Whose word is good. His intentions are good. A person of integrity. So there's nothing to worry about. At the right time, you can still take God's promise to the bank.

The importance of God's timing

Continue to trust & seek the Lord for help until the time of God's deliverance arrives.

Psalm 31

"I trust in You, Oh Lord, I say You are my God. My times are in Your hands."

There is hope for you to be healed even if you have been sick a LONG time!

Scripture is clear & repeated about the fairly frequent situation of Healing after the mystery of delayed timing. The mystery is not necessarily explained.

Luke 13:11-16

A woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. 16 Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?"

Notice Jesus taught SATAN as the source of this woman's physical problem.

Luke 8:43 A woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her. 44 She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped. 47 Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed.

Acts 9:33 There he found a man named Aeneas, a paralytic who had been bedridden for eight years. 34 "Aeneas," Peter said to him, "Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and take care of your mat." Immediately Aeneas got up.

John 5:2-9

Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. Here a great number of disabled people used to lie--the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?" "Sir," the invalid replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me." Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked."

**Healing's arrival may await an APPOINTED TIME.
Don't give up until you see it.**

Don't expect all healings to be dished out like "instant mashed potatoes." God is not always on our timetable. God is also not a vending machine. Jesus instructed us to ask, seek & knock (not choose, yank & get).

Delay does not mean denial

Jeremiah 29 describes a DELIVERANCE that came to God's people after 70 years waiting!

Jeremiah 29:10-14

This is what the LORD says: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place. 11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. 12 Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. 13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. 14 I will be found by you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile."

The children of Israel were in Israel were in Egypt for over 400 years before their ultimate national deliverance arrived. (And you thought you have waited such a long time?)

Psalm 31:14-16

But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God." 15 My times are in your hands; deliver me from my enemies and from those who pursue me. 16 Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love.

Notice in Psalm 31 that the trust for (delayed) deliverance was seen by a HEART FOCUS on the LOVE of GOD!

Habakkuk 2:2-3

Then the LORD replied: "Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. 3 For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.

We may baffle over "God's timing," but DON'T GIVE UP! Hear His Voice, hang in there & keep believing His PROMISE!

My friend, don't give up if you are suffering today. Perhaps you are going through a life-threatening situation like Lazarus. Or facing a never ending situation like the woman with the issue of blood. Or the cripple who had waited for years. Delay does not mean denial. Persevere, wait & trust. Wait upon the Lord. Seek God humbly.

One day, Jesus, in FAITHFUL LOVE, will finally, really appear. That day your trial WILL BE OVER, reversed by God. The painful nightmare will be OVER!

Until then, be encouraged & pursue the Bridegroom's love! Truly you are Jesus' Bride. Christ will soon bring you into a new & spacious place. God is sovereign over the devil & the diseases of this world. Christ Who heals the leper & the blind man can also touch you. And enable you to leap, free & clear, to jump over that long besetting hurdle. When you find yourself walking, leaping & praising God, don't be surprised.

Hebrews 13:8

"Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today & forever."

Lazarus shows God's will, divine timing & how the LOVE of God amazingly HEALS

The scriptures tell the real story of healing & make God's WILL clear. The most sure picture of the will of God is Jesus! Look at what He does. Notice Who He is. Observe how He relates to people.

In John 11, a man named Lazarus became sick, and eventually, died. Did God make Him sick? No reason to believe that. Did sickness or death (or the sad mourning of loved ones), in some sinister way, glorify God? Probably not.

Jesus said something in Lazarus' tragic story would happen for God's glory. Was Jesus referring to sickness, tragedy, death? Or the amazing intervention of divine LOVE? The ultimate healing, a resurrection of LAZARUS from the dead. That foreshadows Christ conquering death ultimately for every believer.

With Lazarus, we see the mystery of God's timing. The ministry of healing to Lazarus was delayed. His sickness first worsened. Then the man actually died. And was even buried!

That seems too late for the prayer meeting. Did God forget His promises? No! Delay does NOT mean denial! Was this man's sickness or death God's will? Not exactly.

Was Jesus out of touch with God's will. And acted to demonstrate OVERRIDING the will of the Father?

Let's go back to the character & nature of God. Who is God? Exodus 15:26 Jehovah Rapha. Who is Jesus? "I am the RESURRECTION & the LIFE!" Jesus is the Author of LIFE & RESURRECTION!

