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I Believe in Healing. Why Am I Not Healed?

Chapter 3 - The Healing Ministry of Jesus

This chapter focuses on Jesus' healing ministry as a key revelation of God's will and character. It asserts that Jesus' earthly ministry, characterized by teaching, preaching, and healing, was a perfect representation of God's desire for humanity's health and well-being. The chapter emphasizes that Jesus' compassion for the sick was a driving force behind His healing ministry, illustrating God's loving-kindness and concern for those who suffer.

Jesus is the clearest and most accurate representation of God, so we need to understand God through Jesus' actions and words. By examining Jesus' ministry, one can discern God's heart for healing and His unwavering compassion towards the sick.

The chapter also addresses the common discrepancy between the abundance of healing in Jesus' ministry and the lack of consistent healing experiences today. It confronts potential barriers to receiving healing, such as inaccurate perceptions of God and ingrained beliefs that contradict God's will. The chapter concludes by encouraging readers to actively engage with scriptures about Jesus' healing ministry and compassion, to renew their minds, and to cultivate an expectation of experiencing the same healing today.

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The Will of God for Healing

Jesus came to show us what God is like. He expressed God's will perfectly. The earthly ministry of Jesus was God in the flesh. He revealed God to us completely.

We are going to look at His ministry. People knew Jesus for His healing ministry. Multitudes came to Him to be healed. There are many stories of healing in the Gospels. Even people who are not Christians have heard of His healing miracles. He revealed God as a healer.

The ministry of Jesus on earth was three-fold. He went about teaching, preaching, and healing. One third of the ministry of Jesus was healing. This shows God's intention for humanity throughout history.

God wants us to be healthy. His original design for all humanity at Creation was complete health and well-being. His plan is unchanging, so this is still his plan for us.

While on earth, Jesus cared about people and had compassion for those who were sick. There are many instances in the New Testament of Him healing people because He loves and cares about them. His compassion continually reached out to meet people's needs.

We will look at the scriptural examples in the New Testament where Jesus healed all who came to Him for healing. We will also go to scripture that express how He healed because of His compassion.

The Character of God

Let's start by looking at the character of God and how God revealed Himself perfectly in the ministry of Jesus.

"God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature..."

Hebrews 1:1-3 (NASB)

We can see from this verse that God spoke in the Old Testament in portions of truth; He revealed Himself in bits and pieces, showing certain aspects of His character at various times.

In some ways, the picture of God revealed in the Old Testament is confusing. Much of what God did in the Old Testament that seems contradictory to the nature of Jesus was to reveal how serious sin is.

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This is one reason that the Old Testament God seems to differ from Jesus. He revealed the evilness of sin so that we would know our need for a Savior, and then He brought us the Savior.

This Scripture says that in the days we are currently living in, God has revealed Himself completely and clearly and exactly through the Son. What we see in Jesus is the true and accurate picture of God. How Jesus reacted to sickness and sick people shows how God views sickness and sick people.

We learn about God's will concerning healing not from the traditions, teachings, or the experience of people, but from the Word of God. Jesus went about healing all—because God was with Him.

Jesus is the exact representation of God's nature. He shows us the most accurate picture of God. So, to know what God is like, let's look at Jesus.

If you have an image of God that doesn't line up with Jesus, as revealed in the New Testament, it is a partial picture. Let's put aside any ideas we have had of God from tradition and religion and instead conform our beliefs to what we see in Jesus.

“Jesus is the visible image of the invisible God.”

Colossians 1:15

Although we cannot see God, we can see Jesus in the stories and words written about Him. We have a complete revelation of God in Jesus. We can see the unseen God when we look at Jesus. He is the exact and visible image of the invisible God.

“And the Word (the expression of God) became flesh and dwelt among us; and we saw His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ. No one has seen God at any time; God the only Son, who is in the arms of the Father, He has explained Him.”

John 1:14, 17-18 (AMPC)

God expressed Himself in Jesus. He explained Himself in Jesus. He revealed what He is like in Jesus. God Himself became flesh and dwelt among us.

Isn't it amazing that God wanted us to know Him so much that He made Himself a man in Christ so we can see clearly what He is really like?

What is Jesus like? John says He is full of grace and truth. He isn't a God full of judgment and condemnation, as many have thought. He isn't looking for ways to punish us. His desire is to heal us and restore our lives to His original intention.

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Though Moses gave the law, Jesus provided grace and truth. We can see clearly in Christ that the nature of God is grace and truth, mercy, kindness, and love.

God did not speak in bits and pieces through Jesus; He showed us completely and fully what He is like.

