

1 **let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: [15] And the**
2 **prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have**
3 **committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. [16] Confess your faults one to another,**
4 **and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a**
5 **righteous man availeth much.**

6 7 How Much Did Divine Healing Impact The Ministry Of Jesus?

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9 As one reads the Gospels - Matthew, Mark, Luke and John - it is evident that divine
10 healing was not an “afterthought” in the life and ministry of Jesus. His power to heal was
11 a witness to His authority to forgive sins. Mark 2:5-12 **When Jesus saw their faith,**
12 **he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee. [6] But there were**
13 **certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, [7] Why doth this**
14 **man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only? [8] And**
15 **immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within**
16 **themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts? [9]**
17 **Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to**
18 **say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk? [10] But that ye may know that the Son**
19 **of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,) [11] I**
20 **say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house. [12] And**
21 **immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch**
22 **that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this**
23 **fashion.**

24
25 Some years back I stood on a stage at the soccer stadium in Lusaka, Zambia, prior to a
26 healing service. From my elevated position, I could see people walking into the city and
27 the stadium. I learned that some of those folks, who had no modern transportation
28 available to them, were so anxious for healing they had walked for miles to get there. So
29 it was in the ministry of Jesus. People walked to Him from all directions, hoping to be
30 healed. Luke 6:17-18 **And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the**
31 **company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and**
32 **Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and**
33 **to be healed of their diseases; [18] And they that were vexed with unclean spirits:**
34 **and they were healed.**

35 36 SICKNESS / SIN IS THERE A CONNECTION?

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38 Although some would link the two together automatically, Jesus did not. While He
39 recognized that sickness can be the result of transgression, but not always or inevitably.
40 John 9:2-3 **And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or**

1 **his parents, that he was born blind? [3] Jesus answered, Neither hath this man**
2 **sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.**

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4 In 1979 I suffered a spinal injury which required surgery. While going to a barber, one I
5 did not know, he pulled back my color and snarled, "I see you've had surgery. Sin in
6 your life?" I immediately responded, "No, Sir. Bone chip in my back!" (I did not get
7 a good haircut!) Jesus recognized that sickness can come from various sources, and
8 sometimes it is an opportunity for God to be glorified. Mark 2:12 **And immediately**
9 **he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were**
10 **all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.**

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12 Was Divine Healing In God's Plan From The Beginning Of Jesus' Ministry?

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14 Scripture says, "Yes." John 9:3-4 **Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned,**
15 **nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. [4] I**
16 **must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no**
17 **man can work.**

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19 Psalm 103:2-3 **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: [3] Who**
20 **forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;**

21
22 As the Great Physician, Jesus fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah 53:4: **Surely he hath**
23 **borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten**
24 **of God, and afflicted.** The word "griefs" is the same word in the Hebrew used to signify
25 physical sickness in several Old Testament passages.

26
27 The Witness of John The Baptist

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29 When John the Baptist was put in prison, he began to question whether or not Jesus was
30 actually the Promised Messiah - or just another forerunner such as himself. Here is how
31 our Lord responded: Luke 7:19-23 **And John calling unto him two of his disciples**
32 **sent them to Jesus, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another?**
33 **[20] When the men were come unto him, they said, John Baptist hath sent us unto**
34 **thee, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another? [21] And in that**
35 **same hour he cured many of their infirmities and plagues, and of evil spirits; and**
36 **unto many that were blind he gave sight. [22] Then Jesus answering said unto them,**
37 **Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind**
38 **see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the**
39 **poor the gospel is preached. [23] And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended**
40 **in me.**

1 That certainly ended John's (the Baptist) question about the authenticity of Jesus'
2 ministry and identity as the Messiah.

