

Chapter 1 : Divine Healing: A Study in the Scriptures

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The difference between Divine healing and Divine health is that in a healing our sick bodies are made well through the intervention of the power of God. If we are sick, we need to be healed. If we are well, we need to stay well. You see, about years ago, at a place called Calvary our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ bare OUR sickness and diseases in His body at the cross and by the stripes that He bare, the price was paid for the healing of our bodies. Now I ask you this; If Jesus bare my sickness, then why should I continue to hold onto it? You see, in the same way that Jesus bare our sins in His own body on the tree, He bare our sicknesses and diseases. So is everybody saved? Does everyone have eternal life? Of course the answer is no. The children of Israel had been given the promised land by God. He said that it belonged to them. Unless and until we begin to believe what God says and actively take possession of these promises. I know you are asking me "How do I do that? First get hold of the promise of God. The Bible says that we receive all the promises of God through faith and that faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God. We need to get this word of God down in our heart. With the mouth confession is made unto deliverance. Jesus said in Mark Jesus said that you have to believe that you have it before you will actually SEE that you have it. That is faith, and by faith and patience we inherit the promises of God. If you continue to say what you have in the natural, you will continue to have it. If you need healing in your body begin to pray this prayer with me. I give you praise and glory Father that sickness has no place in me. I thank you Lord that since that same Spirit that raised up Christ from the dead dwells in me, You are making alive, right now, my mortal body in Christ Jesus. Satan I bind you in Jesus name. I just thank You Lord that You broke the power of sickness in my life. I thank You Father that Your miracle working power is flowing through my body by Your Holy Spirit that is indwelling me right now. I just give You praise Lord. I just glorify Your holy name.

Chapter 2 : 4 Prayers for Healing - Powerful Words for Miracles (Updated)

Sickness and Divine Healing has 0 ratings and 0 reviews. Sickness! Affliction! No one is exempt! In some manner these will touch our lives, either perso.

Peace be unto you! Jesus drove out infirm spirits and gave us His power to do the same! That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare out sicknesses. He proved His compassion by feeding the hungry, multiplying the loaves and fishes and giving to the poor. Judas carried "the bag" and was a thief John When Jesus met the funeral procession outside of Nain, He had compassion upon a widow who had lost her only son and means of support. He raised the young man back to life and gave Him to his mother! For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. Finally, Jesus totally defeated Satan, through his vicarious, substitutionary death on Golgatha and His Glorious Resurrection from the dead, three days later. And He said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: And these signs shall follow them that believe; In My name shall they cast out devils He freed those who were bound by the power and the influence of the enemy! We must do the same. All it takes it two people agreeing in prayer, regarding a request or petition. A prophet, apostle, evangelists or pastor is not necessary. It can be any two people agreeing in prayer. Jesus specified "any two" agreeing a pastor and a parishioner, a husband and wife, two children in need in faith. And God will grant that petition! He said, "Again, I say unto you Jesus knew that "repetition is the mother of learning". It was so important, that He repeated this injunction. Do you need a miracle? Jesus wanted us to know that any believer in need of a miracle can unite in prayer with another believer and the miracle will happen! The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. In Thy presence is fullness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore. I will never leave thee nor forsake thee". I will never, no never, forsake thee. Notice here that He says, "Verily, certainly, and most assuredly He states, "Again I say unto you.. Jesus repeated it so we would know that he meant his words. Jesus is on our side. We are safe in Jesus. Let us draw nigh unto God. Study the Bible, seek the Lord for the answers and lock into the promises and laws of God on divine healing. Lock into the promises of God for ourselves and receive His answers to our prayers. Pastor Max Solbekken, D. McMillan states that emotions such as fear, sorrow, envy, resentment and hatred are responsible for the majority of our sicknesses and diseases. And that emotional stress can cause high blood pressure, toxic goiter, arthritis, migraine headaches, apoplexy, heart trouble, gastro-intestinal ulcers and other serious illnesses and diseases. And recently about the American Medical Association released the findings of a nation-wide survey of tens of thousands of their medics. One of the questions dealt with their success ratio in treating patients. What do you do to cover up that bald spot and receding hairline? Probably the only solution is to massage your head, comb your hair forward, get a toupee or just simply let it fall. He would have quoted from the famous medical authority of that day, Papyrus Ebers. To strengthen it, anoint with the tooth of a donkey crushed in honey. But when God called Moses to lead His people out of Egyptian bondage, he did not borrow from the "occultist clap-trap" in their medical books of disease remedies. He rejected the highest, most respected medical authority of that day. His advice to Moses was contrary to the most highly respected medical thought of that day. Some physicians thought the cause of the disease Leprosy was eating hot food or the meat of diseased hogs. Others blamed the disease Leprosy on malign conjunction of the planets. George Rosen of Columbia University writes: The Church took as its guiding principal the concept of contagion as embodied in the Old Testament. For centuries in Europe, multitudes perished from deadly diseases because of improper hygiene, sanitation and sloppy hospitals. In many villages, human excrement and waste was dumped into the streets, bringing deadly diseases, creating epidemics of typhoid, cholera and dysentery. In its maternity ward, one out of six women died. Ignaz Semmelweis discovered that if doctors washed their hands well, after doing autopsies and before examining expectant mothers, the mortality rate dropped drastically. Semmelweis was not applauded by the Medical Profession. However, he was ridiculed by his peers, discredited, lost his position and eventually succumbed to the pressure, dying in a mental hospital. Moses had