No one seen God, but the Son has explained to Him. Jesus explained God, so when we see Jesus, we see God. We can understand God through Jesus. So, Let's expect God to be towards us the way we see Jesus acting towards the people He ministered to.

The Earthly Ministry of Jesus

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

Hebrews 13:8 (NASB)

What this verse reveals to us is that the Jesus we see in the Gospels is the same today and will always, under all circumstances, be that way. How He acted towards the people in the New Testament is how He will act towards you. He will never change. He is always full of mercy and compassion. And He is always healing wherever people learn to cooperate with Him.

I want to look at one more verse on this on this before we look at the earthly ministry of Jesus in the Gospels.

"You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him."

Acts 10:38 (NASB)

This verse describes and summarizes the ministry of the Jesus. The summary of the life of Jesus is that He went about healing all. Why did He heal all? Because God was with Him. To what extent does "all" fail to encompass everyone? Are you included in "all"?

There were many, many times Jesus healed all in a multitude who came to Him. If He isn't willing to heal all, why did He consistently heal all?

If what we have been taught about Jesus in our traditions that there are some God doesn't want to heal is true, why was there nobody in the sizable crowds that it was not God's will to heal? Why didn't He tell anyone that they needed to bear their sickness longer because God was teaching them something through it?

Since Jesus came to reveal God and show what He is like, you would think He'd support our traditions if they were true.

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No, He did not support our traditions. Instead, Jesus repeatedly healed all who came to Him. God was working through Jesus. God was expressing His will for mankind in what Jesus did.

As it says in Acts 10:38, Jesus healed all because God was with Him. If God is present and His will is coming to pass, healing is happening. As we covered earlier, the nature and very essence of God is “Healer.”

Most people don’t see God like this. We have learned more about a judgmental God. Most of us, even those of us who have been taught about a God of love and mercy, carry around with us a sense that God is just a little displeased with everyone—especially us. We harbor a kind of low-grade guilt. And that guilt will keep us from God’s best.

We have heard that God so loved the world that He sent His Son to save us. The Bible clearly says this in John 3:16 and other places. But have you noticed that there is a subtle unconscious sense about John 3:16 which interprets it as, “For God so hated the world that He sent his Son to expose our sin and then relentlessly pursue us to prevent us from repeating it?”

Let’s renew our minds to what the Word says and cast aside these lies and traditions which keep us from the blessings and benefits God desires for us!

Jesus, in every instance in His life on earth, acted out the will of God the Father for humanity. Jesus demonstrated the will of God for your life. When He was on earth, He acted out what God wants to do for you and for me today!

ALL—EVERY

Jesus healed them all.

Let’s look at some scriptures where Jesus healed “every” and “all” sickness. There are many instances in the New Testament.

We will go through some of these verses here but take the time and look up these scriptures for yourself, write them out, and go over them again. Think about them. Intentionally believe them. Imagine and picturize them. This will help renew your mind.

When you realize in the depths of your heart that since Jesus healed all while on earth, He will heal you, it will make a vast difference. Faith will rise in your heart and replace your doubt and uncertainty regarding God healing you.

There is a difference between knowing the doctrine of healing and agreeing it is true and knowing it as a reality as a conviction of your heart. Genuine faith is of the heart, not the head.

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Let's study Jesus' ministry to find God's will concerning sickness. Let's put aside tradition, experience, and past teachings. Most of us have come to believe things that are not true. We pick them up from one another. We need to find these hidden ideas and beliefs and eliminate them.

It probably isn't your doctrinal beliefs about healing that are blocking your healing; it is your inner heart beliefs, your hidden and secret belief systems (BS) which may or may not line up with what you have decided to believe.

Did Jesus ever turn away or refuse to heal any that came to Him? Did He tell people to stay sick because God was working out something in their lives or that it was not God's time for their healing, or that they were not worthy of healing?

No, instead we see Him continually healing all who needed healing. He did not give any reason for not healing someone who needed it and came to Him – instantly.

If you want to know God's will, look at Jesus. Jesus, in every instance, acted out God's will for people. Whatever you see Jesus doing for others, HE WILL DO FOR YOU!

All & Every Scriptures

Matthew 4:23-25—Every kind of disease, every kind of sickness, all who were ill were healed.

Matthew 8:16-17—They brought many who were sick to Him; He healed them all.

Matthew 9:35-10:1—Healing every kind of disease and sickness. He sent out more workers to do the same.

Matthew 12:15—Many followed Him, and He healed them all.

Matthew 14:14—He saw a great multitude and healed their sick.

Matthew 14:34-36—They brought Him all who were sick. As many as touched Him were healed.

Matthew 15:30-31—Great multitudes came, and He healed them.

Luke 4:40-42—They brought all. He laid hands on all and healed them.