3 4 The Apostles

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6 Divine healing continued to be a vital part of the Gospel through the ministry of the
7 Apostles and the Early Church. Remember how Jesus sent out the Twelve and also the
8 Seventy to preach and heal the sick: Luke 9:2 **And he sent them to preach the**
9 **kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.** Luke 10:9 **And heal the sick that are**
10 **therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.**

11
12 The power of the Holy Spirit was imparted to the early believers in the book of Acts:
13 Acts 2:43 **And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done**
14 **by the apostles.** The physician Luke, who wrote the Book of Acts as he was moved
15 upon by the Holy Spirit, gave us Acts as an extension of Jesus' ministry. But that
16 ministry was not limited to the Apostles. The promise of such ministry was given to you
17 and me, to all believers, in John 14:12-14 **Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that**
18 **believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these**
19 **shall he do; because I go unto my Father. [13] And whatsoever ye shall ask in my**
20 **name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. [14] If ye shall ask**
21 **any thing in my name, I will do it.**

22
23 I don't read anywhere in Scripture where we are warned that divine healing would end.
24 Throughout the New Testament we read of Philip, of Paul, and others being used by God
25 in healing ministry: Mark 16:15-18 **And he said unto them, Go ye into all the**
26 **world, and preach the gospel to every creature. [16] He that believeth and is**
27 **baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. [17] And these**
28 **signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall**
29 **speak with new tongues; [18] They shall take up serpents (by accident such as Paul**
30 **did on the Island of Malta - not in cultish worship ceremonies); and if they drink any**
31 **deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall**
32 **recover.**

33
34 The Apostle Paul wrote to the church in Corinth about GIFTS OF HEALINGS: 1 Cor.
35 12:7-12 **But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.**
36 **[8] For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of**
37 **knowledge by the same Spirit; [9] To another faith by the same Spirit; to another**
38 **the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; [10] To another the working of miracles; to**
39 **another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of**
40 **tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: [11] But all these worketh that one**

1 **and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. [12] For as the**
2 **body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being**
3 **many, are one body: so also is Christ.**

4 5 HEALING - A GIFT OF GOD'S GRACE

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7 Just as salvation is by grace through faith (Ephes. 2:8 **For by grace are ye saved**
8 **through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:**), so all God's blessings
9 and gifts are ours by His grace or unmerited favor. We do not earn them. We do not
10 "deserve" them.

11
12 When reading the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) it is apparent that no one in
13 those days demanded healing. Read the scriptures carefully: People came to Jesus
14 beseeching Him. They did not consider divine healing as their right, but rather as a
15 gracious privilege extended to them.

16
17 If A Person Is Not Healed, Does That Mean He Or She Had No Faith?

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19 No. Hebrews chapter 11 ends any speculation on that issue: Hebrews 11:35-40
20 **...and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a**
21 **better resurrection: [36] And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea,**
22 **moreover of bonds and imprisonment: [37] They were stoned, they were sawn**
23 **asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in**
24 **sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; [38] (Of whom the**
25 **world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens**
26 **and caves of the earth. [39] And these all, having obtained a good report through**
27 **faith, received not the promise: [40] God having provided some better thing for us,**
28 **that they without us should not be made perfect.**

29
30 This 11th chapter of Hebrews leaves the reader awestruck reading the members of this
31 "Hall Of Faith." Hebrews 11:33-34 **Who through faith subdued kingdoms,**
32 **wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, [34]**
33 **Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were**
34 **made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.**
35 Doubtless these were heroes of the faith. Then the sacred writer hits us right between
36 the eyes with the start of verse 35:

37
38AND OTHERS....

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40 What about these "others?" They were not healed....they were not delivered....they died,

1 some of them as a result of torture. So....did God brand them as losers? Hardly!
2 Hebrews 11:39 **And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received**
3 **not the promise:** God Himself in His sacred Word labeled these people with having
4 obtained a good report through faith!

