

# Divine Healing



We believe in divine healing through the redemptive work of Christ on the cross.

In the Old Testament there are seven redemptive names for God. One of these is “Jehovah-Ropheka” which means **“I am the Lord that healeth thee”**. He promises His people:

***Exodus 15:26 And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His sight, and wilt give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.***

Like many other promises, this one often is only partially quoted. **“I am the Lord that healeth thee”**. What we must realize is that God puts a condition on our healing. We are to diligently hearken to His voice, do right in His sight, hear His commandments, and keep His laws. When we fulfill our part of the agreement, God then is our Healer. On the basis of understanding, we learn five important things about divine healing. They are:

## I. HEALING COMES BECAUSE OF CHRIST.

Locked in these physical bodies, we often have illnesses. However, part of the provision of Jesus’ death was healing for our bodies. God Who created these bodies certainly has the power to heal them. The Bible tells us healing comes because of Christ.

***Matthew 8:16-17***

***16 When the even was come, they brought unto Him many that were possessed with devils: and He cast out the spirits with His Word, and healed all that were sick:***

***17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.***

A. He was anointed by the Holy Spirit to heal, and this was part of His divine assignment in coming to this earth.

***Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,***

B. By His stripes, healing is ours.

**1 Peter 2:24** *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.*

C. Isaiah had prophesied that Jesus would bear our illnesses.

**Isaiah 53:5** *But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed.*

D. Healing is done in the name of Jesus.

**Acts 4:30** *By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the Name of thy Holy Child Jesus.*

E. In Jesus, all the fullness and the power of the Godhead dwells, so the power over illness is resident in Him.

## **II. JESUS HAS POWER OVER ALL DISEASES.**

**Matthew 4:23** *And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.*

No disease was ever too deadly or ominous for Jesus. He healed all matter of disease and illness, such as the woman with the spirit of infirmity . . .

**Luke 13:11** *And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.*

. . . to obvious organic problems as the man with the withered hand.

**Luke 6:6-11**

**6** *And it came to pass also on another sabbath, that He entered into the synagogue and taught: and there was a man whose right hand was withered.*

**7** *And the scribes and Pharisees watched Him, whether He would heal on the sabbath day; that they might find an accusation against Him.*

**8** *But He knew their thoughts, and said to the man which had the withered hand, Rise up, and stand forth in the midst. And he arose and stood forth.*

**9** *Then said Jesus unto them, I will ask you one thing; Is it lawful on the sabbath days to do good, or to do evil? to save life, or to destroy it?*

***10 And looking round about upon them all, He said unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he did so: and his hand was restored whole as the other.***

***11 And they were filled with madness; and communed one with another what they might do to Jesus.***

II. Jesus has power over all diseases.

A. Fever.

***Matthew 8:14-15***

***14 And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, He saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever***

***15 And He touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose, and ministered unto them.***

B. Leprosy.

***Matthew 8:2-3***

***2 And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped Him, saying, Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean.***

***3 And Jesus put forth His hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.***

C. Paralytics.

***John 5:1-9***

***1 After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.***

***2 Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.***

***3 In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.***

***4 For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.***

***5 And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.***

***6 When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, He saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?***

***7 The impotent man answered Him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.***

***8 Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.***

***9 And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.***

#### **D. Withered hand.**

***Luke 6:6-10***

***6 And it came to pass also on another sabbath, that He entered into the synagogue and taught: and there was a man whose right hand was withered.***

***7 And the scribes and Pharisees watched Him, whether He would heal on the sabbath day; that they might find an accusation against Him.***

***8 But He knew their thoughts, and said to the man which had the withered hand, Rise up, and stand forth in the midst. And he arose and stood forth.***

***9 Then said Jesus unto them, I will ask you one thing; Is it lawful on the sabbath days to do good, or to do evil? to save life, or to destroy it?***

***10 And looking round about upon them all, He said unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he did so: and his hand was restored whole as the other.***

#### **E. Palsy.**

***Luke 5:17-26***

***17 And it came to pass on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them.***

***18 And, behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy: and they sought means to bring him in, and to lay him before Him.***

***19 And when they could not find by what way they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with his couch into the midst before Jesus.***

