

The Healing Ministry of Jesus in the End Times

I. THE BASIS OF HEALING IS JESUS' WORK ON THE CROSS

- A. It is God's nature to heal as revealed through Jesus (Mt. 4:23-24; 8:16-17; 9:35; 10:8; 11:5-6; 12:15-17; 14:14, 34-36; 15:30-31; 19:1-2; 21:14; Mk. 1:32-34, 39, 45; 3:10; 6:5-6; 6:53-57; 6:56; Lk. 4:40; 5:15; 6:17-19; 7:21-23; 9:1-2, 6; 10:1, 9, 19; Jn. 2:23; 9:6-7; 11:43-45; 14:12).
- ²³*Jesus went about...healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people...*
- ²⁴*They brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases...and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them. (Mt. 4:23-24)*
- ³⁵*Jesus went about all the cities...healing every sickness and every disease... (Mt. 9:35)*
- ¹⁵*And great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them all. (Mt. 12:15)*
- ¹⁹*The multitude sought...Him for power went out from Him and healed them all. (Lk. 6:19)*
- B. Jesus purchased our healing on the cross. One reason He came was to destroy Satan's works.
- ¹⁶*They brought to Him many...He healed all who were sick, ¹⁷that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah...“He took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses.” (Mt. 8:16-17)*
- ³⁸*Jesus...went about doing good...healing all who were oppressed by the devil... (Acts 10:38)*
- ⁸*For this purpose the Son of God was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil. (1 Jn. 3:8)*

II. HEALING PROMISED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

- A. God made a covenant of healing soon after He delivered Israel from Egypt.
- ²⁵*He made a statute and an ordinance for them...²⁶and said, “If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD...and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the LORD who heals you.” (Ex. 15:25-26)*
- ²⁵*So you shall serve the LORD...I will take sickness away from the midst of you. (Ex. 23:25)*
- B. David exhorted us to not forget any of God's benefits such as healing (Ps. 103:2-3).
- ²*Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: ³Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, ⁴Who redeems your life from destruction... (Ps. 103:2-4)*
- C. Isaiah prophesied that there would be great healing in the generation in which the Lord returns.
- ⁴*Behold, your God will come...and save you. ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. ⁶Then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert. (Isa. 35:4-6)*

III. THE POWER TO HEAL IS PROMISED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

A. Every believer can operate now in the healing anointing, in the name of Jesus.

⁷And as you go, preach, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ⁸Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give. (Mt. 10:7-8)

¹⁷The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.” ¹⁸He said to them, “...¹⁹I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.” (Lk. 10:9-19)

¹⁷These signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons... ¹⁸they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover... (Mk. 16:17-18)

¹²Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. (Jn. 14:12)

¹⁴Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him...¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. (Jas. 5:14-15)

B. Believers healed the sick in the early church (Acts 2:43; 4:33; 5:12-16; 8:18; 9:38; 19:11-12).

¹²Through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people... ¹⁵so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. ¹⁶Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed. (Acts 5:12-16)

⁵Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them...⁷For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. ⁸And there was great joy in that city. (Acts 8:5-8)

¹¹Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, ¹²so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them... ²⁰So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed. (Acts 19:11-20)

IV. BEING FAITHFUL IN DAYS OF SMALL BEGINNINGS (ZECH. 4:10; MT. 25:21)

A. We pray for healing *now*, knowing that a greater measure of power will be released in the future. However, it is wrong to wait for a future day before regularly praying for people to be healed. We must be faithful and grateful in the days of smallness, while contending for the fullness.

B. There are different categories of miracles, and healings and prophetic words, including:

1. God’s compassion to help individuals: this is what we are most familiar with today
2. Movement miracles or words: giving direction/perspective to a movement (e.g. 1983–1984)
3. Culture-shifting miracles or words: releasing the fear of God, or faith with expectancy, to a ministry, city, or region, that revives the Church or wins the lost (Acts 3; 5; 8; 16; 19)