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6 Consider Jeremiah! He refuted fairy tale theology by his words and by his life! Listen
7 to this testimony: Jeremiah 20:7-8 **I am in derision daily, every one mocketh me.**
8 **[8] For since I spake, I cried out, I cried violence and spoil; because the word of the**
9 **Lord was made a reproach unto me, and a derision, daily.** Tradition teaches that
10 Jeremiah was eventually stoned to death in Egypt BY HIS OWN PEOPLE. Dr. Herbert
11 Lockyer in his book "All The Men In The Bible" summarized this weeping prophet with
12 this amazing line: "Jeremiah was a divine melancholy that made his head 'waters' and
13 his eyes a fountain of tears."

14
15 Yes, we are healed by faith. But to regard a person who is not healed as a person
16 without faith has no basis in Scripture. Hebrews 11:35 informs us emphatically that
17 these folks will have an even greater resurrection.

18 Does Divine Healing Always Come The Same Way?

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- 21 ▶ Some Jesus touched Mark 1:41 **And Jesus, moved with compassion, put**
 - 22 **forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean.**
 - 23 ▶ Some Jesus took their hands Luke 4:40 **Now when the sun was setting, all**
 - 24 **they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he**
 - 25 **laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them.** Mark 6:5 **And he**
 - 26 **could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick**
 - 27 **folk, and healed them.**
 - 28 ▶ Some Jesus healed by a variety of acts, some of which called for faith and
 - 29 obedience on their part Mark 7:33 **And he took him aside from the**
 - 30 **multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his**
 - 31 **tongue;**

32 OUR FAITH IS IN JESUS....NOT IN THE METHODOLOGY,

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34 As a pastor, I recognize that I certainly am still "learning" about God's ways in healing.
35 I have already stated in this series that I am puzzled that some folks are healed and others
36 are not. I don't understand why God permitted James to be martyred and others
37 delivered. Scripture makes my path plain, however: I am to preach the Word of God
38 and expect "signs following."

THE HEALING AND COMPASSIONATE JESUS

Saturday - Sunday, January 5 and 6, 2019

Supplement to WHO IS JESUS which will be taught Wednesday evening, Jan. 9, 2019

1 Hebrews 13:8 **Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.** (Repeat
2 with me:)

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4 The question must be: if Jesus is the same now as He was in the New Testament
5 accounting, WHAT WAS HE THEN?
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7 Matthew, who was an eye-witness to Jesus' ministry, gave us an insight into what Jesus
8 did 2000 years ago in His Gospel, chapter 8 and 9. ALL OF THE FOLLOWING TOOK
9 PLACE IN OR AROUND CAPERNAUM, THE TOWN WHERE JESUS LIVED.

10 11 The Leper

12 13 **Matthew 8:1-4**

14 **When he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him. [2]**
15 **And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt,**
16 **thou canst make me clean. [3] And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him,**
17 **saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. [4] And**
18 **Jesus saith unto him, See thou tell no man; but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest,**
19 **and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.**

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21 By touching the leper, JESUS DID WHAT NO ONE ELSE WOULD OR COULD DO.
22

23 The Centurion's Servant

24 **Matthew 8:5-6**

25 **And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion,**
26 **beseeking him, [6] And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy,**
27 **grievously tormented.**

28 **Matthew 8:13**

29 **And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it**
30 **done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.**

31
32 Jesus healed the rich and the poor - status was never an issue to Him.
33

34 Peter's Mother-In-Law plus gathered other sick people in Capernaum

35 36 **Matthew 8:14-17**

1 **And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and**
2 **sick of a fever. [15] And he touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose,**
3 **and ministered unto them.**

4 **[16] When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed**
5 **with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick:**
6 **[17] That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying,**
7 **Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.**

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9 Many scholars believe the fever that gripped Peter's mother-in-law was malaria. Note
10 verse 15, **WHEN SHE WAS HEALED, SHE SERVED THE LORD BY MINISTERING**
11 **TO THOSE AROUND HER. It is my belief that divine healing is for a couple of**
12 **reasons:**