How does Jesus regard sickness & tragedy here? Did Jesus go to Lazarus' tomb & dismiss the family members' grief? Did Christ say: "Just what God wanted. Lazarus got sick, died. To show that disease and death are unavoidable. And God's will. Thy will not mine be done." No! Jesus did not think any of those things.

The account of Lazarus instead shows God's heart to battle & overcome sickness & death. And how He sometimes answers a bit late. Love heals. Without explaining the veiled mystery of delayed timing, ultimately, God is GLORIFIED by Lazarus' HEALING! (Sickness & death, if things ended that way, would not glorify God.) Lazarus healed, resurrected & testifying to Jesus' love & power, that glorified God! Through healing, JESUS REVEALED what glorifies the Father! Victory over sin, satan, death & the grave.

Through the resurrection of Lazarus, Jesus was REVEALED in all His glory & the divine act of healing truly GLORIFIED GOD!

John 11:1-45

Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 3 So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick." 4 When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it."

God was glorified "by the sickness" situation, only because it ended in a REVELATION of JESUS which culminated with a tangible supernatural sign to others, both healing & resurrection! God glorified Himself by DELIVERING & raising Lazarus. Through manifesting the love of Christ. Not by Lazarus becoming sick or dying.

Try to shed the religious idea that sickness & medical suffering glorifies God. John 11 teaches a whole different perspective.

John 11:5 Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. 6 Yet when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days. (This is a hint that DELAY does not mean denial.)

14 So then He told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, 15 and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

John 11:17 On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. 19 many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. 20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. 21 "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask." 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24

Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; 26 and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" 27 "Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."

31 When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there. 32 When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. 34 "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. 35 Jesus wept. (Notice the heart of Jesus is concern, compassion & emotions of love toward the grieving & the sick (or physically afflicted). - Jeff) 36 Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" 37 But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

38 Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. 39 "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days." 40 Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

Here, Jesus makes clear that the GLORY of God, what GLORIFIED the Father, was *NOT* Lazarus' sickness or death, but rather, how the whole situation ENDED with LIFE & RESURRECTION. Verses 41-45 also explain God was glorified by turning the situation to reveal Jesus clearly so that many Jews placed their faith in Christ (by witnessing & hearing of the miracle).

Divine intervention brought the REALITY of SUPERNATURAL deliverance to this family's needs. The whole family experienced deliverance from grief, sorrow, sickness & death. Their tragedy turned to triumph! Satan got knocked down. And Lazarus stood up. And lived to tell about it. His testimony brought many people to know Christ.

What a miracle it is when JESUS REVEALS HIMSELF in our helpless needs and glorifies the Father!

John 11:41 So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." 43 When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" 44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

45 Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, put their faith in Him.

Well, everybody loves a happy ending. But, most of the time, it is NOT really God's will for Christians to be knocked down & out for the count. Romans 8 says we are called to be more than conquerors. That is not wishful thinking. That is the Word of God!

It would be wise to question where sickness comes from?

And realize the reality of Jesus & God's promises give us options other than: get sick, remain sick, suffer high medical expenses, face heart-wrenching uncertainty, live in fear, die young or have the whole family unduly affected by grief & upheaval. Those are not good medical outcomes. God has something better for us.

Where do we go when we need help?

Sometimes human attempts to cure physical problems can help.

Yet other times, like Lazarus' situation, there is really no sufficient human cure. It may not be the best approach to only lean upon the unreliability of human (feeble) procedures to remedy problems. What we need is not big medical bills, but rather, divine intervention!

Lazarus was clearly beyond help. After all he went through, only DIVINE assistance could step in to remedy the problem. Not the best surgeon in the world, but only Jesus. When we read about Christ in the scriptures, we are supposed to see: Jesus is the One Who always came through!

Jesus, in ministering to Lazarus, clearly could see his family's plight, demonstrated compassion, shed caring tears, showed true love & friendship. Christ set us an example: He approached the problem with prayer. He did not give up. He listened to the Father's voice. He believed for a miracle. While crazy to some, these are the right things to do. Jesus' love paved the way for a miracle. And nothing could stop it.

Lazarus' healing pictures a live demonstration of the WILL of GOD! God's heart is clearly shown through the prayer & actions of Jesus. God's will is that Lazarus would be healed, his body restored to strength & brought back to life.

Jesus & Lazarus show how the Love of Christ works to restore the sick, raise the dead & bring glory to God.

