

Healing School

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INTRODUCTION to the class

1. Format, expectations
2. Agenda

Today's agenda¹:

- Session 1: Healing in the Old Testament
- Group Discussion
- Session 2: Healing Provided by Atonement Through the Cross
- Lunch + Group Discussion
- Session 3: How to Heal the Sick
- Session 4: Faith That Produces Results
- Group Discussion
- Session 5: All Manner of Prayer
- Group Prayer Session

¹ Totally subject to change

Psalm 116:12-13

What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me?

I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD.

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SESSION 1: HEALING IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Topic: The eternal Gospel of Jesus includes bodily healing as well as forgiveness from sins.

Main scripture: Deuteronomy 30:19; Proverbs 4:20-22; Psalm 103:3

Session 1 Emphasis: Physical healing is a benefit of salvation that Jesus purchased for us on the Cross of Calvary. God's will concerning physical healing is forever settled by the sacrifice and personal ministry of Jesus, the Father's exact representation to humanity.

The Story Behind Healing School

I used to get sick every year. Flu season, etc. Constant allergies that got worse every spring/summer. When they would report on the news that, "Flu season is here! Everyone get your shot and watch out; it is coming to you!" I would get my shot and get sick every time... for 24 years. I had to call in sick to work all the time; I had to limit certain activities outside due to my allergies... this was my reality; all I knew. I figured this was the way it had to be.

Then I started hanging around people who acted like God still healed people today. And not only that, they believed that it was God's will (think of it!) that His children would walk and live perpetually in divine health and wholeness. I thought this was the craziest thing—totally unobtainable... I had never heard anything like this taught at my church growing up.

So, I started interrogating the Bible about this subject. I quickly found that I had not been told the half of it... the Bible, God's Word, paints a vivid picture of God's clear and unmistakable will concerning physical healing for His children. I was blown away. How had I never heard this taught in my church? We had been taught that God could heal (of course, He could do *anything* He wanted; He *was* God after all), but that His willingness was on a case-by-case basis and, "Sometimes God says yes, sometimes no, and sometimes wait." I heard that all the time growing up. Nothing could be more of a faith-killer than those words designed to cope with the fact that some people, although well-intentioned, failed to see their healing come to pass. Even more pervasive was the pious-sounding phrase, "If it be Thy will, this or that." Absolute faith-killer. And a total misapplication of Scripture! But we will get to that later.

So I personally started building my faith in this vital area after learning that faith is like a muscle that needs to be developed and used in order to be effective. Within a few short months, I was starting to see my own body responding differently to the world around me. Little things, like headaches, began to respond to my authority. On a long run, a side ache disappeared instantly in response to my words. I was a little surprised!

Then it happened. I was quite sick once, but still working since I desperately needed the money... and I went out to my car in the bitter cold on my lunch break... not to eat, but to sleep.

As I always did, I pulled out my Bible and began reading and re-reading healing scriptures... and suddenly, this scripture just *jumped off the page* and into my spirit like never before!

Romans 8:11 NKJV

But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

I know this isn't your typical *healing scripture*, but guess what HAPPENED? I read that verse and read it and read it... and something on the inside just *rose up*... it was as if my heart stood up on the inside and shouted, "THAT'S MINE! THAT'S ME! The Spirit of Jesus dwells in me... and He who raised Christ from the dead will GIVE LIFE to MY MORTAL BODY through His Spirit WHO DWELLS IN ME!" I had a sudden, powerful realization that this Word was FOR ME.

I realized then that I was instantly well. Just a few moments ago I was completely exhausted, sickly, and pale. I had barely enough energy to stumble out to my car; I couldn't wait to close my eyes and conk out. I had been coughing, even nauseated, sniffing and sneezing... but suddenly, in a moment, all my symptoms disappeared, and I felt like I could run a marathon. Like the woman who approached Jesus and touched the hem of His garment in faith, I felt in my body that I was made whole.

That was in 2012. It is now 2024, and I have not had a sustained illness (including any traces of the flu) NOT EVEN ONCE in 12 years. I say "sustained" because I have run my body into the ground several times due to foolishness on my part. I don't do everything perfectly, for the record! But I truly have not "gotten sick," I have simply pushed so hard (in foolishness) that my body has shut down and said, "enough!"

When this happens, it has only lasted for a period of a few hours, at the absolute most. Once I rest a bit, I am back to normal. My wife can attest to this truth. I did get sick in 2024 one time, again due to overwork and foolishness (pushing way too hard and not resting enough), and this one lasted a few days. This was also in conjunction with my letting down my spiritual shield of faith and not staying in the Word as much as I was accustomed to (we will discuss reasons why people get sick, lose their healing, and the like in a later session). Once I got back in line, I was instantly healed again.

I once had (October 2015) an anomaly with one of my eyes that rendered me functionally blind for a period of a week or two. I stood in faith, and the eye doctor told me I needed to get blood work done and a chest x-ray because it might be a myriad of terrible-sounding diseases. Nobody knew what it was. I had had enough. After a week or so of studying and meditating the Word of God concerning healing (these same healing scriptures in this lesson), one night I commanded the issue to go away in Jesus' Name, and the pain immediately left, and I woke up perfectly healed without a trace of the issue.

The eye problem showed up immediately after I had finished producing and directing a church play that was designed to minister the Gospel of Jesus to the community.

In 2017, on my first trip to Kenya, my mission team and I were playing volleyball in a maximum-security prison with the inmates as part of an evangelistic outreach crusade. We played volleyball with them, first, then we preached the Gospel, ministered to the sick and demonized. We saw a tremendous number of inmates receive Jesus, be healed, receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and the like.

During the volleyball game, I fell so hard that I heard one of my ribs CRACK, then I felt the most excruciating pain. I couldn't breathe in all the way, and I couldn't talk above a wheeze. Somehow, I managed to preach and teach the Word, but barely. Afterwards, as we were loading up in the van, I told my team what had happened. One man told me that he saw (in the spirit) one of my ribs broken (earlier). He and others laid hands on me and immediately I felt the pain go away. The man said he saw, again in the spirit, an x-ray-like image of my rib being knit back perfectly together as they prayed. We continued the mission trip, and I've not felt a single bit of pain in that rib since then.

My personal testimonies for healing could go on and on. I was diagnosed with asthma as a young boy and was told I would need to have my tonsils removed. I have run several half marathons and have trained for a full marathon without a single issue. I used to have seasonal allergies; they are long in the past for me. I got shot in the leg with a 9-mm hollow point at close range and ran my first half marathon less than 30 days later.

I have seen literally hundreds of people healed through my ministry both in the US and in other countries; through the laying on of hands, the spoken word, and by folks simply sitting and listening to the message of healing as I share God's Word on this matter. All praise and glory to Jesus; I am simply a conduit through which He flows. I have simply learned, over the years, to step out of the way and yield to let His love and power flow through me. Less gunk in the pipes, you know, when you step back and don't take yourself so seriously.

And so, I present to you today's Healing School event. My encouragement is this: if you aren't getting *at least the same results or better than I am*, then you might consider what I have to say. This is illustrated simply as follows: what do you do when you are petting a cat and all the fur stands up on end the whole time? You turn the cat around and keep petting (Thanks, Andrew Wommack, for that)! If what you are doing isn't working, maybe it is time to turn the cat around by changing the way you think about healing.

Again, I am just sharing the simple truths from God's Word concerning healing; I am not sharing anything that is not in your Bible. You'll see. Let's get into it!

How to Approach Healing in the Bible

This is really the key to the whole thing: we must take a stand and get off the fence: either we believe the Word of God and take it seriously, 100%, without any compromise, or we simply don't allow the Bible to be the #1 source of truth and direction in our life. It's that simple.

Deuteronomy 30:19-20

19 I call heaven and earth to witness this day against you that I have set before you life and death, the blessings and the curses; therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live

20 And may love the Lord your God, obey His voice, and cling to Him. For He is your life and the length of your days, that you may dwell in the land which the Lord swore to give to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

This is a timeless truth and is one of the laws of God's creation: He has forever placed before us life and death, blessings and curses—the choice is ours! Now, no one in their right mind would ever *choose* sickness over healing, but this is truly the case... when people choose to allow something other than the Word of God to take absolute #1 first place in their lives and to accept another doctrine or belief system... or even their symptoms, or what the doctor says... then they have made a decision to NOT choose life. That is called choosing the curse: when you choose to fix your mind and thoughts and actions on something that is contradictory to the Word of God. We will get into this later.