***20 And when He saw their faith, He said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.***

***21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?***

***22 But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts?***

***23 Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up***

**and walk?**

***24 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (He said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house.***

***25 And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house, glorifying God.***

***26 And they were all amazed, and they glorified God, and were filled with fear, saying, We have seen strange things to day.***

#### **F. Blind.**

***Mark 10:46-52***

***46 And they came to Jericho: and as He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging.***

***47 And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, Thou son of David, have mercy on me.***

***48 And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me.***

***49 And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; He calleth thee.***

***50 And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus.***

***51 And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto Him, Lord, that I might receive my sight.***

***52 And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.***

#### **G. Hemorrhaging.**

***Luke 8:43-48***

***43 And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any,***

***44 Came behind Him, and touched the border of His garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanchèd.***

***45 And Jesus said, Who touched Me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with Him said, Master, the multitude throng thee and press Thee, and sayest Thou, Who touched Me?***

***46 And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched Me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of Me.***

***47 And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before Him, she declared unto Him before all the people for what cause she had touched Him, and how she was healed immediately.***

***48 And He said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.***

#### **H. Nervous Condition.**

***Matthew 15:21-28***

***21 Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon***

***22 And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto Him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, Thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.***

***23 But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and besought Him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us.***

***24 But He answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.***

***25 Then came she and worshipped Him, saying, Lord, help me.***

***26 But He answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs.***

***27 And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.***

***28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.***

#### **I. Deafness.**

***Matthew 11:5 The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.***

#### **J. Mute.**

***Luke 11:14 And He was casting out a devil, and it was dumb. And it came to pass, when the devil was gone out, the dumb spake; and the people wondered.***

#### **K. Seizures.**

***Matthew 17:14-20***

***14 And when they were come to the multitude, there came to Him a***

*certain man, kneeling down to Him, and saying,*

*<sup>15</sup> Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water.*

*<sup>16</sup> And I brought him to Thy disciples, and they could not cure him.*

*<sup>17</sup> Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to Me.*

*<sup>18</sup> And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.*

*<sup>19</sup> Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out?*

*<sup>20</sup> And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.*

#### **L. Crippling spirits.**

*Luke 13:10-17*

*<sup>10</sup> And He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.*

*<sup>11</sup> And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.*

*<sup>12</sup> And when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.*

*<sup>13</sup> And He laid His hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.*

*<sup>14</sup> And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day.*

*<sup>15</sup> The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering?*

*<sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?*

*<sup>17</sup> And when He had said these things, all His adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.*

**M. Dropsy.**

**Luke 14:1-6**

***1 And it came to pass, as He went into the house of one of the chief Pharisees to eat bread on the sabbath day, that they watched Him.***

***2 And, behold, there was a certain man before Him which had the dropsy.***

***3 And Jesus answering spake unto the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath day?***

***4 And they held their peace. And He took him, and healed him, and let him go;***

***5 And answered them, saying, Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fallen into a pit, and will not straightway pull him out on the sabbath day?***

***6 And they could not answer Him again to these things.***

**N. Severed Ear.**

**Luke 22:49-51**

***49 When they which were about Him saw what would follow, they said unto Him, Lord, shall we smite with the sword?***

***50 And one of them smote the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear.***

***51 And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And He touched his ear, and healed him.***

**O. Unclean spirits.**

***Luke 6:18 And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed.***

**P. Demon possessed.**

***Luke 8:36 They also which saw it told them by what means he that was possessed of the devils was healed.***

**III. HIS FOLLOWERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN POWER.**

***Matthew 10:1 And when He had called unto Him His twelve disciples, He gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.***

**A. Jesus told them to heal the sick in the above scripture, and Mark records the power.**

***Mark 3:15 And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils:***



While **Luke** records that Jesus gave them authority to cure disease and heal the sick.

**Luke 9:1-2**

***1 Then He called His twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.***

***2 And He sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.***

B. Jesus said certain signs would follow those who believe in Him. Among those is ***“they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover”***.

