

"WEEKLY WISDOM"
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"HEALING – HOW TO GET IT • PART #2"

Is. 53:5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our guilt *and* iniquities; the chastisement [needful to obtain] peace *and* well-being for us was upon Him, and with the stripes [that wounded] Him we are healed *and* made whole.

As we continue our study series on how to get healing this week, I want to remind you of what we covered last week. For us to receive healing from God we must first recognize that sickness and disease does not come from Him. We covered several scriptures that reveal it is not God that is making anyone sick. Sickness and disease is rooted in satan as a result of the fall of man. If you missed that article last week go to the archive records link above. This week I want to tackle what has been the number one thing that has kept most people from getting healed. Is it God's will for me?

I can remember when I was about 13 years old I began to think a lot about getting my drivers license and getting my first vehicle. Even though I had a job back then it was difficult to raise enough money to buy a car, especially when I was out spending most of what I made going to rodeos. My dad had told my brother and me that when we turned sixteen he would get us our first vehicle. He said it might not be much, but we would have transportation. My dad is a man of his word. Because I knew he was a man of his word I not only knew that he had the money to get us a decent vehicle, I also knew it was his will for us.

Many do not doubt that God has the ability to heal, but where the problem comes in is they don't know if He will do so for them. If you don't know that God will heal you, only knowing that He can does you no good. You cannot exercise faith in God for healing if you don't know that He wants you well. There are many Christians who also have a problem in this area who have "head knowledge" that it is God's will to heal. But if you don't believe in your heart you won't receive the healing Jesus paid for. We will address this issue in a minute but let's first address is it God's will to heal everyone?

If you will look back to our foundation text this is the first of several verses we will look at. Isaiah 53:3-5 is a prophetic word from the prophet Isaiah of all that Jesus would accomplish for us. Verse five tells the main part of the story. Jesus was wounded for our transgressions. The word wounded is translated pierced, which this refers to when the soldier pierced Jesus' side the payment for our transgressions (sins) was made.

He was also bruised for our iniquities which means the very guilt that comes with sins was paid for. The chastisement for our peace was upon Him. This means the discipline needful for us to prosper in all things was fulfilled in Him. Last but not least by His stripes we were healed and made whole.

Take note that it very clearly says that we were healed not going to be. If you ask any believer today who knows much about the Word of God, "Can anyone be saved from their sin?" You already know the answer. Few doubt that anyone who calls on the name of the Lord can be saved, but it is interesting that when you ask people, "Is it God's will to heal everyone?" you get a different answer. Many will say it is not, for not everyone gets healed. Not everyone will be born again either, but God's Word is very clear that He desires that none perish and that all come to the knowledge of the truth. The key comes down to whether they will put their faith in what Jesus did to pay the price for their sin.

As Isaiah 53:5 speaks of the complete redeeming work of Jesus Christ, included in that redemption is healing for everyone who will believe. Few doubt God's ability to do so, but where doubt robs them of their healing is whether it is God's will for them. If it was not God's will for everyone to be healed, then neither would it be God's will for all to be saved. There are those who teach God's Word who quickly rush to judge that it is not God's will to heal all. They should be more careful as to what they are saying. For us to take anything away from what the blood of Christ paid for is an insult to the Lord who paid such a dear price.

Matt. 8:16 When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick,

Matt. 8:17 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:

*"He Himself took our infirmities
And bore our sicknesses."*

Here in Matthew chapter eight we see that Jesus in this setting healed "ALL" who were sick that the prophecy we just read in Isaiah would be fulfilled in Christ as He through the stripes that were laid on His back took our infirmities, which is defined as diseases, and bore our sickness. Here we have the very proof that it is God's will through His Son for us to be healed and well. There are some who say that this was the fulfillment and that once Jesus died healing was no more. But you must first remember He had yet to make the payment at the whipping post for our sickness and disease. He was simply proving by healing those who had faith in Him that Isaiah's prophecy would be fulfilled.

1 Pet. 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

As some say that healing passed away with Jesus why then after Jesus was raised from the dead and in heaven did Peter then write this statement above showing that just as everyone's sins were dealt with in the work of Christ's redemption, so also by those stripes on His body we are healed.

Heb. 13:8 Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday, today, and forever.

If Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever, than He has not changed His will for us. If He healed all who had faith in Him when He was here, and He healed all who had faith in His redeeming work through His disciples after Him, He will still heal anyone who has the same faith today. One of the most important truths you must settle in your heart once and for all is that it is God's will for you to be healed. He has not changed. He does not choose favorites for in Acts 10:34 Peter declared that God shows no partiality. The biggest reason, not the only reason, but it is the biggest reason people don't get healed is because they lack the belief in their "heart" that it is God's will for them to be healed.

Mark 11:23 For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, "Be removed and be cast into the sea," and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.

Mark 11:24 Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive *them*, and you will have *them*.

Even if you know the above verses I suggest you read over them several times and ask yourself this question, "If I do not doubt in my heart but believe I am healed will I not be healed?" According to these verses you will. Jesus said if you believe in your heart you receive what you have asked of God when you pray, not when you see the results, you will have what you have asked of God. That is a guarantee. As I spoke of earlier many Christians may know in their head that God has provided healing, but they don't have it in their hearts yet. You cannot doubt in your heart, your spirit man. If you do not doubt in your heart you will have what you say.

Psa. 119:130 The entrance of Your words gives light;
It gives understanding to the simple.

As Kenneth E. Hagin used to say, "Faith begins where the will of God is known". I like to emphasize here that when you know in your head that it is God's will for you to be healed that is the place where faith can begin. But you must get that knowing in your heart for you to have faith. Natural faith is based on what we pick up through our five physical senses. But the god-kind of faith is of the heart and it is not based on the natural, but it is based on the Word of God. Here in Psalm 119 we see

that the entrance of God's Words gives light. You see for many Christians the light has not yet been turned on. The Bible also says that the spirit of man is the candle of the Lord.

You see it is when we know in our heart (our spirit) that it is God's will for us to be healed that the light comes on. When it does we can then receive our healing. For this to happen we must feed on the scriptures that reveal it is God's will for us to be healed. We do so until the light comes on. Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He has healed, is healing, and will still heal all who know it is His will for us, for by His stripes we are healed.