For now, I implore you to ask yourself this question every time you are confronted with a truth from the Word of God concerning healing: “Am I filtering this through experience? Or am I going to allow the pure, unadulterated, and life-giving Word of God come into my heart without push-back?”

Here are a few reasons why people have a hard time with healing, and the solutions:

Source	Description	Solution
Lack of teaching	Someone has simply not had solid, scriptural teaching on the subject of	Solid, ² biblical teaching on healing.

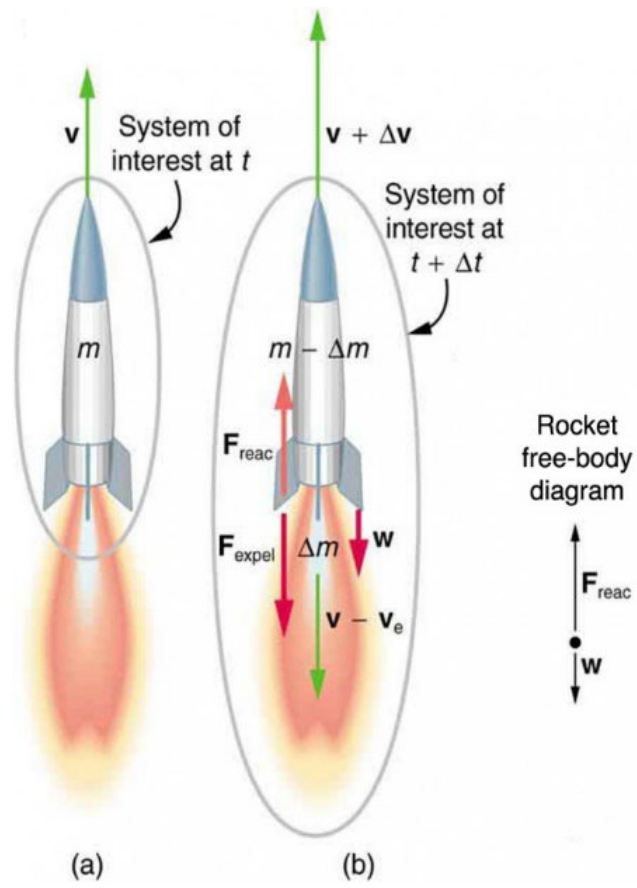
² The Word is the seed (Mark 4:14 and Luke 8:11) of divine life. For each sick person to know that it is God's will to heal him, it is necessary for the seed to be planted in his mind and heart. It is not planted until it is known and

	physical healing. You cannot have faith for healing when you haven't heard the Word of God concerning healing, exactly as someone cannot have faith to receive Jesus as Lord without the preaching and teaching of the Word concerning Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection (Romans 10:8-13,17).	
Wrong teaching	Unfortunately, this is prevalent in the U.S. and around the world (mostly the more developed countries). Christian people who honestly love God are taught by spiritual leaders that healing is NOT God's will for you today, or that healing "passed away with the apostles," or that you may pray for healing, but only if you say "If it be Thy will," so as to not be presumptuous, or that Jesus only died for our "spiritual healing", etc. These teachings are completely without scriptural precedent and are easily disproven by reading the Word.	<i>This is the hardest one to deal with.</i> Wrong or anti-teaching usually results in <i>unbelief</i> . A better translation of this word would be <i>anti-faith</i> . This is a force that moves in the opposite direction as faith. Notice that one way strong faith is characterized is by minimizing <i>unbelief</i> (See Romans 4:20). The solution here is, again, solid teaching. People will then have the option to let the Bible dictate their lives, or continue to believe in man's doctrine (which can nullify the power of the Word; see Mark 7:13).
Full awareness of the truth, but flat refusal to accept it	This is nasty. This is when a person has had full exposure to the truth of God's Word but has made a deliberate decision to reject His Word concerning any subject. With healing, the worst that can happen to them is that they die early and do not fulfill God's plan for their lives.	Prayer over the person that their heart would be softened, and that God would send laborers to them to minister the Word to them. *Note that this is a person who has been fully exposed to the truth, has flat out rejected it, and

received and trusted. No sinner can become a Christian before he knows that it is God's will to save him. It is the Word of God, planted and watered and steadfastly trusted, which heals both soul and body. The seed must remain planted and be kept watered before it can produce its harvest. For one to say, "I believe the Lord is *able* to heal me" before he knows from God's Word that He *is willing to heal him*, is like a farmer saying, "I believe God is able to give me a harvest without any seed being planted and watered." (Bosworth, 1973, 2000) (page 17).

But if the person takes this approach to the sacrifice of Jesus, they are in danger of losing their salvation—this is the only way to accomplish this feat (See Hebrews 6:4-8).

doesn't care that they are rejecting it. They are reprobate and in danger of massive loss. If you are concerned you might be one of these people, you need not worry. This kind of person cares not that they are in the situation they are in; they know it full well and yet continue on in this sin.



The bottom line is to put things in their proper place, like a rocket launching upwards:

1. Fuel goes in the middle

- a. The fuel is God's Word. Without it, you are just a big empty shell. No amount of faith can conjure up an answer if God's Word doesn't already promise it.

2. Engines go on the bottom

- a. Your faith activates or realizes God's promises (the fuel) and expels them out into the world (your environment, body, mind, etc.). Make sure your faith is pointed in the correct direction (facing the big sphere) or else you won't go as high. You can use faith in the Word of God to propel you high, or faith in the devil (through yielding to fear, worry, etc.) to push you lower.

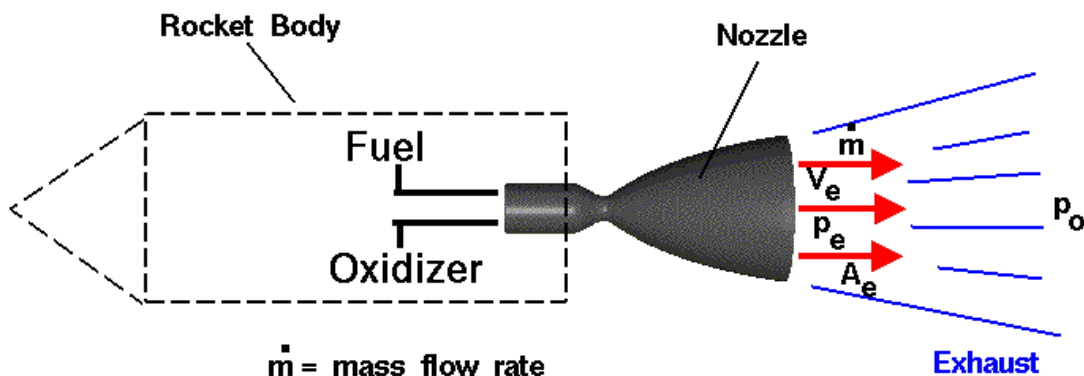
3. Unnecessary weight stays at home

- a. All the other stuff in life, while factual (for instance, a cancer diagnosis), should never make it onto your rocket; it will just slow it down. Mass produces an opposite force³ ($mg = w$) that will only slow you down.



Rocket Thrust Equation

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\dot{m} = mass flow rate
 p = pressure
 V = Velocity
 A = Area

$$\text{Thrust} = F = \dot{m} V_e + (p_e - p_0) A_e$$

³ Mass times gravity equals weight force pulling you downward

Healing Under the Old Testament

One of my favorite verses in the entire Bible is the following life-giving passage in Proverbs:

Proverbs 4:20-22

*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**.*

Here we have an unmistakable promise concerning bodily (the word “flesh” makes it hard to conclude *spiritual healing* here) healing. But what is the catch? This is a **conditional promise**. Like receiving forgiveness of sins, God promises a too-good-to-be-true (the definition of the GOSPEL) benefit for **those who meet the criteria**.

(I have dedicated an entire podcast episode on this very passage... too much for us to go into today. See “The Unstoppable Podcast: Season 4 Episode 5 “2024 Word + Life and Health to All Your Flesh”)

Briefly, we have the following conditions:

Condition 1: You must be a child of God to receive His promises *as His children*⁴.

Condition 2: You must *attend* to God’s words. The Hebrew words here give the impression of someone pricking up their ears to the Word of God; this person intentionally listens and gives the time and space (sacrificially) to receive the Word of God into their life regularly.