given the same advice many centuries before in Numbers. He further stated, "The only method of physics employed by the Early Church for the first years, was the prayer of faith. But then where would you find a hippopotamus these days? As for me and my house, we will Trust the Lord and serve Him only! Pastor Max Solbrekken, D. Unfailing faith that God will answer your prayers and expect a miracle. Wagenaar of Hilversum, Holland Questions: Wagenaar, will you tell us what your position is in the field of science? Before that I was a family doctor for 23 years in Dordrecht. Do you believe in miracles of healing? In my practice as a family doctor I have seen many miracles take place. When is healing a miracle? Can a miracle not be explained away psychologically? Just as you cannot explain away the miracles of the New Testament. You will be interested to know that spontaneous hearings have even been reported in patients who suffer from cancer. This has been publicized several times in medical journals. Medical science has admitted that miracles do occur after the prayer of faith. You said that you have seen miracles occur in your practice. Could you give us an example? A family doctor in the course of his practice meets many people who are in urgent need of medical help and he does all he can to help them. He used to play music in bars and was inclined to treat life lightly. He needed an operation and I gave him a card for the hospital. But before he was to be operated on I asked him to go with me to one of Ev. He agreed and, during the meeting, concentrated on God. When he went later to check in for the operation the surgeon said, You can go home, we are not going to operate on you, you are totally healed! Generally after an introductory talk and often after I have spoken to one of the elders of the church; I asked the elder to visit my patient and, so to speak, break the ice. I know that Br. Maasbach sends the patient on to the Heavenly Doctor who can do more than all the branches of science combined. Maasbach after they had been to consult me. I have seen them saved in the meeting and healed as well. I am so glad that in this time when one church after another is being broken down there are still people who let their voices be heard more than ever. We urgently need more men like Johan Maasbach. He is a man who has preached for many years that sickness usually comes from within - from the heart of man - and is often the result of hate, envy, grudges and bitterness. Now medical science too admits that many diseases are a result of inner tensions! You believe then that Br. Maasbach is not being medically irresponsible in what he preaches? He preaches that people who come forward for healing must bring not only their sins but also their cares and all their inner problems to God. That is a healing truth. That is biblical truth. How did you yourself come to faith in Christ? When I was a young man of 23 I almost drowned.

Chapter 3 : Prayer for Divine Healing and Health | Truth in Reality

(1) One reason is that often sickness comes upon God's children because they have broken the laws of healthy living. There is a promise at the end of Exodus , " I am the Lord who heals you "; but it is important to notice that it is given within the context of God's laws relating to diet, cleanliness, work and relaxation, and.

You need to reach out and receive what Jesus did for you by faith! Therefore, sickness and disease is a result of sin. Sickness is a result of a curse Deuteronomy Generational curses Exodus Payment for our healing Isaiah In those days, 40 lashings was the point where most people died, because the torture was too unbearable for any person to handle. Your healing has been paid for with the Blood of Jesus! We must reach out and take what Jesus gave us through faith! For one, it was paid for as part of the new covenant package, which every believer is entitled to, but there are a few other good reasons to believe that healing is for every believer and here are some of them: Obviously, sickness had a lot to do with the fallen state of mankind. And if Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil 1 John 3: It makes no sense. That would be embarrassing to walk up to him, and try to heal him and nothing happens! Did they say, "Lord, if it is thy will, heal this man. They spoke out the word, and the man was healed! Just like Jesus instructed them to do! Just take a look at some of these verses: Divine healing is for us today! The scriptures are very clear that those who believe upon Jesus are automatically entitled to the promises of the new covenant. The Bible never says that this would end before the return of Christ, and therefore there is no Biblical reason to believe that healing is not for today. That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses. And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. And he laid his hands on her: And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering? And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day? Roughly half of all the healings Jesus did in the book of Matthew were actually deliverances from evil spirits. There were spirits which caused blindness, deafness, and other physical infirmities. What some people can pray for months over, can be dealt with in a single deliverance counseling session. Cancer and arthritis are some of the popular ones. Which turns the person over to the tormenters Matthew Depending on the bondage at hand, and if there are any legal grounds such as unconfessed sins or unforgiveness , there may need to be a couple steps taken to remove any legal grounds before actually rebuking the unclean spirits. This subject is beyond the scope of this teaching, but there are many teachings on this Web site that cover various aspects of the deliverance process. Authority to heal Jesus said to, "Heal the sick"! I have never seen where Jesus prayed, "Father, please heal this person! Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. Jesus said that those who believe will have the Holy Ghost flowing out of their innermost being John 7: For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. After all, Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil, did He not? Persecutions were one thing that Jesus said His people would have to face John How to receive your healing Know what is rightfully yours: You need to understand that you, as a child of God, are fully entitled to your healing through the blood that Jesus shed when He was whipped "By His stripes! Just like when you were saved, it was by faith you received Christ into your heart and life. Same is true with healing, it is by faith that we receive the promises of God. Repent of unconfessed sins: Unconfessed sins can be sins lingering in our lives, and need to be addressed. We need to confess and forsake our sins, and when we do that, God graciously forgives us, and those sins can no longer hinder or block your healing. Once you confess and repent of your sin, your heavenly Father welcomes you with open arms Luke 15! Release unforgiveness from your heart: Release the hurt from your heart that they have caused you, for unforgiveness can come between you and God and prevent your own sins from being