Luke 6:17-19—A great multitude of disciples and a throng of people came to hear and be healed. Power was coming from Him and healing them all.

God continued healing all in the New Testament church.

In Matthew 9 Jesus sent out His disciples to heal. Then He sent out seventy more. Because of His compassion for people in need, He told us to pray for more laborers to be sent out to follow His example and express His compassion by healing.

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In Acts 5 we can see the same ministry in the early church.

“Now by the hands of the apostles (special messengers) numerous and startling signs and wonders were being performed among the people, so that they [even] kept carrying out the sick into the streets and placing them on couches and sleeping pads, [in the hope] that as Peter passed by, at least his shadow might fall on some of them. And the people gathered also from the towns and hamlets around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those troubled with foul spirits, and they were all cured.”

Acts 5:12, 15-16 (AMPC)

Jesus said we were to do the same works as He did, but also greater works. This is an example of the greater works Jesus spoke of in John 14:12. There is no example of Jesus healing by His shadow.

There is a similar account in Acts 19:11-12 where handkerchiefs or aprons from the body of Paul healed disease and cast out demons. This follows the example of people touching Jesus' garment and being healed. We can expect similar things today.

In the ministry of Jesus, there was not one in any of these multitudes who God wanted to stay sick. Nor does He in the ministry we as His body carry on.

Renew your mind. Adjust your thinking to the scriptures. Replace tradition with truth. God will also heal you and those around you.

How many did He heal? [Say it to yourself.](#)

- He healed all who came to Him.
- He is the same today.
- He still heals all.
- I am part of all.
- Jesus also heals me.
- Jesus heals through me.

As we can see, the scriptures say many times that Jesus healed them all. We should experience this, but we don't see it very often. Why is this? Has God changed? Has Jesus changed? No. I think the problem must be with us.

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The Compassion of the Lord

Jesus was moved with compassion.

Jesus did not heal only to prove He was the Son of God or to show His power. He healed because He cares about sick people. And He is still the same today. He cares when you are sick. He wants to heal you.

Compassion recognizes the suffering of others. It feels pity and concern for the suffering or misfortunes of others. Compassion is deeply caring, but more than that, it is reaching out and helping. It is a tangible expression of love for those who are suffering or in need.

Jesus not only has compassion; He is FULL of compassion - FOR YOU!

John 10:10 said that He came to give you life more abundantly. He wants your life to be abundant.

If you don't feel well, and you have sickness, weakness and infirmities in your body, your life isn't as abundant as He would like it to be. He came to give you more abundance.

“For we don’t have a High Priest Who is unable to understand and sympathize and have a shared feeling with our weaknesses and infirmities and liability to the assaults of temptation, but One Who has been tempted in every respect as we are, yet without sinning. Let’s then fearlessly and confidently and boldly draw near to the throne of grace (the throne of God’s unmerited favor to us sinners), that we may receive mercy [for our failures] and find grace to help in good time for every need [appropriate help and well-timed help, coming just when we need it].”

Hebrews 4:15-16 (AMPC)

Let's come to God's throne and boldly take the mercy of healing. He cares. The feelings of your weaknesses and infirmities touch Him. Your suffering moves Him to compassion.

God IS love. Compassion is an outward expression of God Himself. Compassion carries the power and presence of God. Compassion is a force that actually heals.

“Christ the Healer” by F.F. Bosworth is a classic book on healing. He has a chapter on compassion that, when I heard it in the 70's, changed my whole life and view of God. I have gone over and over and over these thoughts until they have transformed my life.

Below are a couple of sentences from this book:

“In His earthly ministry, Jesus was everywhere moved with compassion and healed all who had need of healing. Faith will rise mountain high when the truth

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of God's present love and compassion begins to dawn upon the minds and hearts of the people. If we want to please God, we should remove all the obstacles out of the way of the exercise of His benevolence. His compassion is the same today. As He looks upon our infirmities, He is still moved with compassion and yearns to help us."

F.F. Bosworth, Christ the Healer

His compassion is the same today. He still looks upon our infirmities, and He is still moved with compassion. He yearns to help us. If we are sick, the help we need is better health and more strength. We need to feel better, and God cares.

As Bosworth says, "our faith will rise mountain high when the truth of God's love and compassion begins to dawn upon us."

Let's go through these scriptures on God's compassion about healing to adjust our thoughts concerning what God is like to renew our minds. Let's intentionally conform our thinking to what we see.

Write these scriptures and take time to go over them. Study them out for yourself. See Him being moved with compassion towards you and reaching out to heal you. When you realize His compassion towards you, it will change your life.

As we said from Mark 4:24 in the first chapter, the thought and study you give to the truths you year will correspond to the level of virtue and knowledge that will come back to you. What you put into it is what you will get out of it.