Condition 3: You must incline your ear—the Hebrew gives the idea of yielding to the direction and commands in the Word of God; giving His Words first place in your life. Not just mentally, but your actions will reveal that this is the real case; that you are actively moving in harmony with His Word.

Condition 4: You must constantly and intentionally keep the Word of God in front of your daily thoughts; you must *see life through the Word*.

Condition 5: You must continually meditate on and protect the Word and revelations God has shown you in your heart.

⁴ This does not mean that those who are not saved cannot receive healing, for this would go against every healing in the Gospel accounts. No, what we have here is a prescription from the Master Doctor on how He desires to bless His children and how they can walk in health and healing as a lifestyle.

Condition 6: You must intelligently and diligently seek new and wonderful treasures in His Word.

PROMISE: Life and health to all your flesh! Some of your flesh? No, all means ALL!

Yes, it takes work to walk in divine healing. But it also takes work to take care of your physical body using natural means, which is also a vital part of wise stewardship of the body God gave you. If you think you can be healthy through spiritual means only, yet you are continually making poor choices for your body in the natural realm, you are fighting against God’s creation. He didn’t make things that way. **You and I need to learn to cooperate with the way God has created our spirits, souls, and bodies to operate.**

There are numerous additional examples of healing and raising from the dead power at work in the Old Testament (under the Old Covenant), which we will not take time to go over here. Only consider this: if we live in a “new and better⁵ covenant” today, we *at least should be seeing the same IF NOT BETTER* benefits towards us than the OT saints saw under an old covenant. Thank God, we live under a new and better covenant, and it is all thanks to Jesus Christ!

Healing is Revealed in God’s Redemptive Names

Some of the deepest revelations in the Word of God concerning God’s personal nature are found by simply looking at His seven redemptive names. Jehovah, Yahweh, or YHWH (the unpronounceable name of God Himself), is “distinctly the redemption name of Deity” and means “the self-existent One who reveals Himself.” (Scofield Bible, footnote on pages 6-7).

Here they are in order of appearance in the Word:

Name	Reference	Description	Name fulfilled in Christ
JEHOVAH-JIREH	Genesis 22:14	“The Lord Will Provide.” Recall this is when Abraham offered Isaac in obedience to God’s Word and in compliance to his covenant with God.	Christ was the offering provided for our complete redemption
JEHOVAH-RAPHA	Exodus 15:26	“I Am the Lord Thy Physician” or “I Am the Lord that Heals Thee”. God was	Isaiah 53 (the great redemption chapter of the Bible) declares,

⁵ Hebrews 8:6 says, “But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.”

		expressing His redemptive healing nature to the children of Israel in response to their obedience to walk in His ways and not serve demonic gods. This marks the very first covenant God gave Israel after crossing the Red Sea, as He was setting up all things for His newly saved children (see the parallels?).	“Surely he hath borne our sicknesses and carried our pains.” Christ, in His victorious resurrection and seating at the right hand of God, could no more abandon His office of Healer than he could of the other six redemptive names. If Christ is not our Healer today, He is not any of the other six names, either.
JEHOVAH-NISSI	Exodus 17:15	“The Lord is Our Banner.” (or “victor” or “captain”)	Through the Cross, Jesus triumphed over principalities and powers forever. See Colossians 2:15 and 1 Corinthians 15:57
JEHOVA-SHALOM	Judges 6:24	“The Lord Our Peace”	Jesus said, “My peace I give unto you ⁶ .” Furthermore, the “chastisement of our peace ⁷ was upon Him...” and “He has made peace ⁸ through the blood of his cross.”
JEHOVAH-RA-AH	Psalms 23:1	“The Lord is My Shepherd”	Jesus became our Shepherd by giving His life for the sheep—through the Atonement. See John 10:11.
JEHOVAH-TSIDKENU	Jeremiah 23:6	“The Lord Our Righteousness”	Jesus is continually fulfilling this. See 2 Corinthians 5:21.

⁶ John 14:27

⁷ Isaiah 53:5

⁸ Colossians 1:20

JEHOVAH-SHAMMAH	Ezekiel 48:35	“The Lord is There.” Even in the OT, God promised His presence many times and sustained His people through close, personal encounter and contact.	Jesus promises many times that He will remain with us; and that blessing is purchased through the Blood only; not anything else. See Hebrews 13:5 and Matthew 28:20.
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It should be noted that one of the most unique characteristics of YHWH, the God of the Bible, in contrast to other gods⁹ is that He continually is manifesting Himself to His people in more and more personal ways. He first reveals Himself as Creator and Almighty God, then He shares His redemptive nature with Abraham, then He reveals Himself further and more intimately with Moses, and so on. The idea that the God described in James 1:17-18—the gift-giving and never-changing God—would relinquish one of His redemptive names in this glorious age of grace is perplexing. If He is no longer JEHOVA-RAPHA (Our Healer), then He must no longer be JEHOVAH-RA-AH (Our Shepherd) or JEHOVAH-TSIDKENU (Our Righteousness) or any other of His names. As we will see shortly, God saved the best revelation of Himself for last—for the end of days, the Last Days. It is this final revelation of Himself that is the most striking and, perhaps not surprisingly, it reveals His healing nature for all who come to Him more clearly than at any other point in history.

Healing Provided by Atonement Through OT Examples

As if it weren't enough to see that the healing nature of God as revealed in his REDEMPTIVE name JEHOVAH-RAPHA (that alone is good enough for me), God's plan to include bodily healing in the Atonement of Jesus is revealed through several Old Testament “types” or precursors to Jesus. These are like shadows that hint at Jesus but are not fulfilled until Jesus came and finished His work on the Cross.

1. The OT priest made atonement for the cleansed leper
 - a. *Leviticus 14:18: And the remnant of the oil that is in the priest's hand he shall pour upon the head of him that is to be cleansed: **and the priest shall make an atonement for him before the Lord.***

⁹ These gods are well-documented in every culture across the ages (and their descriptions agree remarkably) but are nothing more than fallen angels and their unholy offspring—the ‘demigods’ of the Greek culture and others. See Genesis 6 and the Book of Enoch (which Jesus and many of the NT writers quoted in their letters) This explains much of God's actions toward mankind in the early years—especially just before Noah's flood; since the human race had become polluted with these half-breed offspring between fallen angels and God's precious creation, humans.

- b. Leviticus 14-15; these chapters show us clearly that through atonement sickness was healed.
2. The Year of Jubilee
 - a. The year of Jubilee was to be announced with a trumpet blast on the DAY OF ATONEMENT.
 - b. The year of Jubilee was amazing:
 - i. **Liberty** was proclaimed throughout all Israel
 - ii. Each person was to return to his own **possession**
 - iii. Each person was to return to his own **family**
 - iv. They were not to sow nor reap (exemplifying dead works of religion) **but to eat the fruit of the land that God supernaturally would bless** in the sixth year (that would supernaturally produce for three years, thus covering all their physical needs completely over a sustained period of time)
 - v. **Property** was to be redeemed
 - vi. **Slaves** were to be released
 - vii. **The main point: The wonderful blessings of the year of Jubilee only began AFTER the “trumpet of the Jubilee” sounded ON THE DAY OF ATONEMENT!**
 3. The Wandering Israelites enjoyed divine health for forty years!
 - a. *Deuteronomy 8:1-4: All the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the Lord sware unto your fathers. And thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no. And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live. **Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years.***
 4. Aaron, the high priest, made atonement for the removal of the plague that killed 14,700 people. He literally “stood between the dead and the living; so the plague was stopped.” (Numbers 16:46-50).
 - a. This is another example of physical healing (they all received the plague and were dying). So also Jesus, our Mediator, redeemed us from the plague of sin and physical sickness.
 5. **The brazen serpent** is a very clear type of Jesus’ redemption
 - a. Numbers 21:5-9: And the people spoke against God and against Moses, Why have you brought us out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no bread, neither is there any water, and we loathe this light (contemptible, unsubstantial)

manna. Then the Lord sent fiery (burning) serpents among the people; and they bit the people, and many Israelites died.

And the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord, that He may take away the serpents from us. So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, Make a fiery serpent [of bronze] and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live.

And Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it on a pole, and if a serpent had bitten any man, **when he looked to the serpent of bronze [attentively, expectantly, with a steady and absorbing gaze], he lived.**

John 3:14: [Jesus said,] **And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert [on a pole], so must [so it is necessary that] the Son of Man be lifted up [on the cross].**

6. Mentions of healing and forgiveness of sins together in the OT.

a. Psalm 103:2-3 *AMPC*

*Bless (affectionately, gratefully praise) the Lord, O my soul, and forget not [one of] all His benefits—Who **forgives** [every one of] all your **iniquities**, Who **heals** [each one of] **all your diseases**...*

b. Psalm 6:2-4

*Have **mercy** upon me, O Lord; for I am weak: O Lord, **heal me**; for my bones are vexed. **My soul is also sore vexed**: but thou, O Lord, how long? Return, O Lord, **deliver my soul**: oh save me for thy **mercies'** sake.*

Mercy: ḥānan = show mercy; be gracious; show kindness

Heal: rāpā' = to mend; cure by stitching; to heal

Soul: nepeš = life; breath; soul of a man

Vexed: bāhal = troubled, terrified, anxious

Deliver: ḥālaṣ = to remove, draw out, draw off, take off, withdraw, equip (for war), **arm for war**, rescue, be rescued (primary use is arm for war)

Mercies: ḥesed = zeal, love, kindness of God toward man; grace, favor, mercy of God toward man; His willingness and tenderness to act on behalf of men

c. Isaiah 53:5 *But he was wounded for our **transgressions**, he was bruised for our **iniquities**: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and **with his stripes we are healed**.*

Healed = rāpā' = to mend; cure by stitching; to heal; **used of bodily healing; never spiritual healing.**

There are yet more examples, but these are more than adequate for us here.

SESSION 2: HEALING PROVIDED BY ATONEMENT THROUGH THE CROSS

Topic: Bodily healing *in this life* is just as much a part of Jesus' finished work on the Cross as forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life.

Session 2 Emphasis: Everything we've studied in the Old Testament leads up to a single moment in history: the moment with Jesus Christ of Nazareth laid down His life and shed His blood for the salvation of the world. Unfortunately, many Christian teachings over the years have interpreted the Son of God's perfect and complete sacrifice as only a *partial* redemption; that is, He only saved us from our sinful *nature*, and that the best we can hope to experience this side of Heaven is forgiveness of our sins and right relationship with God. While forgiveness and righteousness are vitally important, the Bible teaches from cover to cover that physical healing is just as much a part of salvation in Jesus as forgiveness of sins.

Main scripture: Isaiah 53

Hebrew words:

1. *Sorrows* = mak'ōb (mak-owb) = physical pain
2. *Grief* = ḥōlî (chk-oli) = physical sickness
3. *Borne* = nāsā' (nah-sah) = To lift, bear up, carry off, take away, forgive
4. *Carried* = sābal (sah-ball) = To bear or carry a heavy burden; to receive the penalties another has deserved

Healing Provided by Atonement through the Cross

The wonderful 53rd chapter of Isaiah is sometimes called “the great redemption chapter.” Unfortunately, many modern translations completely blunder the translation of the words “griefs” and “sorrows” used in this chapter, misleading Christians who don't do their homework. (Say “I am a Christian and I do my homework!”)

- a. Isaiah 53:3
 - i. A “man of sorrows, acquainted with grief.”
 - ii. **Sorrows** = mak'ōb = pain.
 1. Not just emotional, but also *physical* pain. See Exodus 3:78; Job 33:19; Jer. 30:15; 51:8
 - iii. **Grief** = ḥōlî = sickness.
 1. Used 24x in the KJV: sickness (12x), disease (7x), grief (4x), sick (1x).

2. See 1 Kings 17:17: And it came to pass after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness (*ḥōlî*) was so sore, that there was no breath left in him. (Definitely not sickness of the soul)
 3. See also 2 Kings 1:2: And Ahaziah fell down through a lattice in his upper chamber that was in Samaria, and was sick: and he sent messengers, and said unto them, Go, enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron whether I shall recover of this disease (*ḥōlî*).
- iv. The Young's Literal Translation says it well:
1. **He is despised, and left of men, A man of pains, and acquainted with sickness, And as one hiding the face from us, He is despised, and we esteemed him not.**
- b. Isaiah 53:4:
- i. Surely he hath **borne** our **griefs**, and **carried** our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.
 1. **Borne:** *nāšā'*
 - a. To lift, bear up, carry off, take away, forgive
 - b. Genesis 7:17: And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and **bare up** (*nāšā'*) the ark, and it was lift up above the earth.
 - c. Genesis 18:24, 26: Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not **spare** (*nāšā'*) the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?
 - d. Leviticus 16:22: and the [scape] goat **hath borne** (*nāšā'*) on him all their iniquities unto a land of separation. And he hath sent the goat away into the wilderness...
 2. **Griefs:** *ḥōlî*
 3. **Carried:** *sāḇal*
 - a. To bear or carry a heavy burden
 - b. "To receive the penalties another has deserved."
 - c. He didn't just wave His hands and forgive us our sins; He bore them in Himself. He took our sins.
 - d. He didn't just wink His eyes and offer us healing for our bodies; He bore them in Himself. He took our sicknesses and diseases.
 - e. See Isaiah 52:14-15
[For many the Servant of God became an object of horror; many were astonished at Him.] His face and His whole appearance were marred more than any man's, and His form beyond that of the sons of men—but just as

many were astonished at Him, so shall He startle and sprinkle many nations, and kings shall shut their mouths because of Him; for that which has not been told them shall they see, and that which they have not heard shall they consider and understand.

- i. *Astonished*: to be appalled, awestruck, stupefied, horrified, stunned
- ii. *Visage*: appearance, face
- iii. *Marred*: disfigurement of a face; corruption
- iv. *Form*: frame, outline, body

1. In His physical body, Jesus took every sickness (ḥōlî) and every pain (mak'ōb) possible from every human being that has ever lived.

4. **Sorrows**: mak'ōb = pains

c. Isaiah 53:5:

i. *But he was **wounded** for our **transgressions**, he was **bruised** for our **iniquities**: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his **stripes** we are **healed**.*

1. **Wounded**: ḥālal

- a. To be pierced; to be slain

2. **Transgressions**: peša'

- a. Transgression; rebellion

3. **Bruised**: dākā'

- a. To be broken in pieces; to be crushed

4. **Iniquities**: 'āôn

- a. Perversity, depravity, guilt of iniquity

5. **Stripes**: ḥabûrâ

- a. The mark of strokes on the skin

6. **Healed**: rāpā'

- a. To sew together; to mend; to heal; cure; make whole; repair

b. This word is in the PERFECT TENSE:

- i. The meaning of the perfect therefore has more to do with **how** an action took place than with **when** it took place. The perfect is most often treated as a past because it is easier to think of a past event as **complete** than it is to think of a present or future one as complete.

- c. We are healed by Jesus' stripes. Not, "we will be," but the actual healing action took place on the Cross. Jesus did it.

But we don't see the healing manifest automatically, just as we don't receive forgiveness simply because Jesus died on the Cross and rose again for our sins.

Rotherham's translation (Rotherham, 1994) of Isaiah 53:4-5 is:

*4 Yet surely, our sicknesses, he, carried, And, as for our pains, he bare the burden of them,—
But, we, accounted him stricken, Smitten of God, and humbled.*

5 Yet, he, was pierced for transgressions that were ours, was crushed for iniquities that were ours,—The chastisement for our well-being, was upon him, And, by his stripes, there is healing for us.

Jesus Carried our Sicknesses and our Iniquities

Note that the *same exact words* are used about sickness and disease as forgiveness of sin:

Isaiah 53:4

Surely he hath borne (nāšā' = carried away) our griefs (ḥōlī = sickness, disease), and carried (sābal = carry penalties for another) our sorrows (mak'ōb = pains): yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

Isaiah 53:11-12

He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear (sābal = carry penalties for another) their iniquities (āôn = perversity, depravity, guilt of iniquity).

Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Bare: nāšā'

Sin: ḥēt' (common word for sin)

Transgressors: Those who rebel or transgress

Rev. W. C. Stevens, in *Jesus Our Healer*, (Stevens) says:

This prophecy presents healing as an integral part of the vicarious Atonement... Now, whatever be the sense of these two Hebrew words (nasa and sabal), the same sense must be applied in both cases, namely, of sin-bearing and sickness-bearing. To pervert the sense in one case would give

liberty to pervert it in the other. And that the sense of the verbs as relating to sin, not only here in this prophecy, but everywhere else in the Old Testament, is strictly vicarious and expiatory, no evangelical student disputes. This prophecy, therefore, gives the same substitutionary and expiatory character to Christ's connection with sickness that is everywhere given to His assumption of our sins.

