

Promise of Healing

Jesus did not tell us to pray for the sick, he told us to HEAL the sick.

1. Lay Hands on them.

Matthew 8:3 "When he came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, if you're willing, you can make me clean." And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be clean." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed."

Jesus never said I'm not willing to heal.

Whenever someone came and asked for healing, Jesus healed them.

Matthew 8:14 when Jesus came into Peter's house he saw Peter's mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever, he touched her hand and the fever left her and she got up and began to wait on him.

2. Rebuke a Demon that is causing the sickness.

Luke 4:38 "Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them."

Matthew 17:18

"Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed at that moment."

In Mark 9:25 "And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.'"

3. COMMAND HEALING

Mark 7:32-35

"And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly."

Matthew 12:9,13 "He went on from there and entered their synagogue. And a man was there with a withered hand....Then he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And the man stretched it out, and it was restored, healthy like the other."

Acts 9:32-35

"Now as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints who lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, bedridden for eight years, who was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord."

Acts 14:8-10

"In Lystra there sat a man who was lame. He had been that way from birth and had never walked. He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed and called out, "Stand up on your feet!" At that, the man jumped up and began to walk."

4. THERES A PLACE FOR PRAYING FOR PEOPLE AGAIN.

Mark 8:22-25

They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man's eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, "Do you see anything?" He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around." Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly."

5. Instruct an act of faith.

John 9:1, 6-7

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing."

Luke 17:12-14

As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed."

6. Anoint People with oil.

In Marks gospel it says that they went out and preached that people should repent, they drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them. "Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."

James 5:14-16

Notice the unconditional nature of the promise. We have no scriptural warrant to end the healing prayer with the faith destroying phrase, "if it be thy will". God has made it perfectly clear in his word it's his will to heal the sick. Period. Jesus never prayed for the sick in a conditional manner.

- *The Holy Spirit and You*, Dennis Bennet

It's God's will to heal. Period.

"We do not need to make long prayers for the sick. When we have faith to say it, a word of command can be effective. "Be healed in Jesus' name". Jesus healed with a touch or a word - most often with a command "be thou clean he said to the leper, "to the sick of palsy he said "Get up, pick up your mat and go to your house", to the deaf man's ears he commanded "be opened", to the man with the withered hand he said, "stretch out your hand" and it was instantly healed..."

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If you're going to pray for the sick, it's good to be prayed up.

7. There's a waiting in the presence of the Lord.

"The one who feels led to pray for the sick should take the time to ask God how he would have him to proceed."

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"Where we have desired to see healing and have not seen it, the fault is not with God but with man. We are quick to say God didn't do it, I guess he isn't ready to heal me, yet the word of God says that he is and right now."

- *The Holy Spirit and You*, Dennis Bennet

Don't wait to pray until you need to pray.

Belief says, "I think he can."

Faith says, "I Know he will".

LET THE PROMISE STAND.