



Biblical Ways To Receive Divine Healing January 30, 2005

Introduction

Where Does Sickness Come From ?

Sickness came in after the Fall, therefore the root causes for sickness is (a)man's disobedience and (b)satan's activity Acts 10:38

Some of a person's physical problems are caused because of (a)personal negligence (b)accidents. So not all bodily ailments are always directly due to demonic activity.

Our God is The Great Physician

The Old Testament Revelation : Exodus 15:26 Psalm 103:3

Jesus - The Exact Representation of the Invisible God (Hebrews 1:3) : Matthew 14:14

God does permit satan to afflict people with sickness – in the same sense that satan is being permitted to carry out his wicked works in the earth today. This was/is NOT God's original intent.

Methods for Healing

- Divine Healing – supernatural healing by the power of God
- Natural Healing – the natural healing process set in place within God's creation
- Mental/Psychosomatic Healing – harnessing the power of the mind (auto suggestion, imagery, etc.)
- Medical Healing – with medicines and medical intervention
- Lying Signs – healings and miracles through demonic powers (2 Thessalonians 2:9)

Obviously, we avoid 5. and use 1. – 4. as appropriate.

The Basis For Divine Healing

- God's Nature
- God's Word
- Christ's Completed Work On The Cross

Is It God's Will To Heal Every One ?

Yes! God will is to heal anyone and everyone of any physical condition.

- God's promises are for every one, whosoever will.
- Jesus during His earthly ministry healed any one who came to Him with faith from what ever condition they had.
- Healing is for all, just as forgiveness is for all. Psalm 103:3 James 5:14,15

But Why Doesn't Every One Get Healed ?

This is a subjective question – since the actual conditions in each case can vary.

There could be a variety of reasons as outlined in the next section below.

However, we must not compromise 1.God's Nature, 2.God's Word and 3.Christ's Completed Work On The Cross, just because we cannot provide definite answers.

God can use a person in spite of sickness, bodily ailments, any physical problem, etc. However, this does not automatically mean that the condition they are in is God's best. But God does work in spite of the situation. That's why He is God!



Hindrances To Receiving Healing

- Lack of knowledge Hosea 4:6 Isaiah 5:13
- Lack of conviction / unbelief Mark 6:5,6
- Considering the ailment as the will of God
- Lack of desire to get well – not willing to fight devils and disease
- Unconfessed sin : anger, resentment, jealousy, unforgiveness, wrong attitudes, etc. Proverbs 14:30, 17:22
- Family/Generational Curses

Biblical Ways To Receive Divine Healing

There are several ways in which God heals and there are several ways to classify/categorize them. We have classified them into 8 ways, and within each of there are several variations on how ministry can be done.

1 Corinthians 12:6

#1 - Through Personal Faith In God

Matthew 9:29

Faith in God for your own healing : Matthew 9:22;29; Luke 17:11-19; 18:35-42

Faith in God for some one else : Matthew 8:10; 15:28; Acts 3:16

Mutual faith in God Matthew 9:2

Corporate faith in God for some one else : Acts 14:19-20 James 5:14-15

This faith in God can be expressed in a variety of ways:

- Believing & Speaking
- Believing & Acting Your Faith

#2 - Through The Prayer Of Agreement

Matthew 18:18-20 James 5:14-15

#3 - Through The Laying On Of Hands

Mark 16:17

This can be done in several ways, e.g.:

- Laying on of hands along with the prayer of faith
- Laying on of hands and issuing a word of command
- Laying on of hands along with the prayer of faith and with anointing with oil

#4 - Through The Gifts of The Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:7-11 gifts of healings, working of miracles

In these situations, typically God works sovereignly independent of the faith of the minister or the faith of the recipient. Hence they are called the “gifts” of the Spirit resulting in healings and miracles.

#5 - Through Special Anointings

Acts 5:12-16 Luke 5:17 1 Corinthians 12:28

The “atmosphere for healing” can be created through worship.

Creating an atmosphere for healing through praise and worship – not always necessary.



#6 - Through Repentance & Renunciation of Sin

John 5:14 Genesis 12:14-20; 20:1-18
Not all sickness is because of sin John 9:1-7

#7 - Through Deliverance

Matthew 9:32,33 (dumb); 12:22 (blind & dumb) 17:15-18 (lunacy & suicidal tendencies)
Luke 13:10-13 (hunch back)

Note in the above cases we see blindness, deafness, dumbness, and hunch back being caused due to the presence of demons. This does not imply that every blindness, deafness, dumbness or back problem is due to a spirit of infirmity. One must discern by the Spirit the root cause before ministering.

Note many people assume that the condition of the young boy was epilepsy and seizures. However a close examination of the three Gospels (Matthew 17:14-18 Mark 9:17-27 Luke 9:37-43) shows that it was really a case of demonic possession that caused – deafness, dumbness, lunacy and suicidal tendencies. Epilepsy is caused due to a chemical imbalance which requires the working of miracles.

#8 - Through The Exercise of Faith When Celebrating The Lord's Table

1 Corinthians 11:20-34

#9 – Unusual Methods

Just spit Mark 7:33; 8:23

Mud, spit and water John 9:6,7

Blessed cloths Acts 19:11,12

Conclusion

Extend your faith in God to receive healing through any of these methods

Extend your faith in God to use you to minister healing to others through any of these methods.