

Healing: God's Will, God's Provision, Our Response  
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**Big Question:** *Is healing for all, and if so, why do some fail to receive it?*

**God's Truth:** Healing is **provided for all through Christ**, but becomes personal through **faith, knowledge, confession, and perseverance**.

## 1. WHERE DO WE START?

- Healing isn't something "extra" or optional...it's a part of who God is.
  - It's not a fringe doctrine: Not a side topic for a few people. It's not weird or secondary. It's central to how God reveals Himself.
  - It's not just emotional hope: We're not praying for healing just because we feel like it might happen. We're standing on something solid, not wishful thinking.
  - Healing is rooted in God's character: God is a healer by nature. Just like He's loving, faithful and good....He also restores and makes whole.
  - This truth is revealed all throughout Scripture: The Bible consistently shows God healing, restoring, and caring for people physically, emotionally, and spiritually.
  - It's demonstrated in Jesus: Jesus didn't just talk about healing....He did it constantly. Healing was a normal part of His ministry, not a rare exception.
- So...we don't pray for healing because it's a nice idea; we pray for healing because it's consistent with who God is, what He said, and what Jesus showed us.
- Remember: Provision does not automatically equal possession. What God has provided must be **received by faith**.

### Hebrews 13:8

*Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever.*

## 2. IS HEALING FOR EVERYONE?

### A. HEALING PROVIDED IN THE ATONEMENT

#### Isaiah 53:4-5

*Surely, He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows... and with His stripes we are healed*

#### Matthew 8:16-17

Matthew explicitly says Isaiah's prophecy was **fulfilled in Jesus' healing ministry**.

#### 1 Peter 2:24

*By whose stripes ye were healed.*

- Notice: **past tense**; our healing provided through the cross.

**Hold On To This Truth:** Healing is as much a part of redemption as forgiveness of sins.

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## **B. JESUS' HEALING MINISTRY PROVES GOD'S WILL**

### **Acts 10:38**

*Jesus healed **all** who were oppressed by the devil.*

### **Matthew 4:23-24**

*Healing **every sickness and every disease** among the people.*

### **Luke 6:19**

*Power went out from Him and healed them **all**.*

- **What Patterns Do We See In Scripture:**
  - Jesus never turned anyone away
  - He never said, *"This sickness is from God"*
  - He never chose *not* to heal someone who came in faith

## **C. GOD'S NATURE IS TO HEAL**

### **Psalm 103:2-3**

*Who forgives **all** your iniquities and heals **all** your diseases.*

### **Exodus 15:26**

*"I am the LORD who heals you."*

### **John 6:37**

*"Him that comes to Me I will in no wise cast out."*

**This Tells Us:** Healing is **God's revealed will**, grounded in His character, fulfilled in Christ, and offered to all who come.

## **3. BIBLE STORY: THE LEPER WHO MET THE WILL OF GOD**

Mark 1:40-41

"I Will; Be Thou Clean"

### **The Setting**

- Leprosy meant isolation, rejection, and hopelessness
- The leper knelt before Jesus and said:

*"If You will, You can make me clean."*

## Jesus' Response

*"I will. Be clean."*

## Key Observations

1. The man **was unsure of God's will**, not God's power
2. Jesus removed all doubt by declaring His will clearly
3. Healing was immediate, complete, and public

**This Tells Us:** Faith grows strongest where **the will of God is settled**.

## 4. PART TWO: WHY SOME FAIL TO RECEIVE HEALING

### A. LACK OF KNOWLEDGE

#### Hosea 4:6

*My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.*

#### Romans 10:17

*Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.*

- If we don't know what God promised, we cannot confidently believe for it.

### B. DOUBT AND UNBELIEF

#### Mark 6:5-6 / Matthew 13:58

Jesus' ministry was **limited by unbelief**, not lack of power.

**This Tells Us:** God's power is unlimited—**our reception is not**.

Here's a **biblically faithful, practical example** of how someone can respond to a **negative medical diagnosis according to James 1:6-7**, while still honoring wisdom and responsibility.

#### James 1:6-7 (KJV)

*"But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering... For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord."*

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## **Example Response of Faith (Heart, Words, and Actions)**

### **1. Settle the Matter of Faith (Internal Response)**

- Remind Yourself, "This diagnosis is information, not my identity or my destiny. God's Word has final authority over my body."
- You acknowledge the facts **without surrendering your faith** to them.
- Your Faith in God and His Word is not denial.
- By exercising your Faith, you are choosing **God's Word as the final verdict**

### **2. Ask God in Faith — Without Wavering**

- Boldly Declare, "Father, I come to You believing, not wondering because You have revealed Your will in Your Word. You are my Healer, and healing has been provided for me through Christ."
- This aligns with James 1:6:
  - You are **not asking 'if' God will heal**
  - You are asking **based on what He has already promised**

### **3. Make a Clear, Steady Confession (No Double-Mindedness)**

- Every day When You Get up say, "I thank You that by Jesus' stripes I was healed (1 Peter 2:24). I refuse to partner with doubt, fear, or hopelessness. I stand firm on what You have said."
- James warns against: Alternating between "*God heals*" and "*I'm probably stuck with this*". Faith chooses **one voice**—God's.

### **4. Guard Your Words After the Prayer**

- Instead of:
  - "I guess we'll see what happens"
  - "I don't know why God let this happen"
  - "I'm trying to believe"
- Respond like this:
  - "I'm standing on God's Word and remaining confident in Him."
  - This reflects James 1:6 because **wavering often shows up in speech first**.

### **5. Stand Patiently, Not Anxiously**

- Remind Yourself, "I will not cast away my confidence. Whether healing is instant or progressive, I remain unwavering."
- This keeps faith **active and stable**, not emotionally driven by symptoms or reports.

## 6. Continue in Wisdom, Not Fear

- Faith and wisdom are not opposites.
- A James 1:6-7 response:
  - Follows medical counsel as needed
  - Does not speak fear
  - Does not let symptoms dictate belief
  - Does not re-pray from doubt
- You are thanking God, standing in faith, and continuing wisely.

### SAY THIS OUT LOUD: (James 1:6 Aligned)

"I have asked God for healing, and I ask in faith without wavering.  
I trust His Word more than what I feel or see.  
I remain confident, settled, and at peace."

### Key Takeaway:

**James 1:6-7 teaches this principle:** Healing is not hindered by symptoms. It is hindered by **wavering confidence in God's promise**

Faith is:

- Settled
- Consistent
- Anchored to the Word

## C. CONFESSION AND PERSPECTIVE

### Proverbs 18:21

*Life and death are in the power of the tongue.*

### 2 Corinthians 4:13

*We believe and therefore speak.*

- Faith is not denial of symptoms; it is agreement with God's Word **above symptoms**.

## D. PATIENCE & PERSEVERANCE

### Hebrews 10:35-36

*Do not cast away your confidence.*

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**Hebrews 6:12**

*Promises are inherited through faith and patience.*

**This Tells Us:** Some healings are instant; others require standing firm.

**FINAL SUMMARY**

Healing is:

- **Provided** in the atonement
- **Revealed** through Jesus
- **Available** to all
- **Received** by faith

**Malachi 4:2** – *Healing in His wings.*