Common Questions on this:

Question: *Matthew 8:17 cannot refer to the Atonement because Christ had not yet been crucified!*

Answer:

Revelation 13:8

And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the **Lamb slain** from the **foundation** of the world.

Ephesians 3:10-12

To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, **according to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:** in whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.

God both healed and forgave sin in the OT, yet everything still was based on the fulfillment of the promise of the Cross.

Question: *Matthew 8:17 only applied to the people who were there at the time.*

Answer:

So Jesus only bore the sicknesses AND INIQUITIES of the people present, and nobody else? Or did He provide, according to Isaiah 53 (which Matthew 8:17 quotes), forgiveness of sins for all through the Atonement?

Careful study of Isaiah 53 will reveal that “our” is a good translation of the original text, since the words used are in the FIRST-PERSON COMMON PLURAL (English “our”) case. There is no mistaking the intention of who the beneficiaries of both healing from sickness and forgiveness of sins are.

Let's cover one vital topic before we get into the New Testament healings of Jesus and the nuts and bolts of HOW we can be healed and HOW we can minister that healing power to those around us.

Jesus Redeemed Us from the Curse of the Law—and that Curse Includes Sickness

Galatians 3:10-14

10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.

12 And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.

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:

14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Do you believe this? Thank God for Jesus, who became a curse for us and redeemed us from the curse of the law!

But what exactly is the *curse of the law* that we are “redeemed from?”

Deuteronomy 28 gives us the blessings AND the curses of the law. Here is a short excerpt:

1 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God.

3 Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.

4 Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

[...]

Deuteronomy 28:1-14 give the BLESSINGS OF THE LAW.

Deuteronomy 28:15-69 give the CURSES OF THE LAW.

A few examples of the curse:

15 But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:

16 Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field.

...

22 The Lord shall smite thee with a **consumption**, and with a **fever**, and with an **inflammation**, and with an **extreme burning**, and with the sword, and with **blasting**, and with **mildew**; and they shall pursue thee until thou perish.

...

27 The Lord will smite thee with **the botch** of Egypt, and with the **emerods**, and with **the scab**, and with **the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed**.

28 The Lord shall smite thee with **madness**, and **blindness**, and **astonishment of heart**:

29 And thou shalt **grope at noonday**, as the **blind gropeth in darkness**, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways: and thou shalt be only oppressed and spoiled evermore, and no man shall save thee.

...

35 The Lord shall smite thee **in the knees, and in the legs**, with a **sore botch that cannot be healed, from the sole of thy foot unto the top of thy head**.

...

58 If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, The Lord Thy God;

59 Then the Lord will make **thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, even great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance**.

60 Moreover he will bring upon thee **all the diseases of Egypt**, which thou wast afraid of; and **they shall cleave unto thee**.

61 Also every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, **them will the Lord bring upon thee**, until thou be destroyed.

Every sickness and every plague which was not explicitly defined in the Law is covered here. Thus, we find that, since Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law through His atoning sacrifice, He has redeemed us from **every sickness and every plague** that could possibly affect a human being through His atoning sacrifice on the cross.

SESSION 3: HOW TO HEAL THE SICK

Topic: Jesus manifested God's will on the earth perfectly. Physical healing was a hallmark of His ministry, and through His Blood we can receive healing for our own bodies, and He has given us the power to minister healing to others. Jesus' pattern of healing reveals two main methods of healing: a healing touch that requires corresponding action, and a gradual cure.

Main scriptures: Matthew 4:23-24; Hebrews 1:3; Colossians 1:15; Matthew 8

Greek words:

1. *Healing* = *ἰάομαι* (iaomai) = to cure; to be doctored; pictures healing power that progressively reverses a condition; denotes progressive, restorative healing power
2. *Healing* = *θεραπεύω* (therapeuo) = therapy; pictures a healing touch that requires corresponding actions
3. *Sickness* = *νόσος* (nosos) = a terminal condition for which there is no natural cure; in the ancient world, it denoted a sickness that was the result of evil spirits; a condition for which there was no known cure
4. *Disease* = *μαλακία* (malakia) = a crippling or debilitating form of sickness; affects the muscles or the nerves; survivable, but makes it very difficult to function normally.
5. *Brought unto Him* = *προσφέρω* (prospheō) = to physically carry someone
6. *Torments* = *βάσανος* (basanos) = torture, torment, acute pains; also used of depression and mental oppression
7. *Sick* = *κακῶς* (kakos) = sick in a bad, foul way; often associated with demonic activity
8. *Lunatick* = *σεληνιάζομαι* (selen-iadzomai) = moonstruck; an event that happened during the full moon; a sickness resulting from dabbling in the occult
9. *Palsy* = *παραλυτικός* (paralytikos) = those who were paralyzed

Types of Sicknesses Jesus Healed

Matthew 4:23-24 gives a good (not comprehensive) list of the types of sicknesses Jesus healed during His brief vacation on earth:

23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and **healing (therapeuo) all manner of sickness (nosos) and all manner of disease (malakia)** among the people.

24 And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they **brought unto him (prospheo) all sick (kakos) people that were taken with (held by; imprisoned by; squeezed by) divers (all colors of; used in the OT of Joseph's coat of many colors) diseases (nosos) and torments**

(**basanos**), and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were **lunatic**, and those that **had the palsy**; and he **healed (therapeuo) them**.

Two Methods Jesus Used to Heal Others

In the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John) there are two Greek words that are (unfortunately) both translated as “heal, healed, or healing.”

1. ἰάομαι (iaomai – G2390) = to cure; to be doctored; pictures healing power that progressively reverses a condition; denotes progressive, restorative healing power
2. θεραπεύω (therapeuo – G2323) = therapy; pictures a healing touch that requires corresponding actions

Bonus: σώζω (sozo – G4982) = heal, preserve, save (self), do well, be (make) whole

** This word is used for SALVATION or BEING SAVED and also for PHYSICAL HEALING

Sozo for SALVATION OF SINS

Matthew 1:21

*And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall **save (sozo)** his people from their sins.*

John 3:17

*For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be **saved (sozo)**.*

Sozo for PHYSICAL HEALING

Matthew 9:22

*But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath **made thee whole (sozo)**. And the woman was **made whole (sozo)** from that hour.*

James 5:15

*And the prayer of faith shall **save (sozo)** the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.*

This word was used 110 times in the NT, but we won't go through all of them here.

Here is a list of where these three words were used in connection with physical healing:

Event¹⁰	Reference(s)	<i>iaomai</i>	<i>therapeuo</i>	<i>sozo</i>
Centurion's servant	Mat. 8:8; 13 Luke 7:7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Canaanite woman's daughter	Matthew 15:28	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Woman with issue of blood	Mar 5:29 Luke 8:47	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Power of the Lord present to heal	Luke 5:17	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
A great multitude	Luke 6:17; 19	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
The sick that the disciples went to	Luke 9:2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
The demonized child	Luke 9:42	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Man with dropsy on the Sabbath	Luke 14:4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
The ten lepers	Luke 17:15	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Malchus, the servant who got his ear cut off	Luke 22:51	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
A nobleman's son	John 4:47	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
The man at the pool of Bethesda	John 5:13	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
The lame man at the Beautiful Gate	Acts 3:11	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
All who were oppressed by the devil	Acts 10:38	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

¹⁰ Search method:
Using Blue Letter Bible Online Software
Search for iaomi: "(heal OR healing OR healed) AND NOT G2323 AND NOT G4982 AND NOT G1295 AND NOT G2322"

Event¹¹	Reference(s)	<i>iaomai</i>	<i>therapeuo</i>	<i>sozo</i>
Publius' father on Melita	Acts 28:8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Multitudes in Galilee	Mat. 4:23-24		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Jesus' offer to the centurion (but notice what happened)	Mat. 8:7		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Many that came	Mat. 8:16		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Multitudes	Mat. 9:35		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Those whom the disciples ministered to	Mat. 10:1, 8		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
The man with the withered hand	Mat. 12:10		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Great multitudes	Mat. 12:15		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
One possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb	Mat. 12:22		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
A great multitude	Mat. 14:14		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Great multitudes	Mat. 15:30		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Great multitudes	Mat. 19:2		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
The blind and lame that came to Him in the temple	Mat. 21:14		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Many who were sick	Mar 1:34		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Many	Mar 3:10		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

