

Healing - Part 2

Key Verse

James 2:24 - He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

Exploring the Bible

I. The Father's Heart

If we are going to understand the Father's heart about anything and everything, we need to look at Jesus Christ and his relationship to the Father. No one here on earth has ever physically seen the Father, but through Jesus Christ we get a picture of the Father's heart. Let's look at that relationship.

John 14:8 – 11 - Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves.

Question: Anyone who has seen Jesus has seen whom?

Answer:

Question: We should believe that the Father was in Jesus based on the evidence of what (verse 11)?

Answer:

All the works that Jesus did while He was on this earth represent the heart of the Father. These works also should be the basis for believing that the Father was in Jesus doing all these miracles. It is the words and the works of Jesus that give us a clear picture of the Father's heart for healing.

Hebrews 1:3 - The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

Question: The Son is the exact representation of whom?

Answer:

If we want to know what the Father said or what the Father's heart was on any particular thing in the Bible, we just need to look at Jesus and what He said and how He acted because He was the exact representation of the Father. His works represented exactly the works that the Father wanted Him to perform.

II. Does God want to Heal Everyone?

We have seen that God is in the business of healing, that God the Father sent His son Jesus Christ to this earth and anointed Him for the work of healing and that everything that Jesus said and did was an exact representation of the Father's heart. So, the next big question is: does God want to heal everyone? Sure, it is clear that God heals, but does He pick and choose at random who He heals, or is healing for everyone, everywhere, at any time?

A. Jesus Healing Ministry

Matt 12:15 - Aware of this, Jesus withdrew from that place. A large crowd followed him, and he healed all who were ill.

Question: How many got healed?

Answer:

Matt 14:36 - ...and begged him to let the sick just touch the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

Question: How did people get healed here?

Answer:

Question: How many got healed this way?

Answer:

Luke 6:19 - ...and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

Question: How many of the crowd got healed here?

Answer:

Matt 8:16-17 - When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "He took up our infirmities and bore our diseases."

Question: How many were healed here?

Answer:

There is not one example in the New Testament where someone came to Jesus for healing and Jesus turned them away, or where someone came to Jesus and Jesus could not heal them of their sickness or disease. All who wanted to come for healing could come freely to Jesus. All who came received healing freely. None were turned away. None brought such a tough case to Jesus that he could not heal them. If Jesus is the exact representation of the Father and if Jesus healed everyone who came to Him for healing, the Father's heart on healing is clear. The Father wants all healed.

B. Jesus Doing the Father's Will

Hebrews 10:7 - Then I said, "Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll—I have come to do your will, my God."

Question: Whose will did Jesus come to do?

Answer:

John 6:38 - For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.

Question: Whose will did Jesus come to do?

Answer:

It is clear that Jesus came to do the Father's will, and the works of healing that He did while He was on this earth are a clear reflection of the Father's will not only to heal, but to heal everyone who would come and ask for healing.

Practical Exercise:

One of the most practical ways to build faith is to take the words of God and turn them into declarations for our situation and our needs. Here is a simple declaration for healing that you can use to declare healing for yourself for any need you may have:

Isaiah 53: 5, 1 Peter 2:24 - By the stripes of Jesus I have been healed.

Psalm 103:3 - You forgive my sins and heal all my diseases.

Father, I thank you for the healing you have already provided for me through Jesus Christ. I speak death to this sickness (name the sickness). I curse it and command it to leave. Father, I speak the life that you've already put on the inside of me. I release it to flow through my body.

Let's gather in groups of three to four people and pray for anyone who needs healing