

# The Healing Ministry of Jesus

**INTRODUCTION:** *These scriptures are meant to show the Biblical progression of why it is God's heart to heal. They are foundational for the following reasons:*

- A. To focus primarily on the actions, words, and ministry of Jesus to form our healing theology.
- B. To establish a firm belief in the healing minister as he/she heals the sick.
- C. To eliminate common doubts believers have about healing and secure deeper faith/belief in a healing God.

## I. GOD'S WILL FOR HEALING: THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HIS KINGDOM

- A. Jesus represented the Father's will in every behavior, deed and action. He is the Father's will to mankind.
  - 1. **Hebrews 1:1-4** — *“God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they.”*
  - 2. **John 1:17-18** — *“For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ. No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.”*
  - 3. **2 Corinthians 4:3-4** — *“And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”*
  - 4. **John 14:6-11** — *“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him.’ Philip said to Him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works. Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves.”*
  - 5. **John 12:45** — *“He who sees Me sees the One who sent Me.”*

6. **John 10:37-38** — *“If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; but if I do them, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I in the Father.”*
7. **John 5:19-20, 30** — *“Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner. “For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and the Father will show Him greater works than these, so that you will marvel.... I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.”*

B. If Jesus is the exact representation of the Father's will, then we must look at how He healed.

C. Jesus' ministry to the masses.

1. **Acts 10:38** — *“You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.”*
2. **Matthew 4:23-24** — *“Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people. The news about Him spread throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all who were ill, those suffering with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, paralytics; and He healed them.”* **[Every kind of sickness and disease.]**
3. **Matthew 8:16-17** — *“When evening came, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed; and He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were ill. This was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet: “He Himself took our infirmities and carried away our diseases.”* **[Notable confirmation of the Isaiah 53 prophecy of Jesus.]**
4. **Matthew 9:35** — *“Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.”* **[Every kind of sickness and disease.]**
5. **Matthew 14:14** — *“When He went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and felt compassion for them and healed their sick.”* **[Compassion!]**
6. **Matthew 15:30-31** — *“And large crowds came to Him, bringing with them those who were lame,crippled, blind, mute, and many others, and they laid them down at His feet; and He healed them.So the crowd marveled as they saw the mute speaking, the crippled restored, and the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel.”* **[He healed all the crippled brought to Him. Notice the glory God received in this passage.]**

7. **Mark 1:32-34** — *“When evening came, after the sun had set, they began bringing to Him all who were ill and those who were demon-possessed. And the whole city had gathered at the door. And He healed many who were ill with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He was not permitting the demons to speak, because they knew who He was.”* **[More focus on casting out demons; same theme of healing].**
8. **Mark 3: 9-10** — *“And He told His disciples that a boat should stand ready for Him because of the crowd, so that they would not crowd Him; for He had healed many, with the result that all those who had afflictions pressed around Him in order to touch Him.”* **[Notice that healing was flowing from Him so much so that people were trying to touch Him.]**
9. **Mark 6:5** — *“And He could do no miracle there except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them.* **[Notice the wonder at their unbelief; consider that they were offended at Him and did not "COME" to Him for healing so He could only heal a few.]**
10. **Luke 4:40** — *“While the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and laying His hands on each one of them, He was healing them.”*
11. **Luke 5:15-16** — *“But the news about Him was spreading even farther, and large crowds were gathering to hear Him and to be healed of their sicknesses. But Jesus Himself would often slip away to the wilderness and pray.”* **[People hearing about healing.]**
12. **Luke 6:17-19** — *“Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place; and there was a large crowd of His disciples, and a great throng of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon, who had come to hear Him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were being cured. And all the people were trying to touch Him, for power was coming from Him and healing them all.”* **[Healing them all; people coming to specifically be healed.]**
13. **Luke 7:18-23** — *“The disciples of John reported to him about all these things. Summoning two of his disciples, John sent them to the Lord, saying, ‘Are You the Expected One, or do we look for someone else?’ When the men came to Him, they said, ‘John the Baptist has sent us to You, to ask, ‘Are you the expected One, or do we look for someone else?’ At that very time He cured many people of diseases and afflictions and evil spirits; and He gave sight to many who were blind. And He answered and said to them, ‘Go and report to John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have the gospel preached to them. Blessed is he who does not take offense at Me.’”* **[The proof to John the Baptist is essentially Jesus’ healing ministry!]**
14. **Luke 9:10-11** — *“When the apostles returned, they gave an account to Him of all that they had done. Taking them with Him, He withdrew by Himself to a city called Bethsaida. But the crowds were aware of this and followed Him; and welcoming them, He began speaking to them about the*

kingdom of God and curing those who had need of healing.” **[Trying to withdraw but people found Him and He still healed them because He understood the Father's will to heal.]**