¹¹ Search method:
Using Blue Letter Bible Online Software
Search for therapeuo: ""(heal OR healing OR healed) AND NOT G2390 AND NOT G4982 AND NOT G1295 AND NOT G2392 AND NOT G2386""

Event ¹²	Reference(s)	<i>iaomai</i>	<i>therapeuo</i>	<i>sozo</i>
The few sick folk Jesus could heal in light of strong unbelief in His hometown	Mar 6:5		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Many that were sick	Mar 6:13		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
All that were sick with divers diseases	Luke 4:40		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Great multitudes	Luke 5:15		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Those vexed with unclean spirits	Luke 6:18		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Mary Magdalene	Luke 8:2		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Woman with issue of blood; the physicians could not <i>therapeuo</i> her	Luke 8:43		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
People everywhere	Luke 9:6		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
The bent-over-woman in the synagogue	Luke 13:10-17 (<i>healed</i> in verse 14)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
The man at the Beautiful Gate	Acts 4:14		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
A multitude	Acts 5:16		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Those with unclean spirits, palsies, lame	Acts 8:7		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

¹² Search method:
Using Blue Letter Bible Online Software
Search for *therapeuo*: ““(heal OR healing OR healed) AND NOT G2390 AND NOT G4982 AND NOT G1295 AND NOT G2392 AND NOT G2386”

Event¹³	Reference(s)	<i>iaomai</i>	<i>therapeuo</i>	<i>sozo</i>
All them that had diseases on the island	Acts 28:9		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Woman with the issue of blood	Mat 9:22; Mar 5:34; Luke 8:48			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
As many as touched His garment	Mat 14:36			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jarius's daughter	Mar 5:23; Luke 8:50			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The sick laid in the streets; as many as touched him	Mar 6:56			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Blind Bartimaeus	Mar 10:52; Luke 35-43			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Centurion's servant	Luke 7:3			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Man with the legion of demons	Luke 8:36			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The one thankful leper	Luke 17:19			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The man at the pool of Bethesda	John 5:4, 6, 9, 11, 14, 15; 7:23			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The man at the Beautiful Gate	Acts 4:9			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The crippled man at Lystra who had never walked	Acts 14:9			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

¹³ Search method:

Using Blue Letter Bible Online Software

Search for sozo: "(heal OR healing OR healed OR made whole OR made thee whole) AND NOT G2323 AND NOT G2390 AND NOT G2392 AND NOT G2386 AND NOT G2322"

Patterns in Jesus' Healing Ministry

From simply glancing at the table above, you can see that Jesus' primary method of healing was through therapy, or *therapeuo*. More "multitudes" or "great multitudes" are mentioned in connection with this method than with *iaomai* or even *sozo*.

Iaomai is the only type of healing where it is said, "The power of the Lord was present to heal (*iaomai*)." (Luke 5:17) This is when the anointing to heal came on Jesus as He was teaching, and He pivoted His pre-planned message for a healing session. The result? A man was forgiven and healed, and a massive crowd of people glorified God.

Notice especially the instances where Jesus specifically credited the individual's faith as the reason behind their healing:

1. The woman with the issue of blood.
*And he said unto her, Daughter, **thy faith hath made thee whole (sozo)**; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague. (Mark 5:34)*
2. Blind Bartimaeus
*And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; **thy faith hath made thee whole (sozo)**. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way. (Mark 10:52)*
3. The thankful leper
*And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: **thy faith hath made thee whole (sozo)**. (Luke 17:19)*
4. The two blind men
*Then touched he their eyes, saying, **According to your faith be it unto you**. And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straightly charged them, saying, See that no man know it. (Matthew 9:29-30)*
5. The paralyzed man¹⁴
*And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus **seeing their faith** said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee. (Matthew 9:2)*
6. The Caananite woman's daughter

¹⁴ The healing here was in the *iaomai* class according to Luke 5:17

*Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, **great is thy faith**: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole (**iaomai**) from that very hour. (Matthew 15:28)*

7. The Centurion's servant

When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so **great faith**, no, not in Israel. And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and **as thou hast believed**, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was **healed**¹⁵ (**iaomai**) in the selfsame hour. (Matthew 8:10, 13)

What we see is that Jesus did not haphazardly approach healing but was careful to listen to the Holy Spirit and work in harmony with whatever the Father wanted to do in any given situation.

John 5:30

I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

“As I hear, I judge.” He was listening to the Holy Spirit and was ready to act when He told Him what to do. The word *judge* means to *make a decision based on information presented*. Jesus never acted until He had all the direction He needed from the Holy Spirit. Once that direction was given and Jesus had all the information He needed, He acted. Because He acted on directions given by the Spirit of God, He was able to say that His actions were always right. In other words, Jesus had a 100-percent success rate because He followed the Spirit's leading! (Renner, Sparkling Gems from the Greek I, August 12, 2012)

Rick Renner writes, in his excellent study guide, *How to Heal the Sick*, (Renner, How to Heal the Sick, 2023)

When it came to healing the sick, Jesus therapied them. Rather than just quickly move them through a prayer line, He stopped and worked with every single person, requiring corresponding actions from them in order for them to experience the healing they desired. He did the praying and released the anointing, but the healing was manifested when the person cooperated with

¹⁵ This is extremely insightful. When the centurion first approached Jesus, he said, “My servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.”

Jesus replied (Matthew 8:7), “I will come and *therapeuo* him.”

Centurion: “No, I am not worthy for you to come under my roof and spend all this time working with him personally... we can be more efficient than that. Just say the word only; I want an *iaomai* on this one (v. 8).

Jesus: [Marvels at the centurion's grasp on the power of God and his boldness of faith] “Go, as you have believed, so be it done unto you.”

Verse 13: “And his servant was *iaomai'd* in the selfsame hour.

what Jesus asked. Friend, if you want to see more people healed, you need to do more than just quickly lay your hands on them and whisper a prayer. Like Jesus, you may need to take time to have the person being prayed for do something they couldn't previously do. Having them cooperate in these ways is what the Greek word therapeuo means.

God's Will Concerning Healing Forever Settled

1. Jesus is the perfect representation and the literal fingerprint of the Father.
2. Jesus exemplified the Father's will through His actions during His earthly ministry.
 - a. Matthew 8:2-3
*And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, **Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.** And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, **I will;** be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.*

This example should be enough to forever settle the question, "Is it God's will to heal everyone who comes to Him?"

Notice that Jesus corrected this man's theology first. It is clear that the healing benefit of the Atonement is provided to all people, just as the forgiveness of sins is offered to all people.

3. Testimonies of the fact from conservative (not historically favorable towards spiritual healing) Christian sources:

From *Christ the Healer* (Bosworth, 1973, 2000):

Dr. R. E. Stanton, a former moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, gives the following in his "Gospel Parallelisms":

It is my aim to show that the Atonement of Christ lays the foundation equally for deliverance from sin and for deliverance from disease. That complete provision has been made for both; that in the exercise of faith under the conditions prescribed, we have the same reason to believe that the body may be delivered from sickness that we have that the soul shall be delivered from sin; in short, that both branches of the deliverance stand on the same ground, and that it is necessary to include both in any true conception of what the Gospel offers to mankind. The atoning sacrifice of Christ covers the physical as well as the spiritual needs of the race... Healing of the body is not, therefore, a "side-issue," as some represent it. It is no

more this than the healing of the soul is a “side-issue.” They are both but parts of the same Gospel, based equally upon the same great Atonement.

The following is the report of the Commission on Spiritual Healing appointed by the Episcopal Church. This was sponsored by Bishop Reese, who for many years has practiced the healing ministry and who was chairman of the commission. The commission states:

The healing of the body is an essential element of the Gospel, and must be preached and practiced...God wills our health, that the Church, the “Body of Christ,” has the same commission and the same power as “The Head,” that we churchmen, with this true conception of God as Creative Love, must now give a sinning and suffering world this full Gospel of salvation from sin and its inevitable consequences.

These conclusions were arrived at by this scholarly commission after three years of study and research.

4. Does sickness glorify God?
 - a. Not according to Matthew 9:8, Mark 2:12, or Luke 5:25-26
 - b. If sickness were from God as a method to humble or perfect His children, then it is a sin to try and seek healing from any source. The best plan, in this case, is to let each and every sickness run its full course, uninhibited, if indeed sickness is the will of God. The more perfection, the better.

Why Some Fail to Receive Healing from Christ

The following list was inspired by Christ the Healer (Bosworth, 1973, 2000), but some of my own modifications were made.

