



THE TRUTH ABOUT HEALING

INTRODUCTION:

All men fear sickness. Men do not want to die. Educated men spend their lives searching for cures for men's sicknesses. Progress is made and doctors do help some illness, but some people become ill and die.

Sickness is the result of men's sin. Our ancestors, Adam and Eve, disobeyed God and God had to punish them. Sickness is a result of this punishment for sin. Since all men are born sinners, all men are troubled by sickness. However, God has provided a way for us to be healed when sickness does come.

GOD IS A HEALER:

God promised His people in His Holy Writings, "If you listen carefully to the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His eyes, if you pay attention to His commands and keep all his

decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord who heals you" (Exodus 15:26 NIV). God also warned them if they sin, "He will bring upon you all the diseases of Egypt that you dreaded, and they will cling to you" (Deuteronomy 28:60 NIV).

God warned of sickness for those who disobey and promised healing to those who obeyed. God always keeps His promises. David, the Psalmist, praised God because "He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases" (Psalms 103:3 NIV). Jeremiah reminds us of God's promise, "But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds declares the Lord" (Jeremiah 30:17 NIV). God loves His people and desires for them to be well and happy.

Healing is possible because of Jesus Christ. Jesus died for us so that we might be saved from the punishment of our sins. Yet, Jesus' crucifixion not only provided salvation, it provides healing. "He carried our sins in His own body when He died on a cross. In doing this, we may be dead to sin and alive to all that is right and good. His wounds have healed you!" (I Peter 2:24 NLT).

Jesus made it possible and the Bible tells us how to receive it. "Is anyone among you sick? He should send for the church leaders and they should pray for him. They should pour oil on him in the name of the Lord. The prayer given in faith will heal the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven" (James 5:14-15 NLT). Anoint with oil. Pray in Jesus' name. Pray with faith. Jesus will heal and forgive your sins.

EXAMPLES OF HEALING:

While Jesus was on earth, He healed many people. Jesus had power over all sickness. Sick people came from long distances to see Jesus so He could heal them. "They brought all the sick people to Him with many kinds of disease and pains. They brought to Him

those who had demons. They brought those who at times lose the use of their minds. They brought those who could not use their hands and legs. He healed them" (Matthew 4:24 NLT). Sickness and demons had to flee at the command of Jesus.

Jesus gave His followers the power to heal. When they used the name of Jesus they also had power over diseases and demons (Luke 10:17). Jesus said that those who put their trust in Him would do special powerful works. "They will put their hands on the sick and they will be healed" (Mark 16:18 NLT).

The Bible tells of the followers of Jesus praying for a lame man (Acts 3). He was healed. Peter prayed for Dorcas who had died (Acts 9). She came back to life. Paul prayed for a man who had fallen out of a window and died (Acts 20). The people were happy to take the young man home alive.

CONCLUSION:

Followers of Jesus are still being healed. Jesus gave a gift of healing to the Church. He desires for us to use it. He wants His people to be well and happy.

God does not want you to be sick. Jesus suffered so you could be healed. If you will pray with faith calling on Jesus, He will heal you. People around the world are doing it. The leaders of the church are anointing with oil and praying in Jesus' name. Demons are being cast out. Blinded eyes are beginning to see. Deaf ears are beginning to hear and even the dead are coming back to life. God is still a healer. He wants to be your healer.