Tell yourself:

- This is Jesus, and He is the same today.
- Jesus loves me too, and healing is God's will for me.
- He is full of compassion for my physical health.
- God wants to do the things in my life He did for those in the Bible.

One reason we are not walking in full health is because we don't fully believe He wants us healthy. We have absorbed so much false information that we struggle to believe the truth.

We say we believe God is good, but we don't understand how good He really is. We unconsciously think that God being good means He can do bad things because He is God and knows more than us. That is a ridiculous thought! Good is good, and bad is bad.

He is good and cares more deeply than we have realized. Going through these scriptures and making them part of us will remove a major blockage to our healing and health.

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Compassion Scriptures

Mark 1:40-45—Jesus was moved with compassion and healed the leper.

Matthew 14:13-14—The multitudes followed Him. He was moved with compassion and healed their sick.

Matthew 20:29-34—He had mercy (compassion) upon the blind men by healing them.

Mark 5:19-20—The Lord had compassion and healed a man from demon possession.

Matthew 15:30-31—A multitude came having many sick. Jesus had compassion upon them and healed them and fed them.

Luke 7:11-17—He had compassion upon the woman whose son had died and rose him up and healed him.

Matthew 9:35-38—He saw the multitudes and was moved with compassion for them because they were weary and scattered like sheep having no shepherd. He told His disciples to pray for more laborers to follow His example to have compassion on others and to release it by preaching the Gospel and healing sickness and disease. In the next chapter, He sent out seventy more workers to do this very thing.

I really like the Classic Amplified Version on this verse. It says compassion and sympathy moved Him towards the bewildered, harassed, distressed, dejected, and helpless—so He healed them. This attitude differs from what I was taught in church.

“When He saw the throngs, He was moved with pity and sympathy for them, because they were bewildered (harassed and distressed and dejected and helpless), like sheep without a shepherd.”

Matthew 9:36 (AMPC)

People in churches make you feel guilty if you are distressed, dejected, and helpless and going through things. They give the impression that if you just try a little harder, you might not fall so short.

Sometimes the Church puts self-help and self-improvement before and above the compassion and love of Jesus. They have taken the world's view of wholeness and success rather than the Bible's.

It is these sneaky kinds of thoughts and beliefs that keep many of us from health, strength, and victory. We need to find them, displace them, and replace them with truth.

Jesus isn't into self-help, though He expects us to work out the salvation He has given us (Philippians 2:12-13). We don't do “nothing,” but we must do something.

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Compassion and sympathy move Jesus because He feels your infirmities and understands them. It isn't your strength that makes him love you; He isn't pleased with those who are strong; He delights in those who trust Him.

"Thus says the Lord: let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, let not the mighty man glory in his might, nor let the rich man glory in his riches; but let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord, exercising loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight, says the Lord."

Jeremiah 9:23-24 (NKJV)

"No king is saved by the multitude of an army; A mighty man isn't delivered by great strength. A horse is a vain hope for safety; neither shall it deliver any by its great strength. Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His mercy."

Psalms 33:16-18 (NKJV)

God cares when you are distressed, dejected, and helpless. He longs to help you and heal you. His pleasure in you isn't because you are strong, but because you hope in His mercy. He delights in the one who knows and understands that He is a God of mercy.

He likes it when you expect Him to be compassionate. Faith in His mercy and compassion is what will release it into your life.

Summary

Jesus cares about you. He has compassion for all who are sick, and He still heals in these days. He is the same as the Jesus we see in the New Testament.

I know He would like to heal more of us. He wants to heal ALL of us. We need to learn how to cooperate with Him so that we can fulfill the desires of His heart and let His healing flow into our lives and through our lives to others.

Jesus is still the Healer and will always be the Healer. Healing is for YOU!

Jesus healed all that came to Him. He turned no one away, nor did He ever say that it was not God's will to heal anyone. He did not tell anyone it was better for them to remain sick.

Instead, He healed them ALL, showing FOREVER God's unchangeable will concerning sickness and healing. He healed because of compassion. And He still heals today.

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Activations

- Write these scriptures and go over them regularly.
- Speak them to yourself.
- Ask the Lord what you need to focus on and study and meditate on that aspect of healing.
- Purposely and intentionally believe what God has said.
- Replace your old ways of thinking with truth.
- Expect God to treat you as Jesus treated people in the Bible.
- Spend time with Him seeing His ministry, imagining Him being towards you as He was towards those in the Bible.

Taking the time to review these things and perform the activations weekly will transform your life.

If you continue to do them, you can grow to a place where health is more normal to you than sickness, weakness, and disease.