

Uncertainty that it is God's Will to Heal All

A great barrier to many seeking healing is uncertainty in their minds that it is the will of God to heal all. Just as it is God's desire that all be saved, are all saved? In the same way, God desires to heal all, yet are all healed? No, **in order to be saved or healed, we must first come to Jesus, and then believe.**

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.

It is impossible to claim by faith a blessing that we are not sure God offers because the blessings of God can only be claimed where the will of God is known, trusted, and acted upon. This is not to say that sometimes God does not heal based on others' faith, but that he does not promise to heal based on anything other than accepting his son Jesus' sacrifice for us on the cross.

One phrase many people seem to struggle with and add to their requests for healing is "if it be your will":

This phrase, though it sounds humble, inserts doubt as to whether or not it is God's will to heal. Often it is used because people are unsure that it is the will of God to heal or are fearful God will not heal the one being ministered to. People use and justify it because of the phrase in the Lord's Prayer that says, "Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." They also remember when Jesus was in the garden of Gethsemane and prayed "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." (Luke 22:42).

Please note the difference in declaring that God's will be done as opposed to stating that you don't know whether or not it is his will to heal (or) whether or not he will do his will in this particular case.

Among those who sought healing from Christ during his earthly ministry, there is only one person who prayed for healing with the words, "if it be your will" or "if you will" or "if you are willing" This was an outcast leper in **Mark 1:40** who did not know what Christ's will was in healing. **Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out and touched the man. "I am willing,"** he said "**Be clean!**" (Mark 1:41). The leper said in effect, "if you will, you can." Jesus answered, "**I will**".

* Strong's Concordance G 2307, will- thelema; a determination, choice or inclination, desire, pleasure, will.

It is crucial to determine that it is always God's will to heal in the scriptures. If it is always his will to heal, people could know he would heal them; but since they are not sure of his will, they continue to bear the cross of their physical suffering and try to be patient and accepting. People reason that the Bible talks a lot about suffering, not realizing that it is not addressing sins and sicknesses, as much as persecutions, afflictions, and hardships. Disease destroys the very body that was bought with a price by the Son of God.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Do you not know your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

Wherever healing is taught as God's provision for all, faith is imparted and people are healed. Faith cannot fail; neither can it be exercised when one is undecided as to whether or not God wills to heal all. If he will not heal all, then we are forced to consider in every single case: "I wonder if God wills to heal this one?" or, "is this one of the unfortunate ones whom God wills to remain sick and to suffer?"

How could we pray the prayer of faith for anyone if it was not his will to heal all ? !

James 5:14-16

Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

Another cause for uncertainty that limits some from receiving healing is the questioning of whether or not God will do for you what you know he'll do for others. Awareness of your own lack of faith, feelings of unworthiness, knowledge of your own shortcomings, etc., can cause doubt. With this mentality, we are not recognizing the full extent of the provision of the cross.

Sometimes in these cases, not wanting to be presumptuous, people will say that they are waiting for a special revelation of the will of God concerning healing in their case. Again, this belief indicates a lack of certainty of what the scriptures say and reveal as his will.

An interesting note is that despite “not being sure God wants to heal them”, people are doing everything within their own power that they can to get well. They are using every human means— medications, doctors, surgery, etc... they do not realize that by their own logic, this would be opposing the will of God if it were not his will to heal them. How inconsistent to think that God might heal them with modern medicine if it is not his will to heal them at all.

A careful study of the Bible reveals the will of God about the healing of his children. God need not give any special revelation of his will when he has plainly given his revealed will in his Word. He has declared himself to be the healer of his people, with whom we are included.

Exodus 15:26d

For I am the Lord, who heals you.

Jeremiah 30:17a

“But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds” declares the LORD.

Galatians 3:29

If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Our will also has a part in healing. We need to ask for and receive that which God wills for us. Will we persevere until we receive it?

Hebrews 10:35-36

So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.

John 15:7

If you remain in me, and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.

“**Testament**”, as in the Old and New Testament, means a person's will. The Bible contains God's last will and testament, in which he bequeaths to us all of the blessings of redemption. Since it is his last will and testament, anything later is a forgery. If we wish to know what is in a person's will we must read it. If we want to know God's will on any subject, we must read his will, the Bible. If healing is in God's will for us, then to say that God is not willing would be changing the will, which is clearly illegal. Jesus is not only the testator who died,

but he is also the mediator of the will, (**Hebrews 9:15, 12:24**) our advocate, (**1 John 2:1-2**) and our representative at the right hand of God. He will not beat us out of our inheritance, as some earthly advocates might do.

There is no better way to know the will of God than by reading the Gospels, which record the teachings and the works of Christ. Jesus was the physical expression of the Father's will. His life was both a revelation and a manifestation of the unchanging love and will of God that he acted out while he walked on the earth.