15. **Luke 13:17** — “As He said this, all His opponents were being humiliated; and the entire crowd was rejoicing over all the glorious things being done by Him.” **[Healing is glorious!]**
16. **Luke 13:32** — “And He said to them, ‘Go and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I reach My goal.’” **[Healing is one of the primary functions of His ministry.]**
17. **John 6:2** — “A large crowd followed Him, because they saw the signs which He was performing on those who were sick. **[Performing signs on the sick people, seemingly at will, which confirms the Father's will to heal.]**

D. Important understanding of the ministry of Jesus to the masses.

1. In all these scriptures, only one suggests the possibility of someone not being healed and that was in His hometown where there was unbelief or the fact that people did not come to Him.
2. Notice that Jesus healed "everyone" that came to Him regardless of who they were. [the bad, the good, the ugly]. Many people believe that they have to meet certain conditions to be healed. Jesus did not demonstrate that. He did at times explain things to do to receive healing. This usually pertains to showing your faith by obedience. Notice the abundance of healing grace and then the admonishment. **[Go and sin no more.]**
3. As we seek God for healing, much of our own healing ministry for ourselves or for others will hinge greatly on our own motivations and beliefs. There is always something available for those that passionately press into God's mercy. Hebrews 4:16 declares this principle: “Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” God desires us to pursue His mercy so He can show it!

## II. PASSIONATELY COMING TO JESUS FOR HEALING

- A. **These passages represent individual cases in which desperate or passionate people sought Jesus for healing.** These are important to highlight persistent faith and “boldly” coming to the Lord for healing. Many have resigned themselves to a different fate. Others aren't even aware of what they believe. So much of what God does in restoration seems up to our wills!
1. **Matthew 20:29-34** — “As they were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed Him. And two blind men sitting by the road, hearing that Jesus was passing by, cried out, “Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!” The crowd sternly told them to be quiet, but they cried out all the more, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!” And Jesus stopped and called them, and said, “What do you want Me to do for you?” They said to Him, “Lord, we want our eyes to be opened.” Moved with compassion,

*Jesus touched their eyes; and immediately they regained their sight and followed Him.*” **[Notice the passion and intensity these men cried out to Jesus in the midst of a large crowd. They believed He would heal them. Jesus asked a key question: What do you want me to do for you? Also, notice the compassion of Jesus.]**

2. **Matthew 9:27-31** — *“As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out, ‘Have mercy on us, Son of David!’ When He entered the house, the blind men came up to Him, and Jesus said to them, ‘Do you believe that I am able to do this?’ They said to Him, ‘Yes, Lord.’ Then He touched their eyes, saying, ‘It shall be done to you according to your faith.’* **[Notice the passion of the two men seeking Jesus. Also, notice the key question Jesus asks.]**
3. **Luke 8:43-48** — *“And a woman who had a hemorrhage for twelve years, and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His cloak, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped. And Jesus said, ‘Who is the one who touched Me?’ And while they were all denying it, Peter said, ‘Master, the people are crowding and pressing in on You.’ But Jesus said, ‘Someone did touch Me, for I was aware that power had gone out of Me.’ When the woman saw that she had not escaped notice, she came trembling and fell down before Him, and declared in the presence of all the people the reason why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. And He said to her, ‘Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.’* **[Notice that her faith made her whole. In Matthew 9:20 this woman says, ‘If only I touch His garment I will be made whole.’ [Look how certain she was that this would be the case. Then Jesus says that it is her faith (firm belief) that makes her whole.]**
4. **Matthew 15:21** — *“Jesus went away from there, and withdrew into the district of Tyre and Sidon. And a Canaanite woman from that region came out and began to cry out, saying, ‘Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is cruelly demon-possessed.’ But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came and implored Him, saying, ‘Send her away, because she keeps shouting at us.’ But He answered and said, ‘I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.’ But she came and began to bow down before Him, saying, ‘Lord, help me!’ And He answered and said, ‘It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.’ But she said, ‘Yes, Lord; but even the dogs feed on the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.’ Then Jesus said to her, ‘O woman, your faith is great; it shall be done for you as you wish.’ And her daughter was healed at once.* **[Notice the persistence of a woman that healing is not yet available too. Yet because of her great belief in the compassionate heart of Jesus, she believed and her request was granted. How much more for God’s people?]**
5. **Luke 17:12-16** — *“As He entered a village, ten leprous men who stood at a distance met Him; and they raised their voices, saying, ‘Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!’ When He saw them, He said to them, ‘Go and show yourselves to the priests.’ And as they were going, they were cleansed. Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud*

