

HEALING#1

HEALING METHODS IN GOD'S WORD

Matthew 9 ² Some men brought to him a paralytic, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven."

³ At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, "This fellow is blaspheming!"

⁴ Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, "Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? ⁵ Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? ⁶ But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins...." Then he said to the paralytic, "Get up, take your mat and go home." ⁷ And the man got up and went home. NIV

We must accept the fact that the doctrine of Divine Healing is controversial. My Uncle Jody said, "Healing is a doctrine that we can backslide over more easily as any other".

FACTS THAT NEED TO BE CONSIDERED

- . God has chosen healing as a part of his name, Jehovah Raphi, meaning the Lord our healer.
- . Healing is included in the redemptive work of the cross
- . Both the Old Testament and the New Testament record healings.
- . The gifts and calling of God are irrevocable. Romans 11 29
- . The gifts did not cease when the apostles died.

God's desire for his people is that they be well and healthy.

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

Our body is proof that it is God's will to heal. When you suffer an injury to the body immediately the body begins the process of healing.

The care we give to our body may increase quality of life. Good eating habits, exercise, and proper rest are good. Our days may be shortened by stress, abuse of the body, sin and etc.

When our day comes to die, nothing will prevent it.

Healing is a foretaste of eternal life. Any healing in life does not prevent eventual death.

It is our responsibility to apply what God has promised and leave the results up to him.

Let's observe some methods in God's word of healing.

1. The gift of healing

1Corinthians 12 9....gifts of healing by the same spirit.

Acts 19 11 And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:

Acts 19 12 So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the disease departed from the, and the evil spirits went out of them.

III. My father-in-law was watching PTL years ago while in the hospital. He for years was a smoker. They discovered a spot on his lung. While watching the program a minister from ORU was speaking about faith. He began to cry. He said, "For the first time in my life I understand faith. I feel like a wind has blown into my lungs. My doctor is going to come in and tell me to go fishing".

After the doctor had taken more x-rays he came into the room and said, "I have one test that says you have a spot on your lung and the last test it is not there. If I was you Mr. Phillips I would go home and go fishing."

2. Medicine

Matthew 9 ¹² On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.

Thank God for physicians that have studied to help suffering mankind.

God is not against medicine. He speaks to a prophet on how to treat a king.

2Kings 20 ⁵ "Go back and tell Hezekiah, the leader of my people, 'This is what the LORD, the God of your father David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will heal you. On the third day from now you will go up to the temple of the LORD. ⁶ I will add fifteen years to your life. And I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria. I will defend this city for my sake and for the sake of my servant David.'"

⁷ Then Isaiah said, "Prepare a poultice of figs." They did so and applied it to the boil, and he recovered.

3. The laying on of hands by other believers

Mark 16 18 “These signs shall follow them that believe, In my name....they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover.

4. The elders anointing with oil and praying the prayer of faith.

James 5 14 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: 15 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.

III. Norman Vincent Peale, author of “The power of positive thinking” had a professional baseball pitcher come to his office for prayer. He ask Peale to anoint him with oil and prayer for his ailing arm. Peale said, “We don’t pray for the sick in our church”. The pro ask him if he believed the bible and Peale affirmed that he did. “Then put oil on my arm and pray”, he said. Peale did as he was asked. He had never done that before. To his amazement the pitcher reported to him later that God has healed his arm and he was able to continue his career.

5. The spoken and confessed word directed at our sickness.

Mark 11 ²² “Have faith in God,” Jesus answered. ²³ “I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. ²⁴ Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

Psalms 107 ²⁰ He sent forth his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave.

6. The power of agreement

Matthew 18 ¹⁹ “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. ²⁰ For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.”

III. Four men lower a sick man down through the roof into the presence of Jesus. Jesus healed the man. This is what the word says.....

a Some early manuscripts *If you have*

Matthew 9 2 And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.

Then he healed him after establishing that he can forgive sin as easily as he can heal.

7. Your own faith

Mark 10 ⁵¹ “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him.

The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.”

⁵² “Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

Mark 11 24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive (them), and ye shall have (them).

8. The Lord’s Supper

9. Healing by the authority of Jesus name.

John 14 13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

Acts 3 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.

10. Praying for others.

We preached a series of messages on Job. The last message in that series we learned that Job’s healing came when he prayed for his friends.

Job 42 10 And the Lord turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before.

We will have much more to say about this later but now we need to stay with our subject.

III. My wife was praying for Bro Benton’s eyes. Later she kept having problems with her glasses. She had them tested and the doctor told her that she was having problems because she didn’t need glasses.

When he said that she remembered when she prayed for Bro Benton she had said, “..and Lord you can heal mine too if you want too!”
He did!