24 Reasons Why Some Fail to Receive Healing

1. Insufficient Instruction
 - a. Faith (for anything in God’s Word) comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God (Romans 10:17).
2. Lack of United Prayer
 - a. History shows that great revivals and massive healing testimonies follow when churches and groups of believers pray in faith. John 5:14-15 was manifested *en masse* in Acts 4.
3. Community Unbelief
 - a. Mark 6:5-6; even Jesus *could not work any mighty miracle* in that unbelieving town!

And he **could there do no mighty work**, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them.

And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching.

- b. What did Jesus do to solve this? He went around the villages teaching. He brought correct teaching.
4. The Traditions of Men
 - a. Unscriptural traditions can literally nullify the power of the Word of God.

Mark 7:13

“...making the word of God of no effect through the tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do.”
 - b. Tradition #1: God is the author of sickness and disease and He wills it for some of His children
 - c. Tradition #2: We can glorify God more by patiently enduring and allowing sickness than we can by trying to fight our way out to health.
 - d. Tradition #3: The age of miracles has passed.
 - e. Tradition #4: It is not God’s will to heal all.
 - f. Tradition #5: Praying for healing and adding “If it by Thy will.”
 - g. Tradition #6: Paul’s *thorn in the flesh* was a disease sent by God.
 - h. Tradition #7: Jesus healed people as a result of His deity, but we cannot expect similar results today, because we are not Jesus.
5. Breaking natural laws
 - a. You still need to eat right and be responsible.
6. Unbelief in the minister
 - a. This happened in Matthew 17. The disciples were full of faith; that was not their problem. Unbelief was their problem; Jesus told them so plainly.
7. The sickness is caused by an evil spirit
 - a. There is a distinction between casting out demons and ministering to the sick. See Mark 16:17-18. They are often related, but the minister needs to listen to the Holy Spirit to determine how to approach each case.
8. The sick person’s sin
 - a. Yes, this is a thing. But this is clearly not the ONLY reason a person remains sick. Jesus pointed this out in John 9:3,
Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.
See Romans 6:16. When you open the door to Satan through sin, you open the door to all his works.
9. Lukewarmness of the Church

- a. This is connected to #2 and #3, but specific to the local church. Notice that, in Revelation 3:16, Jesus takes serious action against the local church that remains lukewarm in spite of His continued warnings and long patience. Staying in a lukewarm church that refuses to repent and turn to Jesus will certainly affect your healing journey.
10. Unwillingness to Surrender to God
- a. When a person surrenders his will to his loving Father, things happen. It is impossible for a person to be in faith if you are unwilling to follow God.
11. An Unforgiving Heart
- a. Mark 11:25 is right after Mark 11:24, one of the clearest teachings on faith in action in the Bible.
And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.
- Faith will not work in an unforgiving heart.**
- I have seen numerous occasions where, instead of jumping right into ministering to the sick, I pray with them (this is usually a surprise to them) and the Holy Spirit reveals some deep wound and equally deep unforgiveness in the person's heart. Once we get that out of the way, in almost every case I have ever seen, instantaneous healings follow immediately.*
12. A Need to Seek Forgiveness
- a. According to Bosworth, “Wrongs that have not been made right hinder the faith of some to receive healing. Those who have wronged their neighbor in any way must ask his forgiveness. We have known many who, terribly afflicted, were healed as soon as this was done.”
13. Lack of Diligence
- a. Hebrews 11:6 says God is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. Sometimes there are deep-rooted issues at play, and you need to have a backbone and some tenacity to hold tightly onto God's Word and not fall prey to Satan's distractions. It is through “faith and patience that we inherit the promises.” (Hebrews 6:12). Faith is substance (Hebrews 11:1) and holds on tightly to the promise.
14. Seeking Miracles, not Healing
- a. Don't cast off your confidence if you don't see an instantaneous healing. Recall that both *iaomai* and *therapeuo* are progressive in nature. Miracles and healings are differentiated in Jesus' ministry (Mark 6:5) and in the gifts of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12).
15. Allowing Symptoms to Inform Your Faith

- a. Be like Abraham:

*And being not weak in faith, **he considered not his own body now dead**, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb: He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.*

16. Failure to Act on Faith

- a. Faith without works is dead. Recall that Jesus' *therapeuo* ministry always required some amount of corresponding action.

17. Lack of Confidence

- a. Not in yourself, but in your Heavenly Father and in His Word.
- b. Just because you see Jesus heal all these people seemingly instantaneously and seemingly without any drama whatsoever doesn't mean that when you don't have some amazing encounter that you aren't healed. Most of my personal healings have been lackluster, but 100% complete without a single exception. You need to decide: are you going to stand on God's Word and engage your faith to see His promises come to pass, or are you going to just "try it out?" You'll never see anything happen if you choose the latter.

18. Not Receiving the Holy Spirit

- a. This is how Bosworth puts it. In my ministry, I have often seen people who, when they receive the Holy Spirit, they tell me later that they got healed of some disease or issue concurrently, without even asking for it. But if someone is quenching the Spirit by constantly holding Him at arm's length, (that is, refusing to be baptized in the Holy Spirit when they have had scriptural teaching on the subject) that will certainly hinder healing.

19. Lack of Faith

- a. This is the general "pat answer" for why some do not receive healing from people who don't have a sensitive bone in their body. A better way to put this is to say that faith is like a muscle. We all have been given "the measure of faith," (Romans 12:3) so it is not that God didn't see fit to bless us with enough faith to believe Him for His Word. No, God has given us all the faith we need (we only need a mustard-seed amount of it, anyway).
- b. The truth is that many of us do not exercise our faith muscle, and then when it is time to use it (like when we need to use our faith to receive healing from cancer or some other big thing), our faith is so atrophied that we don't see any results.
- c. In finances, if you haven't learned how to use your faith for \$5, how can you expect to use your faith to believe God for \$100,000? In healing, it is the same. If you have never used your faith to be free of a headache, how can you expect your faith to suddenly be strong enough to believe God for healing from cancer or a massive injury? Start small. The cool thing is, the faith muscle grows quickly.

- d. Where does faith come from? Only one place in Scripture: FAITH COMES BY HEARING AND HEARING BY THE WORD OF GOD (Romans 10:17).

20. Failure to Receive God's Promises

- a. You have got to study these things; meditate on the; consume them until they become part of you. God's Word is really written TO YOU; not to someone else. You will see your healing come very quickly when you internalize this fact.

Joshua 1:8

*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**.*

21. Waiting for the Manifestation Before You Believe

- a. This is like waiting for the crop harvest before you plant any seed. This makes no sense in the natural, why should this make sense in spiritual healing?
- b. Mark 11:24 lays out the way of faith:

And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. [Greek: "have the faith of God"]

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, **when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.**

When you pray, believe that you receive them, AND YOU SHALL HAVE THEM.

So you believe when you pray THAT YOU RECEIVE THEM at that moment... and THEN you shall have them and see the results.

22. Focus on Improvement, Not on God's Promises

- a. Some hinder God by basing their faith on their improvement after prayer (any instant manifestation) and not on His promise.
- b. I usually ask people to do something they couldn't do before (corresponding action as I *therapeuo* them), and I will usually ask them to check for instant manifestation. When there is, it brings great joy, and I continue to teach them to walk out the healing by continuing to meditate on God's healing promises and to make sure they base their faith on His Word, not on any manifestation (good or

bad). When there is no instant manifestation, I counsel them in the exact same way.

23. Husbands: Honor your Wife

a. I don't know why there isn't a healing hindrance for wives on this matter, but maybe they don't need it; they are usually right about everything (not joking!).

b. Look at 1 Peter 3:7:

*Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; **that your prayers be not hindered [literally, "cut off" or "hewn down"]**.*

If my prayers are "cut off", that will nullify anything I need to do business with God about, whether healing, intercession, finances, or otherwise.

24. Don't Let Your Sayin' Undo Your Prayin'

a. *Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.* – Proverbs 18:21

b. Notice that in Mark 11:23 that the action of **saying** is repeated three times, but **believe** is only mentioned once.

*For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall **say** unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall **believe** that those things which he **saith** shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he **saith**.*

You need to do three times as much saying as you do believing. I'm not kidding. God spoke the universe into existence; we are created in His image and in His likeness. Our words carry the power of life or death; that is it. We could talk about quantum entanglement and all sorts of fun physics discoveries here where scientists have discovered that electrons (matter) respond to your words directly. This is simply because what God created by words responds to words. That is why the fig tree (Mark 11:20) responded to Jesus' words.