*voice, and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a Samaritan."*

- B. To continue to examine the work of the Lord and how he ministered to individuals helps us understand His heart for healing and what "instigates" it for us or others. The key is to remove doubts. We also look at what Jesus said or did to show us how to heal the sick.

### III. KEY QUESTIONS JESUS ASKS

- A. These questions Jesus asks are important because of how He engages a person's will. There may be no consistent principle, but in these cases Jesus is shedding light on how He views healing.
1. **Luke 13:16** — *"And this woman, a daughter of Abraham as she is, whom Satan has bound for eighteen long years, should she not have been released from this bond on the Sabbath day?"*
  2. **Mark 2:9** — *"Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven'; or to say, 'Get up, and pick up your pallet and walk?'"*
  3. **Matthew 9:28** — *"Do you believe I am able to do this?"*
  4. **Luke 8:45-46** — *"Who touched me? Someone touched me because I was aware that power went out of me."*
  5. **Mark 3:4** — *"Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save a life or to kill?"*
  6. **Mark 9:19** — *"O unbelieving generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you?"* **[The disciples could not cast it out.]**
  7. **Matthew 20:32** — *"What do you want Me to do for you?"* **[ten lepers]**
  8. **John 5:6** — *"When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he had already been a long time in that condition, He said to him, "Do you wish to get well?"* **[the 38 year-paralytic]**
  9. **John 9:35** — *"Jesus heard that they had put him out, and finding him, He said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"* **[Finding the blind man He had healed]**
  10. **John 11:25-26, 40** — *"Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?"... Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"* **[Raising Lazarus]**

### IV. KEY STATEMENTS OR ACTIONS JESUS MAKES PERTAINING TO HEALING

- A. **Luke 13:12-13** — *"But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity."* **[Being loosed from an infirmity seems to indicate that it is negative and something the Lord wants people free from.]**

- B. **Matthew 8:3, Mark 1:41, Luke 5:13** — *When the leper comes to Him and says If you are willing Lord... Jesus says “I am willing; be cleansed” and laid His hands on Him. [Notice the laying on of hands and the Lord’s willingness.]*
- C. **Matthew 8:10,13, Luke 7:9** — *Jesus marveled at the centurion and then says to the centurion, “Go; it shall be done for you as you have believed.” And the servant was healed that very moment.*
- D. **Matthew 8:15, Mark 1:29, Luke 4:38** — *Peter’s mother-in-law: Jesus touched her hand and rebuked the fever. [Laying on of hands.]*
- E. **Matthew 9:2, 6** — *“And they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralytic, “Take courage, son; your sins are forgiven. ... But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” Then He said to the paralytic, “Get up, pick up your bed and go home.” [Notice that connection of having sins forgiven and receiving healing. Also notice that Jesus spoke this healing.]*
- F. **Luke 8:50** — *“But when Jesus heard this, He answered him, ‘Do not be afraid any longer; only believe, and she will be made well.’”*
- G. **Luke 8:48, Matthew 9:22, Mark 5:34** — *The woman with the issue of blood: “Who touched me?” “I felt power go out of me” “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.” [Notice that healing virtue automatically responded to persistently and passionately coming to Jesus. Notice that again it is her faith that made her well.]*
- H. **Matthew 9:29** — *The two blind men crying out for mercy; “Then He touched their eyes, saying, “It shall be done to you according to your faith.” [Notice that a cry for mercy from the Lord was seen as faith by the Lord. It was again done according to their faith.]*
- I. **Luke 6:10, Mark 3:5, Matthew 12:13** — *Healing the withered hand on the Sabbath. “After looking around at them all, He said to him, ‘Stretch out your hand!’ And he did so; and his hand was restored.”*
- J. **Matthew 15:28** — *Extending healing to a Syro-Phoenician woman’s daughter. “Then Jesus said to her, ‘O woman, your faith is great; it shall be done for you as you wish.’ And her daughter was healed at once.” [Notice how Jesus points out her faith and how it is done as she wishes. Again, notice the persistence!]*
- K. **Matthew 17:14-20** — *“And He said to them, ‘Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you.” [Response to not being able to cast out the epileptic spirit.]*
- L. **Mark 10:52** — *“And Jesus said to him, ‘Go; your faith has made you well.’ Immediately he regained his sight and began following Him on the road.” [Blind man receives his sight. Again his cry for mercy relates to faith in Jesus.]*