Before we go trying to clear out all the cemeteries in the area, we should also remember we need to follow divine revelation, hold to His plan, understand His timing & be confirmed by the voice of God. Devote ourselves to prayer, but be directed by the Holy Spirit.

Though Lazarus may have been a rather special situation, let's also remember: when the Lord is handing out blessings, our **"God does not show favoritism."**

The ultimate healing is Heaven

Someday, all true believers in Jesus will find themselves rising from the dead (or ascending alive to the doorway of heaven, caught up in the clouds when Jesus returns to earth with power & great glory. Lazarus will be one of those riding behind Christ, the King of kings, on an army of white horses. All the saints of old will be alive forever, saved, strong & happier than we have ever been. Filled with joy in God's eternal presence, new creations, beholding the Lamb, entering the heavenly Jerusalem. Saved & alive, with a whole new outlook, more than healthy, forever whole, well & blessed. There will be no more tears, none anymore. As we are held close, embraced in the ETERNAL ARMS of our Father's LOVE! And, from then on, we will be with the Lord forever!

The ultimate comfort awaits us then. The ultimate healing arrives.

Everyone who believes in Jesus can take part, after a long delay (of 6000+ years), the blessed believers will together step foot into HEAVEN, receiving our eternal inheritance. There will be judgment for the wicked, but we will be filled with joy unspeakable & full of glory. From then on, there will be no more sickness, no more death, no more crying, no more pain. Never again!

The heavenly Jerusalem will be the most beautiful place we have ever seen. In that holy city, we will behold with amazement the throne of God. An eternal rainbow encircles the throne. And the redeemed of the Lord shall return & come with singing unto Zion. Everlasting joy will be upon their heads. Sorrow & sighing will forever flee away. And we will be with the Lord forever!

If you have ever struggled believing in healing here on earth, just remember, at that time, all sickness, all pain, all struggles, all doubts will flee away forever. And the redeemed of the Lord will experience, together, the ultimate healing. With new bodies & resurrected life, the glory of God will fill our days as we bask for an eternity in Heaven. The glory of the Lamb of God will surround us. And we will stand before His throne.

And we will be with the Lord forever!

Revelation 22:12-14

¹²'Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. ¹⁴'Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.

Revelation 21:1-7

Then I saw 'a new heaven and a new earth,' for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ²I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Behold! God's dwelling-place is now among the people, and He will dwell with them.

They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ “He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death” or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.’

⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, ‘I am making everything new!’ Then He said, ‘Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ ⁶ He said to me: ‘It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.

To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. ⁷ Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and **I will be their God and they will be my children.**

We have a lot to look forward to. And the same God Who healed us with great compassion on this earth will say to us:

“Well done, thou good & faithful servant. Enter in to the joy of your Master. You served me on earth. And shrank not back from trial & hardship. There are times you despaired & saw no way to go forward. But I will heal you from all your heartaches & pain. I will transform your eyes to look upward to a glorious eternity. You will not give up, but you will press on. And you will see that a cloud of great witnesses cheers you on & the prayers of God’s people hold you up. You feel down, but you will look up. I will count you forever as My chosen. I will not leave you or forsake you. No, not ever. Look around & see these streets of gold. See the costly jewels & the eternal treasures here. For here, in this city, financial problems will never plague you. The beauty & provision of this city will shine on forever. You will eat at My banquet & I will surround you with My love & peace forever. Satan sought to torment & fell you on earth. But you are My tree. Here you will bear fruit in all seasons & shine. You will reflect the glory of your Father forever & ever. Don’t give up while you remain on this earth. For I am Emmanuel, the Peace & giver of Life. The One Who holds you up when nothing else can. Turn to My Word & hold to My Son. “I have loved you with an everlasting LOVE!” Jeremiah 31:3 I AM the Lord & there is no other. “Lift up your heads for your redemption draweth nigh.”

My dear, hurting friend, please remember:

”Nothing can ever separate you from the love of God.” “There is a Friend who sticks closer than a brother.” “No one can snatch you from the Father’s hand.” And “surely I AM with you always, even to the very end of the age.” Also, “Remember that, in your lifetime, you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now” (all those who believe) are comforted here in this heavenly place. And you will join them for all eternity. He who testifies to these things says, ‘Yes, I am coming soon.’ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God’s people. Amen.

Forever in Jesus,

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