- 13 **1) A testimony to Jesus**
- 14 **2) A beginning of service to the Lord**

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16 ***** In verse 17, Matthew refers to an Old Testament prophecy by Isaiah concerning**
17 **Jesus: Isaiah 53:4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet**
18 **we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.**

19
20 Healing of the demon possessed man who lived among the tombs - northwest corner of
21 the Sea of Galilee

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23 We know from the Gospels that this stricken man was the terror of that region of Galilee.
24 The power of demon-possessed people is amazing. **BUT THE POWER OF JESUS IS**
25 **EVEN MORE AMAZING.**

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27 Sidebar: It is fascinating to me that when Jesus first went ashore in that region, the only
28 person who met Him was this demon-possessed men. But the next time He returned, the
29 crowds to meet Him were astounding. **MATTHEW 15:29** How did these people know
30 about Jesus? They didn't know about Him before? **Jesus had commanded the man**
31 **to be a witness! THE FORMER POSSESSED MAN HAD BECOME A WITNESS!**

32 33 **Chapter Nine of Matthew** 34 **Jesus Heals a Man With Palsy**

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36 **Matthew 9:4-8**

37 **And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?**
38 **[5] For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and**
39 **walk? [6] But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive**
40 **sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine**

1 **house. [7] And he arose, and departed to his house. [8] But when the multitudes saw**
2 **it, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.**

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4 Note here that Jesus made the man's eternal salvation more important than His healing!

5 6 The Woman Who Reached Out To Touch Jesus

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8 Matthew 9:20-22

9 **And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years,**
10 **came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment: [21] For she said within**
11 **herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole. [22] But Jesus turned him**
12 **about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath**
13 **made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.**

14
15 This woman's problem was not only physical, it was social. In that day, she was
16 absolutely shut off from the worship of God in Temple or synagogue - and even from
17 being in the proximity of other people. She really should not have been in that crowd
18 surrounding Jesus, for, if they had known it, she was infecting with her uncleanness
19 everyone she touched. No wonder she was desperately eager for healing!

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21 Even though Jesus was surrounded by a crowd, no person is ever lost in the crowd

22 23 Jesus Raised Jairus' Daughter From Death

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25 Matthew 9:23-26

26 **And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people**
27 **making a noise, [24] He said unto them, Give place: for the maid is not dead, but**
28 **sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn. [25] But when the people were put forth,**
29 **he went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose. [26] And the fame hereof**
30 **went abroad into all that land.**

31
32 A man - the leader of the local synagogue in Capernaum was at the end of his rope, so to
33 speak. The synagogue at that time would certainly not have been in favor of Jesus. But
34 the man was desperate - it was his daughter who was dying.

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36 Jesus said He would come to the man's home - but enroute, he got stopped by the woman
37 we have just discussed, the woman with the issue of blood. By the time Jesus finally got
38 to the man's home, the girl had died.

39
40 Remember the text from Hebrews 13:8: Jesus is the same, yesterday, today and forever!

1 It does not matter how hopeless your situation may be, it is never too late for Jesus!

2
3 Jesus Heals Two Blind Men

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5 Matthew 9:27-30

6 **And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying,**
7 **Thou Son of David, have mercy on us. [28] And when he was come into the house,**
8 **the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to**
9 **do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord. [29] Then touched he their eyes, saying,**
10 **According to your faith be it unto you. [30] And their eyes were opened; and Jesus**
11 **straitly charged them, saying, See that no man know it.**

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13 Jesus asked these two men, “Do you believe I can heal you?” Jesus used various ways of
14 healing people – so the issue is not the method. The issue is FAITH.

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16 Hebrews 11 is a terrific boost to your faith. First, WHAT IS FAITH?

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18 Hebrews 11:1

19 **Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.**

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21 * Faith is SUBSTANCE. It is not a feeling, a warm flash.
22 * It begins with HOPE. Many feel their situation is hopeless.
23 * Faith is based on something: THE WORD OF GOD
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