- M. **Mark 8:22-26** — *“And they came to Bethsaida. And they brought a blind man to Jesus and implored Him to touch him. Taking the blind man by the hand, He brought him out of the village; and after spitting on his eyes and laying His hands on him, He asked him, **“Do you see anything?”** And he looked up and said, ‘I see men, for I see them like trees, walking around.’ Then again He laid His hands on his eyes; and he looked intently and was restored, and began to see everything clearly.”* **[Notice how Jesus prayed twice for this man. Important concept for contending prayer. Many people receive healing step-by-step. Jesus even asked him if He was seeing anything.]**
- N. **Luke 7:12-16** — *“Now as He approached the gate of the city, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a sizable crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, **He felt compassion for her**, and said to her, **‘Do not weep.’** And He came up and touched the coffin; and the bearers came to a halt. And He said, ‘Young man, I say to you, arise!’ The dead man sat up and began to speak. And Jesus gave him back to his mother.”* **[Compassion healing!]**
- O. **Luke 13:12-13** — *“When Jesus saw her, He called her over and said to her, **‘Woman, you are freed from your sickness.’** And He laid His hands on her; and immediately she was made erect again and began glorifying God.”* **[Laying on of hands. Being loosed from infirmity is an indication that it is not producing anything good.]**
- P. **Luke 17:19** — *The ten lepers. One comes back to thank Jesus. “And He said to him, **‘Stand up and go; your faith has made you well.’**”* **[Again, it was his faith that made him well.]**
- Q. John 4:49-50 — *“The royal official said to Him, ‘Sir, come down before my child dies.’ Jesus said to him, **‘Go; your son lives.’** The man **believed the word** that Jesus spoke to him and started off.”*
- R. John 9:1-41 — *Blind man from birth healed.*
- S. To minister healing today requires a firm belief in Jesus as Healer. After examining how Jesus ministered healing, what can we believe about His heart for healing? We want to be sure that we believe what the Lord believes when we pray for healing. There are other significant scriptures to look at pertaining to healing today.
1. **Hebrews 13:8, Malachi 3:6** — The Lord never changes! If the Lord is the same then His ministry remains the same.
  2. **The Lord’s prayer:** Jesus says to pray **“Let your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.”** We can pray this way for people because we know there is no sickness and disease in Heaven. It is the restoration of all things. Much of healing theology can be based on this insight.
  3. **Removing the curse – Galatians 3:13** — Jesus became a curse for you. You do not need any accursed things in your life. Jesus has already done it.

4. **Deuteronomy 28** — This chapter gives understanding of God’s blessing and cursing towards people. The principle is that if we obey the Lord we will attract blessing. This chapter also helps us to establish what the Lord sees as a curse.
  5. **Acts 10:38** — *“You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.”* Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit just like we are. He is the example of how to operate in the Spirit. He healed all who were oppressed of the devil.
  6. **James 5:13-16** — An admonishment to call the elders for healing. Confession can be connected to healing.
- T. Principles of healing: laying on of hands. Rebuking infirmity, persistent prayer, confession of sin, forgiveness. We must pursue God to get revelation of these things.
- U. The establishment of Isaiah 53 in the New Testament. Some people say that Isaiah principally speaks to our spiritual healing but **Matthew 8:16-17** and **1 Peter 2:24** shows the fulfillment of this prophecy in healing.
1. **Matthew 8:16-17** — *“When evening came, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed; and He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were ill. This was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet: ‘He Himself took our infirmities and carried away our diseases.’”*
  2. **1 Peter 2:24: 24** — *“Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness — by whose stripes you were healed.”*
- V. **Psalm 103:1-3** — *“Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases.”* This scripture shows the full atonement work that the Lord would accomplish.
- W. Jesus commissioned his disciples to do the same things He did. This is for us today.

## V. THE COMMISSIONING TO BELIEVERS

- A. **Matthew 28:18-20** — *“And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’”*
- B. **Matthew 10:1, 7-8** — *“Jesus summoned His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.... ‘And as you go,*

*preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' 'Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give.'"*

- C. **Luke 10:1, 9** — *"Now after this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them in pairs ahead of Him to every city and place where He Himself was going to come.... and heal those in it who are sick, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'"*
- D. **Luke 9:1-2** — *"Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick."*
- E. **Acts 4:29-31** — *"And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that Your bond-servants may speak Your word with all confidence, while You extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Your holy servant Jesus.' And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness." [Disciples so familiar with the healing ministry of Jesus they pray and ask for this primary function.]*
- F. **Acts 5:12-16** — *"At the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were taking place among the people; and they were all with one accord in Solomon's portico. But none of the rest dared to associate with them; however, the people held them in high esteem. And all the more believers in the Lord, multitudes of men and women, were constantly added to their number, to such an extent that they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots and pallets, so that when Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on any one of them. Also the people from the cities in the vicinity of Jerusalem were coming together, bringing people who were sick or afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all being healed."*
- G. **John 14:12** — *"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I go to the Father."*

## VI. THE HEALING MINISTRY OF THE DISCIPLES

- A. These scriptures are meant to show the continuance of the healing ministry through God's people. We are an extension of the Lord and so are encouraged to perform healing. Notice the similarities between the ministry of Jesus and His followers.
- B. **Acts 9:32-35** — *"Now it came to pass, as Peter went through all parts of the country, that he also came down to the saints who dwelt in Lydda. There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed. 34 And Peter said to him, 'Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed.' Then he arose immediately. 35 So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord." [Notice the simplicity of healing on Peter's part. Also notice what the response of the people was; they turned to the Lord because of the healing.]*

- C. **Acts 3:2-9** — *“And a certain man lame from his mother’s womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, ‘Look at us.’ So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. Then Peter said, ‘Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.’ And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them – walking, leaping, and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God.”* **[Notice that Peter says “What I have I give you.” This seems to indicate his certainty of healing as part of his ministry. Again, notice how people rejoiced!]**
- D. **Acts 9:36-42** — *“At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them. Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them. But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, ‘Tabitha, arise.’ And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord.”* **[Notice the ease in which Peter responded to the faith of the people. It did not make a difference between a healing or coming back to life. Again, many believed on the Lord.]**
- E. **Acts 5:12-16** — *“And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon’s Porch. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.”* **[Healing was flowing unhindered. Notice that all were healed.]**
- F. **Acts 6:8** — *“And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.”*
- G. **Acts 14:7-15** — *“And they were preaching the gospel there. And in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother’s womb, who had never walked. This man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, said with a loud voice, ‘Stand up straight on your feet!’ And he leaped and walked. Now when the people saw*

what Paul had done, they raised their voices, saying in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!" **[Notice how Paul saw that the man had faith to be healed.]**

