

Is Healing For Me?



How far can we trust God to be in control of our life and our health and should we even trust him in our afflictions and sickness? There are many theories, so I can only go by what Jesus said and how he operated, while he was on earth and what is written of him.

The Test Before Healing

It doesn't look like healing will be handed to us on a silver platter, but God will expect us to believe his word and promises. Faith like salvation is a gift of God that is strengthened by reading and absorbing God's Word. *"Listening to the Word of God."* (Romans 10:17) Faith is calm, faith is trusting God that he is in control, faith is being thankful even for our affliction. *"In everything give thanks."* (1Thess.5:18)

Why His Blood?

At the last supper Jesus explains that his blood is shed for the remission of our sins. We are all sinners as we have all fallen short in his commandment of loving others. *"A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another; as I have loved you."* (John 13:34)



If his blood was shed for our sins, then why all this violence, gore, bloodshed, sadism, cruelty, and final crucifixion? He could have just gotten decapitated like John the Baptist and his blood would have flowed. Simple as that and our sins would be forgiven.

By His Stripes

The prophet Isaiah writes, *"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon him, and by his stripes we are healed."* (Isaiah 53:5)

What Does "By His Stripes" Mean?



His stripes are the lashes of the Roman 'flagrum' whip, which had pieces of lead embedded at the end of their leather straps. Usually there were three leather straps fixed to a short handle. These whip lashes tore his flesh and shredded his body and upper legs.

What More Proof Do We Need?

If he allowed that to happen to his body, so we could have healing available for our body, then how could we ever think that we are not sure if the Lord wants us to be healed?

What more proof of his love for us and that he wants us healed could he possibly have given us?

"Why Don't You Heal Me?"

"Jesus said unto him, 'If you can believe, all things are possible to him that believes'. And right away the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, 'Lord, I believe; help mine unbelief.'" (Mark 9:23,24)

When we fall sick we could easily grumble and say, "Why me, Lord? Why don't you heal me?"

However we should ask the Lord to help our unbelief, like the father that came to Jesus about his son. We can strengthen our faith by reading and absorbing the promises that God gave us.

"Faith is the evidence of things not seen." (Heb.11:1)

We might have to wait like Abraham, who was 75



when he was promised a son, but had to wait 25 years for God's promise to be fulfilled before Isaac was born. Yet it says, *"He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God*

- being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform." (Rom.4:20,21) When the time was right, the Lord fulfilled his promise.

On His Deathbed With Cancer

A while ago I met an old friend whom I had not seen for thirty five years. After some catching up we talked about the subject of healing. She explained how a certain person who was on his **deathbed with cancer** had read the scripture, *"by his stripes we are healed."* Suddenly the value of these words had dawned on him, *"By his stripes I am healed."* "Hey, wait a minute; I am healed by his stripes. He already got the stripes, so I am healed."

Lord, You Said It, You Promised

This particular person was not looking at his personal condition, as that was totally hopeless. However, instead he looked at the promise that was made in God's word. He believed that those words were personally promised to him. "Okay God, you said it, you promised it and you cannot lie. So thank you so much, I believe what you said is true."

He kept repeating those words *"by his stripes I AM HEALED"*. It had dawned on him that this was the key to unlock his healing. Although he only had **a few days left to live**, he started getting better and better as he held on to that phrase. To everyone's surprise, it did not take very long before he **was declared healed** and was released from the hospital.

Politically Correct?

Jesus expected the people that he healed to believe him, and he tested most of them before he healed them. I always admire the blind man that went and washed himself.



Do you realize that Jesus spat on the dirty, dusty ground and mixed his saliva with the dirt? He then smeared this 'yucky' mix on the blind man's

eyes and told him to go and wash it off.

Most of us would not think that he was handling a disabled person in a politically correct way.

The man could have lost his cool and given a stream of objections, but he did not!

He passed the test, he humbly accepted, he washed and as a result he came back seeing.



Now this blind man was not a weak-minded pushover, as later on he put the priests and theologians in their place. Read John chapter nine for the complete account. He believed, he passed the test, he did what was requested of him, and he was healed.

Switch Our Thinking?

Does the Lord request us to **switch our thinking** from our personal trouble and sickness, to thanking him for incredible pain that he endured from the lashes, so that we could have healing available to us?

"By your stripes I am healed." We can humbly ask the Lord to light in us the faith to believe his words, as his words do have the healing power. *"My words are spirit and they are life"* (John 6:63)

"He sent his word and healed them" (Psalms 107:20)

When his words come alive in our heart, anything can happen, as Jesus said, *"With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible."* (Mat.19:26)

Ask For Prayer

"Is any sick among you? Let him call for people who have faith; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.."

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that you may be healed.." (James 5:14-16)

It is important to start with a clean heart: confess your sins to a mature believer, who does not gossip.. King David said, *"before I was afflicted I went astray, but now have I kept your word."* (Psalms:119:67) Do we need to change areas in our life? Do we need to forgive someone?

Cleaning our heart and conscience brings peace. It brings us faith and trust and our mental health, which is directly linked to our physical health, improves.

Together

Jesus said, *"They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover."* (Mark16:18) Therefore if we obey Jesus' commandment to tell people about him and we lay our hands on the sick, then Jesus will stand next to us. And if the time is right, he will use our hands to give healing. He does it together with us and through us, much like the pen that is used by the author.

Answered Prayer

After a meeting a young couple came to me and the husband excitedly told me, "My wife is now three months pregnant because of you." - "Wow, not so fast! Don't worry. I had nothing to do with it." - "No, remember, last time you were speaking here and you prayed for my wife. You prayed that the Lord would open her womb and he did. We had visited doctors and clinics for several years since we got married. However, we had no success until you prayed for us." "Can I clarify one thing?" I said, "First of all I don't remember it. Second, if the Lord sees fit to answer prayer like that, that is amazingly wonderful, but honestly that is his business. We can only fervently request and if he sees fit to answer, that is totally up to him. My prayers are as good as anyone's prayers. If you pray for and with others you will see that the Lord might also do miracles for the ones that you pray for, as prayer is the key to unlock the impossible." - *'The LORD is close to them that are of a broken heart; and saves those who are of a contrite and humble spirit.'* (Psalms 34:18)

What IF We Are Not Healed And We Die?

"Many are the afflictions of the righteous but the Lord delivers them out of them all."



(Psalms 34:19)

Should the Lord however deliver us from our sickness through death, then it is like we have graduated and left for higher education. If the departed would see our tears then it would be too

difficult for them to do well in the next grade. Hence, there is a wall or veil between the departed and us. Whether God sees fit to heal us, or take us home to enter the eternal now, **either way we come out as winners, if we know Jesus.** Paul said, *"Whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's."* (Romans 14:8)

We must remember that death is part of life: our body, this amazing, pleasurable physique in which we live, will at one time fail for good and go back to the dust - *"For dust you are, and unto dust shall you return."* (Gen.3:19) As humans we know that departure of a loved one can be emotionally devastating.

For Those Of Us Who Stay Behind:

'My Resolve'

*Let us, broken in heart, accept what God may bring,
Although in pieces we have resolved to sing,
"My pain is overwhelming, my sanity in defeat,
Yet, by trusting in you Lord, my life will again be complete,
As my tears roll down, I trust that you know best,
I give you my heart, so you can take care of the rest."*

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