***Mark 16:18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.***

C. Early believers practiced prayer for the sick, and the sick were healed.

1. Peter and John ministered healing at the gate called Beautiful.

**Acts 3:1-11**

***1 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.***

***2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;***

***3 Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.***

***4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.***

***5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.***

***6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.***

***7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.***

***8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.***

***9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God:***

***10 And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.***

***11 And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.***

2. Peter ministered healing to Aeneas.

**Acts 9:33-35**

***33 And there he found a certain man named Aeneas, which had kept his bed eight years, and was sick of the palsy.***

***34 And Peter said unto him, Aeneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately.***

***35 And all that dwelt at Lydda and Saron saw him, and turned to the Lord.***

3. Philip ministered healing.

***Acts 8:7 For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.***

4. Paul ministered healing to the lame man.

**Acts 14:8-11**

***8 And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked:***

***9 The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed,***

***10 Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.***

***11 And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men.***

5. Paul ministered healing in a unique way.

**Acts 19:11-12**

***11 And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:***

***12 So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.***

6. Paul ministered healing on Melita to Publius' father and others.

**Acts 28:8-9**

***8 And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him.***

***9 So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed:***

- D. God has given gifts of healing to those in the Church.

***1 Corinthians 12:9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;***

***1 Corinthians 12:28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.***

E. Jesus promised we would do greater works than He because He went to the Father.

***John 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto My Father.***

#### **IV. THE FORMULA FOR HEALING.**

Jesus gave a prescription for healing just as a doctor gives a prescription for medicine. We must follow Christ's formula if we are to receive His touch. Here is that prescription.

***James 5:14-15***

***<sup>14</sup> Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the Name of the Lord:***

***<sup>15</sup> And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.***

A. We are to call the elders of the church, because God has given the gift of healing to the church.

***1 Corinthians 12:9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;***

***1 Corinthians 12:28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.***

B. Anointing with oil is part of the healing formula.

Christ's disciples also anointed with oil.

***Mark 6:13 And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them.***

C. Paul laid hands on those he prayed for who were ill.

***Acts 28:8 And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him.***

**D. We are to pray for the sick “in the name of the Lord”.**

The promise is that as the elders pray, people will be healed, “**and the Lord shall raise him up**”.

**E. We are to be concerned about those who are ill, and when we minister to them, it is as if we are ministering to Jesus personally.**

**Matthew 25:36-40**

***36 Naked, and ye clothed Me: I was sick, and ye visited Me: I was in prison, and ye came unto Me.***

***37 Then shall the righteous answer Him, saying, Lord, when saw we Thee an hungred, and fed Thee? or thirsty, and gave Thee drink?***

***38 When saw we Thee a stranger, and took Thee in? or naked, and clothed Thee?***

***39 Or when saw we Thee sick, or in prison, and came unto Thee?***

***40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me.***

**V. PROBLEMS IN HEALING.**

Not all people receive their healings. This should make us believe stronger rather than doubt. The reason is this fact proves again the truth of God’s Word. There are problems in healing that we must understand.

**Physical healings are at best a temporary measure.**

All those Jesus healed are now dead. Even those He raised from the dead died again because it is appointed unto man once to die.

***Hebrews 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:***

Thus illness unto death is one way of fulfilling that divine appointment. Jesus recognized there is a sickness unto death.

***John 11:4 When Jesus heard that, He said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.***

**B. God sees all things much better than we do.**

From our vantage point we cannot understand why some are not healed. For example, who had greater power with God than Paul, yet he had to leave his helper Trophimus at Miletum sick. Paul makes no apology or explanation because he knows God knows best.

**Romans 9:14** *What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid.*

**Romans 9:16** *So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.*

C. There are some human and spiritual causes of illnesses, and until these are corrected, healing cannot come.

1. God does not honor the prayers of sinners, except that prayer for forgiveness.

**John 9:31** *Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth His will, him He heareth.*

2. Sickness can come by our disobedience to God, and thus healing only comes as that is corrected in Christ.

**1 Corinthians 11:30-31**

<sup>30</sup> *For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.*

<sup>31</sup> *For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.*

3. Some need to confess their faults so they can be prayed for. Then healing follows.

**James 5:16** *Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*

D. God desires we prosper and be in health, “even as thy soul prospereth”.

We must do our part to clean out the debris of our hearts that would block the healing from the Great Physician.

**3 John 1:2** *Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.*

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