- H. **Acts 8:5-8,13** — "Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. 8 And there was great joy in that city.... Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done." **[Notice how Philip preached Christ and signs and wonders happened naturally. People believed as a result.]**
- I. **Acts 14:1-3** — "Now it happened in Iconium that they went together to the synagogue of the Jews, and so spoke that a great multitude both of the Jews and of the Greeks believed. But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brethren. Therefore they stayed there a long time, speaking boldly in the Lord, who was bearing witness to the word of His grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands." **[God was bearing witness through His people.]**
- J. **Acts 15:12** — "Then all the multitude kept silent and listened to Barnabas and Paul declaring how many miracles and wonders God had worked through them among the Gentiles."
- K. **Romans 15:18-19** — "For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ has not accomplished through me, in word and deed, to make the Gentiles obedient-- 19 in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ." **[Signs and wonders being performed through Paul to make the Gentiles obedient.]**
- L. **Hebrew 2:3-4** — "How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him, God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?" **[God confirms His spoken gospel.]**
- M. **Acts 28:7-9** — "In that region there was an estate of the leading citizen of the island, whose name was Publius, who received us and entertained us courteously for three days. And it happened that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and dysentery. Paul went in to him and prayed, and he laid his hands on him and healed him. So when this was done, the rest of those on the island who had diseases also came and were healed." **[Paul healed those that came to him.]**

## VII. PRINCIPLES OF FAITH, BELIEF AND HEALING

- A. **Faith = Belief.** Jesus repeatedly said, "**Believe in me.**" To truly discover His nature and His will takes mind renewal. That is why beholding Him is the most important principle and much of that

is done scripturally. If He is manifesting the Father's will then we have to examine everything He did and said in Scripture. We have to look at the Old Testament prophecies to glean wisdom. As you do this process, with the help of the Holy Spirit, your belief of Jesus in the aspects of healing will change.

- B. **Matthew 14:28** — *“Peter said to Him, ‘Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.’ And He said, ‘Come!’ And Peter got out of the boat, and walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But seeing the wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, ‘Lord, save me!’ Immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of him, and said to him, ‘You of little faith, why did you doubt?’”* **[Doubting interrupted the flow of the Spirit on Peter. Notice how Peter instigated the whole process.]**
- C. **Galatians 3:13** — *“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us — for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”* Jesus redeemed us completely from the curse and His heart for us is complete restoration body, soul, and spirit. The reason God wants to heal our physical bodies is to live out our days.
- D. Another study could be done on how many healings Jesus did on the Sabbath. Why did He do this? He was showing His authority to forgive sins and His ownership of the Sabbath. It was in direct violation of the religious thought of that day. Notice that He used healing to fight this battle. Healing is a power tool to bring positive justice to people by setting them free.
- E. **Matthew 7:11** — *“If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!”* **[Look at the Father’s heart for His people.]**
- F. In **Jude** it says to contend for the faith once delivered. Is this the simplicity of the gospel — *“Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.”*
- G. God is not a respecter of persons. What He will do for one He will do for another. He is a good Father.
- H. **Isaiah 53:4-5** — *“However, it was our sicknesses that He Himself bore, and our pains that He carried; yet we ourselves assumed that He had been afflicted, struck down by God, and humiliated. But He was pierced for our offenses, He was crushed for our wrongdoings; the punishment for our well-being was laid upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed.”*
1. Most theologians and Bible scholars agree that the primary theme of this chapter is what Jesus accomplished willingly on the cross. It is one of the primary Old Testament prophecies that describes the Lord in detail.
  2. One of the primary questions that is asked about this passage is does vs. 4-5 include healing or just our sins?

3. If you take these 2 verses, there are 4 “themes” that Jesus took on Himself, “ griefs, sorrows, transgressions and iniquities.” The key to these themes is understanding exactly what they are in the original text.
4. This is how they could be translated:
  - a) griefs = sicknesses/diseases
  - b) sorrows = pains
  - c) transgressions = sins
  - d) iniquities = rebellion
5. It is clear that Jesus took upon Himself all elements for our restoration: “mind, body, soul and spirit.” He did this willingly.
6. All the “themes” mentioned above can be seen as a result of sin and Jesus paid for all these elements so we could be totally restored.
7. The New Testament demonstration of this prophecy was confirmed and fulfilled in **Matthew 8:16-17** — *“When evening came, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed; and He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were ill. This was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet: ‘**HE HIMSELF TOOK OUR INFIRMITIES AND CARRIED AWAY OUR DISEASES.**’”*