I believe this may be the very top reason why people who know the Word, believe the Word, believe in healing, and believe it is God's will to heal *them* fail to receive healing. We need to ensure our words line up with God's Word. We need to be obedient to the command in Hebrews 10:23:

*Let us **hold fast the profession** of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)*

The word *profession* here (or *confession*) is the Greek word ὁμολογία (homologia), which means to “say the same thing.” (Homo + logos)

When we speak the same thing as God’s Word, we see the faithfulness of God manifest on the scene.

SESSION 4: FAITH THAT PRODUCES RESULTS

Topic: We will just look at a single example in Scripture that shows how faith (our part) working with grace (God’s part) will yield the results promised in God’s Word.

Main scriptures: Mark 5:25-34

Faith That Produces Results: Case Study

25 And there was a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years,

*26 And who had **endured much suffering under [the hands of] many physicians and had spent all that she had, and was no better but instead grew worse.***

*27 **She had heard** the reports concerning Jesus, and **she came up** behind Him in the throng and **touched His garment,***

*28 For **she kept saying,** If I only touch His garments, I shall be restored to health.*

29 And immediately her flow of blood was dried up at the source, and [suddenly] she felt in her body that she was healed of her [distressing] ailment.

30 And Jesus, recognizing in Himself that the power proceeding from Him had gone forth, turned around immediately in the crowd and said, Who touched My clothes?

31 And the disciples kept saying to Him, You see the crowd pressing hard around You from all sides, and You ask, Who touched Me?

32 Still He kept looking around to see her who had done it.

33 But the woman, knowing what had been done for her, though alarmed and frightened and trembling, fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth.

34 And He said to her, Daughter, your faith (your [e]trust and confidence in Me, springing from faith in God) has restored you to health. Go in [f](into) peace and be continually healed and freed from your [distressing bodily] disease.

The woman cooperated with the laws that govern faith. Namely,

1. She chose to forgive
2. She was serious about getting healthy
3. She heard about Jesus, and faith came
4. She took corresponding action by coming out to meet Him
5. She created a point of contact for her faith
6. She kept her confession in line with God's Word

SESSION 5: ALL MANNER OF PRAYER

Topic: There is not just one type of prayer, but the Bible reveals several types of prayer that are to be used in different scenarios and situations.

Main scripture: Ephesians 6:18

All Manner of Prayer

*Pray at all times (on every occasion, in every season) in the Spirit, **with all [manner of] prayer and entreaty**. To that end keep alert and watch with strong purpose and perseverance, interceding in behalf of all the saints (God's consecrated people).*

1. The Prayer of Faith
 - a. Matthew 21:22; Mark 11:24
2. The Prayer of Consecration
 - a. Luke 22:42 (the ONLY case in which "If it be Thy will" is to be used, according to Scripture)
3. The Prayer of Commitment
 - a. 1 Peter 5:7
4. The Prayer of Worship
 - a. Luke 24:52, 53; Acts 13:1-4

5. The Prayer of Agreement
 - a. Matthew 18:18-20
6. Praying in the Spirit
 - a. 1 Corinthians 14:14,15
 - b. Romans 8:26 (the Holy Spirit comes together with you in prayer and moves heavy burdens)
7. United Prayer
 - a. Acts 4:23-31
8. The Prayer of Supplication
 - a. Philippians 4:6; 1 Timothy 2:1,2
 - b. This type of prayer is more heartfelt than a casual request. The word *supplication* means a *humble, earnest entreaty or request*.
 - c. Examples:
 - i. Matthew 9:37, 38 (Pray that the Lord would send laborers)
 - ii. Zechariah 10:1 (Ask the Lord for the latter rain)
 - iii. This prayer can be very powerful (James 5:16)
 - iv. This prayer can be offered for forgiveness (Daniel 9:2,3,17,18)
9. Intercessory Prayer
 - a. This prayer seeks to hold back judgment.
 - b. Genesis 18 (Abraham, God, and Sodom and Gomorrah)
 - c. Ezekiel 22:30,31 (God's plan for an intercessor)
 - d. Moses prayed this over Israel twice (Exodus 32:7-14, Numbers 14:11-19)
 - e. Jesus, Whom we are growing into, is our Intercessor (Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25)

A Challenge

CHALLENGE

If you blindly agree with the following statement, you fail Healing School.

God wants you well. The Bible clearly teaches from cover to cover that you are healed of whatever sickness or disease or injury you have or ever will have the rest of your life. Jesus provided physical healing by the shedding of His precious Blood just as He provided salvation from sin on the Cross. It is God's unchanging will that every person who comes to Him is healed completely, and that His children walk in divine, supernatural health and wholeness.

Now, if you agree with me right now, you fail the course. That is just my conclusion after years of research, study, testing, and empirical results. You must weigh this statement and come to your own conclusions after doing your homework in the Word of God.

Common questions

1. Is it wrong to seek medical treatment from doctors?
 - a. 2 Chronicles 16:12
 - i. *And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease he sought not to the LORD, but to the physicians.*
 - ii. He **sought not** to the LORD...
 1. Sought not = *dāraš*
 - a. to resort to, seek, seek with care, enquire
 - b. to resort to, frequent (a place), (tread a place)
 - c. to consult, enquire of, seek
2. Does God use sickness to glorify Himself?
 - a. Sickness does not glorify God, healing does
 - b. Healing is the children's bread
 - c. He provided healing in the Atonement just like He provided forgiveness of sins
 - d. If sickness is a method God uses to perfect His children, then we should not try to get out of His will by taking medicine, taking care of our bodies, or pursuing healing of any kind to get the full effect of this 'perfection process'.
3. Is it my fault I am not healed?
 - a. Maybe, maybe not. We live in a fallen, sinful world and stuff happens. If you haven't been taught solid teaching concerning healing, you might have beliefs that hinder you from receiving all of God's promises. Nobody is walking in this perfectly; we all have souls that need to be renewed to God's Word.
 - b. If you are knowingly walking in sin, then you have opened the door wide to satan, and he will run over you with every nasty thing he can conjure up, including sickness. If you are knowingly living a sinful life, the first thing you ought to do is connect with God about it, learn what needs to change, repent (turn totally away from the sin), and allow the Holy Spirit to lead you and guide you in the healing path forward.
 - c. In other cases, you may have just dropped your faith shield during a season of hard times or busy-ness. Get back into the Word, walk in love, and make absolutely sure you are walking in forgiveness with others and yourself.
4. What do I do if I feel sickness coming on me?

I always ask myself these five things when I feel sickness come on me, or if I feel that the manifestation is taking longer than usual:

 1. Am I feeding my spirit with a constant diet from the Word?
 - a. Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. It is imperative for a soldier to wash his shield (the shield of faith) on a daily basis with water (the water of the Word).

2. Am I staying full of the Spirit?
 - a. The Roman soldier would first wash his leather-wrapped shield with water, then he would rub it vigorously with oil. The oil represents the filling and renewing of the Holy Spirit. It is vital that we maintain a fresh and vibrant relationship with the Holy Spirit, being filled daily, praying in tongues, and communing with Him regularly to stay strong.
3. Am I walking in love?
 - a. Faith works by love (Galatians 5:6)
 - b. My faith won't work when I am not in love.
 - c. Jesus often had *compassion* before He flowed in the healing anointing. Compassion, love, and healing go together.
 - d. This includes my love walk with my wife. I need to check on how I am doing with 1 Peter 3:7.
4. Am I walking in forgiveness?
 - a. Faith will not work in an unforgiving heart. Mark 11:25 is right after Mark 11:22-24.
5. Am I too focused on the natural facts, and not meditating on the truth of God's Word?
 - a. Abraham exemplified *strong faith* in Romans 4:19-21 by not considering his own body, etc.
 - b. This is where being *double-minded* can bite you. Look at this powerful and far-reaching scripture: (James 1:6-8)

Only it must be in faith that he asks with no wavering (no hesitating, no doubting). For the one who wavers (hesitates, doubts) is like the billowing surge out at sea that is blown hither and thither and tossed by the wind.

For truly, let not such a person imagine that he will receive anything [he asks for] from the Lord,

[For being as he is] a man of two minds (hesitating, dubious, irresolute), [he is] unstable and unreliable and uncertain about everything [he thinks, feels, decides].

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