



#### 4. STANDING ON THE WORD OF GOD

Probably the best way to be healed, as well as the most secure for keeping your healing, is simply seeing the revelation of God's desire to heal you in the Bible and claiming that healing for yourself (see Matthew 8:5-13).

You may use any one of these methods, combine two or more methods, or just use any method someone in the Bible used as the Holy Spirit leads you. God desires to work with you at whatever place you are at. Jesus' ministry on earth was to destroy the works of the devil. For that reason, He went about doing good and healing "all" that were oppressed by the devil. Sickness is oppression from the devil, and it is still God's will that you be healed. Meditate on God's Word concerning healing, and especially His love for you. Jesus has never changed; what He did for others, He will do for you if you will learn to cooperate with Him. "In Him, you have been enriched in every way."

#### Scriptures for meditation:

- Matthew 8:16-17
- I Peter 2:24
- Isaiah 53
- James 5:14-15
- III John 2
- Exodus 15:26
- Exodus 23:25-26
- Psalm 103:1-3
- Proverbs 3:8
- Proverbs 4:20-22
- Psalm 91:3
- Acts 10:38
- Mark 11:23-24



# UNDERSTANDING HEALING



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**G**od loves you and wants to see you healthy and well. He said in Ill John 2, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." It is easy to see from this and other scriptures that God includes physical health and well-being as a part of a prosperous Christian life. Your physical health affects every other part of your life. Without a healthy body, it is much more difficult to be effective spiritually or mentally. Because God is concerned about you as a total person, He has provided redemption for your spirit, soul, and body. Isaiah 53:5 says, "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities (for our spirits): the chastisement of our peace was upon him (for our souls-minds); and with his stripes we are healed (for our bodies). God did more than just see the need for your physical health; He has provided for it.

When Jesus Christ died on the cross for our sins, He also took all of our sickness and disease upon Himself so we could be healed. I Peter 2:24 says, "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." The same way Jesus took our sins, he took our sicknesses. Since He has already suffered with our sicknesses and diseases, there is no reason for us to. Matthew 8:16-17 says, "When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases."

It should be just as easy to be healed physically as it is to be forgiven for sin. Jesus Christ is just as much our Healer as He is our Savior (see Luke 5:17-26 and James 5:15).

God has done His part concerning our healing. From His point of view, He has already healed us. We can see it is His will that we live and walk in health. This pamphlet was prepared to help you cooperate with God so He can bring about the healing in your body that both you and He desire. If you have just been prayed for to be healed, the scriptures in this pamphlet will help you to be strong in your faith and hold onto your confidence until the actual manifestation comes. If you haven't been prayed for yet, this will help you to prepare your heart to receive from the Lord.

The Bible records many different ways that people received healing. We will look at a few of them, but, before we do, it is important that you understand how to have a "point of contact." That is something you use to release your faith to receive your healing. It is specifically a time you set to be healed. In the Bible we have a story of a woman wanting to be healed by Jesus. She knew if she could just touch the hem of His garment she would be healed. She set a time to release her faith—when she touched His garment.

In the same chapter in the Bible (Mark 5), we have a similar instance but a different point of contact. A man had a daughter who was sick and actually died. He was speaking to Jesus and said, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." He also set a time to receive a miracle—when Jesus put His hands on his daughter. This is an important principle that we need to use to receive from God. In order to obtain results in

our faith, we have to have a time when we "believe we receive." You may use any of the following methods to receive your healing. Just remember that it isn't the method that is important; it is the results.

### 1. LAYING ON OF HANDS

Jesus said that one of the signs that would follow true believers was that they would lay hands on the sick and the sick people would recover (see Mark 16:17-18). This involves the transfer of God's healing power through a believer into the afflicted person. It is a method to release God's healing anointing. Any believer can lay hands on the sick as long as they truly believe the healing anointing is going to flow when hands are laid upon the sick. The signs of healing only follow "believers."

### 2. ANOINTING WITH OIL

Oil is symbolic of the Holy Spirit's presence. It is a point of contact to release your faith to receive your healing. It isn't the oil that heals; it is the faith in God that accompanies the anointing with oil (see James 5:14-15).

### 3. PRAYER OF AGREEMENT

The Bible speaks of the power increase when believers stand together in agreement for anything they ask for. If one can chase one thousand, two can chase ten thousand. Matthew 18:19 says, "Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven."