

Why You Should Believe in Divine Healing

Dear Daily Devotional Reader,

One of the best ways for a believer to receive divine healing, or any other blessing from the Lord, is to have scripture to stand on for the things in which they are believing God. Jesus said in John 15:7, If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

And in Proverbs 4:20-22, we read, My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

In Joshua 1:8, it says, This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

It is God's will that each one of his children walks in divine health, but in order for that to be a reality to a believer, they have to know for themselves that it's God's will to heal them. It's one thing that God's Word says, *Jesus himself took our infirmities and bear our sicknesses...* (Matthew 8:17), *... by whose stripes ye were healed* (1 Peter 2:24), and *Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health...* (3 John 2), and it's quite another thing for the believer to have unwavering, unshakeable, unmovable faith.

Why should you believe in divine Healing? First of all, its scriptural. And secondly, sooner or later, every person is going to face a physical condition for which the only cure will be God's Word. Medical science, medicine, and healthcare can be a help in relieving painful conditions, but they are all limited in the results forthcoming. It's important that each of us as believers to build our faith strong in the area of divine healing. That way, when tests and trials come, be it in the way of sickness and disease, or even a spirit of death, we can fearlessly, confidently, and boldly stand on God's Word and resist the attack of the enemy.

According to the following scriptures, Satan attacks people with sickness and disease.

So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown. Job 2:7

And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day? Luke 13:16

To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. 1 Corinthians 5:5

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil. Hebrews 2:14

He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. 1 John 3:8

The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. 1 Corinthians 15:26

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. Acts 10:38

Jesus Himself said in John 10:10, The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

According to the scriptures healing is from the Lord: And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them. Matthew 4:23,24

When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick. Matthew 8:16

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. Matthew 9:35

But when Jesus knew it, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all... Matthew 12:15

And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them: Insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel. Matthew 15:30-31

Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them. Luke 4:40

Sickness, disease, and pain steal, kill and destroy people every day. As the body of Christ, we have been given authority over the devil in Jesus' Name, as well as the ability and power to spiritually resist physical attacks. As a bonus, we have been redeemed from the curse of the law according to Galatians 3:13: Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree...

However, in order for us to receive divine healing and live in divine health, we have to get these scriptures that are in the Bible into our heart. We have to get to the point where we know for sure that neither sickness nor disease has any part in our life, and that it is not the will of God that we are sick.

I was born-again and filled with the Holy Spirit in a Pentecostal church. Just shortly afterward, I learned about divine healing. I was so excited to find out about divine healing, and I was eager to share it with others. Just the thought of not having to suffer with sickness and disease any longer, was the greatest news I had ever heard since salvation. --That is, until one day when I walked into Charlie's gas station. Charlie was a Baptist man, who owned the gas station as well as other properties and buildings. When I walked in to make a purchase from his vending machine, he was witnessing to a man who leased one of his buildings. I overheard Charlie say, "*Paul had a thorn and God wouldn't heal him.*" I don't know what Charlie had said before I walked in to the station, or what he said after I left, but I do know that those words that he spoke seemed to take all the faith out of me, as far as receiving divine healing and living in divine health were concerned. I thought, "*If Paul was sick and God would not heal him, there's no way in the world I'm going to be able to believe God for divine healing.*"

It is amazing what one statement can do to destroy faith. Charlie always had his Bible on display on the counter in the gas station and I guess I had just assumed that what he said was coming from the Bible.

What Charlie was saying is what many people have told others, *"God put sickness on Paul, which is called a thorn in the flesh, and the Lord chose not to heal Paul."* I felt in my heart that I should go to the Word of God and find out if what Charlie was saying was true or not. What Charlie was trying to refer to is found in 2 Corinthians 12:7-9: And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, **THERE WAS GIVEN TO ME A THORN IN THE FLESH, THE MESSENGER OF SATAN TO BUFFET ME**, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

This scripture tells us exactly what the thorn was. It was a messenger of Satan. And in Judges 2:3, Numbers 33:55, Joshua 23:13, and Mark 4:7, the scriptural definition of a thorn is listed as a personal-ity, and never as a sickness or disease.

Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be as thorns in your sides...Judges 2:3

But if ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you; then it shall come to pass, that those which ye let remain of them shall be pricks in your eyes, and thorns in your sides, and shall vex you in the land wherein ye dwell. Numbers 33:55

Know for a certainty that the Lord your God will no more drive out any of these nations from before you; but they shall be snares and traps unto you and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until ye perish from off this good land which the Lord your God hath given you. Joshua 23:13

And some fell among thorn, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit. Mark 4:7

Satan himself sent an evil spirit to attack Paul to do all that he could to hinder Paul from ministering the gospel:

Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices. 2 Corinthians 2:11

For if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. Corinthians 4:3,4

And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 2 Corinthians 11:14

Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us. 1 Thessalonians 2:18

The apostle Paul listed many of the things he suffered from preaching the gospel in 2 Corinthians 11:20-33, and not one time did he ever say that he was sick. Nor did he ever say that God would not heal him.

In Galatians 5:9, the apostle Paul writes, A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump. Along this same line, a little false teaching can rob a believer, as well as a sinner, from receiving the blessings of God. We, as believers, are under a new covenant and not the old covenant. It is so important to us, as believers, that we build ourselves up by daily reading the epistle letters that were written to us by our Father, God. The ironic thing is that I found out that not only did the thorn that Paul had come from the devil, but also, whatever Paul went through and the hardships he experienced through tests, trials, and persecutions, and whatever else the devil threw at him and whatever else people did to him, the Lord

delivered him out of these things. **But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: BUT OUT OF THEM ALL THE LORD DELIVERED ME. 2 Timothy 3:10-11**

If it had not been for the Holy Spirit, and being taught to base everything that you believe on the Word of God, I would not have known to search the scriptures. I would have just gone by what Charlie had said. He may have known something about salvation, but he didn't know anything about divine healing.

Years later, I was listening to a minister on the radio who was basically making the same statement that Charlie had made. The minister was acting as though he was reading from the 12th chapter of 2 Corinthians, from the King James Version of the Bible. And as I was driving down the highway listening to him, he said, *"God put sickness on Paul to teach him something, and Paul prayed three times that the Lord would heal him, and God said, no Paul, it's my will that you be sick."* I yelled at my radio, *"That's not true, that's not what the Bible says."*

The dear minister knew the Word when it came to salvation, but he didn't know the Word when it came to divine healing. The people who were listening to his program, if they were not following along in their Bible, would have believed that what he was teaching was from the Word of God. Jesus said, "take heed what you hear... (Mark 4:24) and Take heed therefore how you hear... (Luke 8:18).

All you have to do hear is a minister, or someone you think knows what they are talking about make a statement such as, *"God doesn't always heal; Paul had a thorn and God wouldn't heal him; When praying for healing one should always pray 'if it be thy will, Lord heal me'; sickness is just our cross to bear; or God gets glory out of people being sick."* It's amazing that the same people who preach that message are the first ones who go to the doctor when they get sick. They fail to receive divine healing, so they come up with some excuse why they are sick.

We, as believers, are not to cope with sickness and disease. God said in 3 John 2, Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

In Deuteronomy 28:15-68, we see that sickness, disease, plagues and poverty, came on God's people when they transgressed the law. Some people teach God permitted the curses to come, some teach God sent them, but Gal 3:13, 14, shows us that when Jesus came He redeemed us from every curse: Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

So, whether a person believes God sent the curses or permitted them, the good news is that Jesus redeemed us from the curses. He didn't come to make people sick, He came to redeem mankind from sin, sickness, disease, poverty and spiritual death. According to **John 10:10, The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.**

I want to admonish you to every day read the New Testament, and primarily your epistle letters. Until you get to the place that you are strong spiritually, that your mind is renewed to God's Word, and that you can richly divide the Word of truth. Signs and fruits that a person, as a believer, has become strong in the Lord is that they can stand on God's Word for themselves. They can find the place where it is written, they are always walking in victory, and they are ruling and reigning in this life in Christ Jesus.

All the Bible is the inspired Word of God, from Genesis to Revelation. The Old Testament was written to the children of Israel who are under the Old Covenant. The New Testament is written to the body of

Christ, who are under the New Covenant. Don't let anybody talk you out of your New Covenant benefits and blessings. Our Father God paid a high price to see to it that we could have divine healing, as well as all the other redemptive benefits we have in the new birth.

For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ. Romans 5:17

What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. Romans 8:31,37

But thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Corinthians 15:57,58

Now thanks be unto God, which always causes us to triumph in Christ, and taketh manifest the savor of his knowledge by us in every place. 2 Corinthians 2:14

The scriptural facts of divine healing are: Jesus Himself bore our sicknesses, redeemed us from the curse of the law, and by His stripes we are healed!

Brother Rich

Remember, God wishes above all things that you prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers (3 John 2).