

4. Divine Healing in God's Covenant

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We are journeying through a series of messages to take a fresh look at divine healing in the covenant that God's has established with us.

As Bible-believing Christians we believe in the full redemptive acts of Jesus Christ that He achieved through His sacrificial suffering & death on the Cross.

God makes covenants with His people. He enshrines certain blessings within those covenants, so we can have faith, confidence & certainty about His promises, including His promises on healing.

God does not heal people randomly - He heals people based on His covenant promises.

1. God's Power is always present to heal

Luke 5:17 (NKJV) *Now it happened on a certain day, as **He was teaching**, that **there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by**, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. **And the power of the Lord was present to heal them.***

- One day, Jesus was in Capernaum in a house (presumed to be Peter's)
- Many people came to Him, and He taught them the Word of God
- There were Pharisees & teachers of the law from every town sitting by
- And the power of the Lord was present to heal THEM
- With a sizable group of people there, we can be certain that there would have been some sick people among them
- Yet, as we follow the story, we find out that ONLY ONE MAN got healed, namely the paralytic who was let down through the roof by his friends
- This demonstrates the fact that, although the power of God was present to heal, sick people still had to make a demand on that power of God

Luke 5:18–19 (NKJV) *Then behold, **men brought on a bed a man who was paralyzed**, whom they sought to bring in and lay before Him. **19** And when they could not find how they might bring him in, because of the crowd, **they went up on the housetop and let him down with his bed through the tiling into the midst before Jesus.***

- Four men brought a paralysed friend on a stretcher to the house (Mk.2:3)
- They removed the roof tiles and lowered him down right before Jesus

Mark 2:5 (NKJV) *When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven you.”*

Mark 2:10–12 (NKJV) ... He said to the paralytic, 11 “*I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.***” 12 Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”**

- When (a moment in time) Jesus saw their faith, He moved to connect the paralysed man with God’s power, which was already present to heal
- Jesus forgave the man’s sins
- Then He issued a faith command to spur the paralysed man to action
- Jesus told Him to do three things that the man could not do (without the power of God):
 - Arise
 - Take up your bed
 - Go to your house
- By faith, the man did three things that he could not do (without the power of God):
 - He arose
 - He took up his bed
 - He went out in the presence of them all
- Follow instructions:
 - To connect with the power of God for healing, we should do something that we cannot do
 - “Act healed before you get healed”
 - “We have to believe that we are healed before we are healed”
- Important observation:
 - Faith could be seen (by their actions)
 - Faith can also be heard (by our words)
- When faith and the power of God meet, miracles occur

2. When is God’s Power present to heal?

- Notice in Luke 5:17:
 - Jesus was present in the house

- Jesus was teaching the Word of God
- **Whenever Jesus is present, the power of God is present to heal, especially when the Word of God is being taught**
- Today, Jesus is always present with us (He is omni-present)

Matthew 28:20 (NKJV) ... I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.

3. Ten lepers are healed “as they went”

Luke 17:11–14a (NKJV) *Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. 12 Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. 13 And they lifted up their voices and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” 14 So when He saw them, He said to them, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.”...*

- Jesus met ten lepers as he entered a certain village
- They lifted up their voices & said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”
- When He saw them, He said: “Go, show yourselves to the priests.”
- According to the Law of Moses, lepers were commanded to present themselves to the priests for examination regarding the presence of any leprosy
- If they had been healed, they were pronounced “cleansed”, and they were commanded to offer certain sacrifices
- Jesus was saying: If you believe that you are healed by the power of God, go to the priests, and offer your sacrifice

Luke 17:14b–19 (NKJV) ... And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. 15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, 16 and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. 17 So Jesus answered and said, “Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? 18 Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?” 19 And He said to him, “Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well.”

- Vs. 14 ... And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed ...
- Question:
What if they had not “went” when Jesus commanded them to go?
- Answer:
They would not have been healed!

- Vs. 19: Jesus **He said to him, “Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well.”**
- Question: How did they show or demonstrate their faith?
- Answer: By acting on what Jesus said. “They went ...”

4. A blind man is healed as he “went and washed”

John 9:1–7 (NKJV) *Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. 2 And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” 3 Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. 4 I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” 6 When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. 7 And He said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.*

- Jesus saw a man who was blind from birth
- He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva
- He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay
- He said to him “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam”
- The blind man **went and washed, and came back seeing**
- Suggestion:
 - The healing was neither in Jesus saliva nor in the pool of Siloam
 - The healing was in the men’s obedience as he went and washed
- Question: What faith action is Jesus asking you to do?
- Faith Instruction: Thank God for your healing before you are healed