

Divine Healing 101

1. Where do I stand on divine healing?

3 Jn 2 **Beloved, I desire that in all things you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul (will) prospers.** (Can you & I clearly see God's will here?)

- God wants to heal my body if needed and keep it in good health
- I must believe this (& not sickness) is His will or He can't make it a reality for me
- God will only be able to keep me well in the same measure that I am willing to let Him prosper or save my will from doing my own will, to do God's will

2. Do I know God as my Healer, per Psalm 103:3?

Ps 103:3 **Who heals all your diseases...**

- Is anything too hard for God? Is the original creator of my body interested in making and keeping it well so it can do His will and not be pinned to a sickbed?
- God needs me to hear & believe these or similar words in my heart & obey Him

Ex 15:26 **If you obey the voice of the LORD...I am the LORD who heals you.**

3. If not, would I like to? (This isn't a given – most don't want to)

- Let's hear from the story of Naaman, a man who decided he really wanted to be healed and was willing to humble himself and do whatever God told him to:

2 Ki 5:1 **Now Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was...a mighty man of valor, but a leper.** (Plagued with a devastating disease.)

- v. 4 **Then she** (an Israeli slave girl) **said to her mistress** (Naaman's wife), **"If only my master were with the prophet who is in Samaria! For he would heal him of his leprosy."** (She believed and therefore spoke)
- v. 8 (Elisha) **"Please let him come to me..."** (God's loving plea to us & Naaman)
- v. 9 **Then Naaman went** (by believing and obeying God...will I too?)...
- v. 10 (Elisha) **"Go and wash in the Jordan seven times...and your flesh will be restored to you, and you will be healed."** After some more encouragement:
- v. 11 **So he** (Naaman, believing & acting on what Elisha said) **went and dipped seven times...according to the saying of the man of God; and he was healed.**

Will you and I let God love us the way Naaman did, by simply trusting & obeying Him?

Is it God's will to heal my body, do I agree with Him?

Jer 33:6 “Nevertheless I will certainly bring health and healing to them and I will indeed heal them. (through what) I will reveal to them (which is) an abundance of peace and truth.” NIV/KJV

Psalms 107:20 “He sent forth His word (of Truth-Jesus Christ) and healed them, and delivered them from the door of death.” Jesus (the Word) was sent forth to bring about healing for any and all who believe Him. Many went to Him because they don't believe He is willing or even believed that He makes people sick in order to teach/correct them. Which turns out to be nothing more than an accusation against God.

If God isn't causing sickness, who/what is?

Luke 11:12-16 “He (Jesus) saw a woman who had been crippled (made sick) by an evil spirit. She had been bent double for eighteen years and was unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, He called her over and said, Dear woman (child), you are healed of your sickness! ...this woman.. whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free... from what bound her” Satan would like nothing more than for God's people to continue on believing, speaking and accusing God of making people sick to “test” them and “teach” them a lesson. However the Truth completely opposes that lie. Does God use sin to “test/teach” His children? No. **(Rom 5:12)(1 John 3:8)** it would be a complete contradiction for Jesus to both come to destroy the works of the Devil but to then also use them to teach His children. Consider this. **Heb 2:14** “Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity (in every way subject to all the temptations of human beings including sickness. Yet without sin, yet without sickness) **so that by His death** (on the Cross) **he might** (destroy) **break the power of him who holds the power of death** (sin, sickness) **—that is, the devil—**.” Just as God longs to forgive us of our sins, He also longs for us to believe Him for the healing of our bodies because he already paid the price for our healing **Isaiah 53:3-5** “**He was despised and abandoned by men, A man of great pain and familiar with sickness; And like one from whom people hide their faces, He was despised, and we had no regard for Him. However, it was (by) our (my) sicknesses that He Himself bore(was made sick), And our pains that He carried; Yet we ourselves assumed that He had been afflicted, Struck down by God, and humiliated. Yet it was our weaknesses (our sickness) he carried (to His death on the cross); it was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins(His own sickness)!” NASB**