

Is it Really God's Will to Heal?

Precious Lord, you have said that you are the truth and the life and that you will lead us into all truth. You willingly give us wisdom when we come to you and ask. We come to you for wisdom and truth regarding health and healing. Speak to us clearly as you open our eyes to your truths and let us not be misled. We put our faith and hope in you as we ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

What does the **Bible** teach about healing? We at Greater Works Ministries believe it teaches that God wants to heal you and that he has provided for your healing through Jesus Christ. Without thoroughly believing that God wants to heal you, you will not have faith for healing. Knowing the will of God concerning sickness and healing provides the groundwork of faith where God acts on his promises. Examine these passages and decide for yourself.

Hebrews 11:6

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

James 1:6-7

But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord.

The starting place for each of us must be to examine the character of God. Is God honest? Is he full of integrity? Does he change his mind or go back on his Word? Is he the same God now that he was in the **Bible**, with the same will and the same character?

Numbers 23:19

God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?

1 Kings 8:56c

Not one word has failed of all the good promises he gave through his servant Moses.

Psalm 119:89

Your word, O LORD, is eternal. It stands firm in the heavens.

Jeremiah 1:12b

"For I am watching to see that my word is fulfilled."

The Hebrew translation for **watching** is **hasten**. H 8245; *hasten-* to be awake, watch, stand guard. God in all his unlimited power is standing guard over his Word to see that it is fulfilled.

Psalm 89:34

I will not violate my covenant or alter what my lips have uttered.

Galatians 3:17

What I mean is this: the law, introduced by Jesus 430 years later, does not set aside the covenant previously established by God and thus do away with the promise.

Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Based on the scriptures we can see that God is honest, consistent, reliable and full of integrity. Satan, on the other hand, is a liar. The devil has denied God's Word for thousands of years and continues to deceive God's children into doubting the reliability, truth, and dependability of God's Word.

John 8:44b

He [The devil] was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language for he is a liar and the father of lies.

To further examine the character of God, ask yourself, does he show favoritism? Does he desire to heal some and not others? What does scripture say?

Deuteronomy 10:17

For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes.

Acts 10:34b

God does not show favoritism. (KJV God is no respecter of persons.)

This indicates that God's will is the same for each person. If he wants one to be well, he wants all to be well. The provision that he has made for one is the same provision that he has made for all. If we allow ourselves to entertain a "justified maybe" in one case, then we are compelled to apply a "maybe" in every case.

Next, let us examine God's history regarding healing his people. God has been healing people ever since the Exodus.

Exodus 23:25b-26

I will take away sickness from among you, and none will miscarry or be barren in your land. I will give you a full life span.

Psalms 105:37

He [God] brought out Israel, laden with silver and gold, and from among their tribes no one faltered. (KJV And there was not one feeble person among their tribes.)

When God called the Israelites out of Egypt, he gave them a statute and an ordinance for health & healing:

Exodus 15:26

He said, "If you listen carefully to the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, who heals you."

Exodus 38:26 says that at the time of the construction of the temple, a year or two after the Exodus, there were 603,550 men over 20 years old, plus women and children. Bible scholars estimate that two to three million people in total were part of the Exodus. Can you imagine that many people with not one feeble person among them? (**Psalm 105**) If under the old covenant, that many could be well at one time, then how much more may God's people who are living under the new and better covenant today be made well! Health and healing was God's way under the old covenant and health and healing is God's way under the new covenant, which we may claim today through our belief in Jesus as Savior and Lord of our lives.

Romans 8:11

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

Psalm 103:2-3

Praise the LORD, O my soul; and forget not all his benefits— who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases.

Matthew 7:7a

“Ask and it will be given to you...”

John 14:14

You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

Mark 11:24

Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

The following scriptures clearly make known that it is God’s will to heal whoever comes to him in faith.

Healing is his will, his way. God has no other way for his people. He has willed us healing, wholeness, and strength in Christ. This is our right and privilege in him. We please and glorify him by accepting his way and then by walking in it.

As you read these scriptures, let your spiritual eyes note and see that it is the will of God to heal all who come to him, not just some; and that he heals every sickness and disease, not just some of them.

Matthew 4:23

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

Matthew 8:16

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.

Matthew 9:35

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.

Matthew 12:15

Aware of this, Jesus withdrew from that place. Many followed him, and he healed all their sick.

Matthew 14:36

And begged him to let the sick just touch the edge of his cloak, and all who touched him were healed.

Matthew 15:30

Great crowds came to him, bringing the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute and many others, and laid them at his feet; and he healed them.

Mark 6:56

And wherever he went— into villages, towns or countryside— they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched him were healed.

Luke 4:40

When the sun was setting the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them.

Luke 6:18b-19

Those troubled by evil spirits were cured, and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

Luke 9:11

But the crowds learned about it and followed him. He welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed healing.

Acts 5:16

Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by evil spirits, and all of them were healed.

Acts 28:8-9

His father was sick in bed, suffering from fever and dysentery. Paul went in to see him and, after prayer, he placed his hands on him and healed him. When this happened, the rest of the sick on the island came and were cured

Please note that while on the occasions listed above, Jesus and the disciples healed all the sick, there are a few instances listed in the Bible where Jesus healed “many”. We are not given enough information to clearly discern the reasons for these instances, but it appears that there might have been times in Jesus’ ministry when he passed by some sick people to get to others; for example, when He healed the man at the pool of Bethesda who was unable to get into the water before the others who wanted healing. (**John 5:2-3**).

Mark 1:32-34a

That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. The whole town gathered at the door, and Jesus healed many who had various diseases.

Mark 3:10

For he had healed many, so that those with diseases were pushing forward to touch him.

Mark 6:13

They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

Luke 7:21

At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases, sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind.

There is also one time that the Bible states that Jesus did not do many miracles at a certain place. This seems to imply, however, that he did do some.

Matthew 13:58

And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.

In today’s world, sickness and disease are taking a terrible toll. They are affecting the bodies of millions, including Christians. If it is God’s will to heal all, why is this happening?

Why aren't all healed? There are a number of reasons. Listed here are only a few we can begin examining:

- Ignorance of what the Bible teaches regarding healing
- Uncertainty that it is God's will to heal
- Traditions of men taking precedence over the teaching of God