forgiven Matthew 6: Forgive me for not forgiving them as I should have. Forgiveness is a choice, and when you make that choice, God can help you heal and release those hurt feelings in your heart against that person s. Laying on of hands: Just like Jesus and the early church did: This is one of the most common of blockages that can prevent a healing. Jesus made it clear in many healings, that faith is important for you to use in receiving your healing. If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. Unforgiveness in the heart: Different times Jesus would say to the person "your sins are forgiven" instead of saying "rise and walk". In other words, Him forgiving their sins, opened them up to be healed as well. Pray and ask God to reveal to you any sins that you need to take before Him. Sometimes a healing is not what the person needs. A spirit of infirmity has attached itself to them, and is causing some sort of health problem. Spirits were known to cause physical infirmities, blindness, deafness, etc. What kind of faith is that? These are some of the common things that can block a healing. This spiritual realm is not a one-shot deal in every situation. There can be many reasons why a person is where they are. I know the deliverance ministry has brought healing to many many people, because so many sickness and diseases are not really physical problems at all, but spiritual ones manifesting in the physical realm. His powerful video training series is now available!

Chapter 4 : Divine Healing - Life, Hope & Truth

Divine healing, laws of God on Divine healing, Healing for sick, Bible sermon Divine Healing for Sick through Faith in Jesus Christ, healing message, divine healing articles, healing testimonies.

This paper is an attempt to study these various types of healings, to identify their characteristics, to show their biblical support, and then to make comparisons with some of the healing claims of televangelists like Benny Hinn and others. We will be using mainly references from the New Testament for our examples on healing, even though there are many excellent ones in the Old Testament as well. To study the various kinds of healing, I am going to start with Biblical Divine Healing first to give us something to compare with all other forms of healing. I will add to this description after proving some additional points. They were not done by the person with the exception of Jesus Christ Himself but were done through the person by the Holy Spirit. God is the only One who can do a creative healing. All other healings are natural or lying wonders, but only God can create. Healings in the NT never took a long time. They were always accomplished the same day, and in most cases were instantaneous. They did not wear off. The person that was healed did not have to come back for repeated treatments or healings. The only case where there might be an exemption to this fact would be in the case of a conditional healing, where a person is exhorted to obey the Lord or the healing will be nullified. But, though there are hints of this in the story of the adulterous woman in John 8: Perhaps someone else can dig out an example of this. The NT healings were obvious healings. The most obvious were recorded as proof. Nearly half the incidents of healings in the NT that are descriptively recorded are of the most obvious kind, completely verifiable, beyond question. The people who were healed were well known in the community, in fact they were known by their ailment. Following are the NT incidents of obvious healings that were used as proof, as a sign verifying who Jesus Christ was and the validity of the ministry and the authority of the Apostles. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! It will be done just as you believed it would. He touched her hand and the fever left her, and she got up and began to wait on him. Looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, they asked him, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath? Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity. So taking hold of the man, he healed him and sent him away. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, and so the Jews said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed - a man crippled in his feet, who was lame from birth and had never walked. Paul went in to see him and, after prayer, placed his hands on him and healed him. Furthermore ALL the diseases listed as proof were incurable at that time of history. Demonic diseases, oppression, and possession that were obvious are listed below: The crowd was amazed and said, "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel. Your request is granted. Those troubled by evil spirits were cured, Luke 8: Mary called Magdalene from whom seven demons had come out; Luke 8: But Jesus rebuked the evil spirit, healed the boy and gave him back to his father. When the demon left, the man who had been mute spoke, and the crowd was amazed. The other verses in the NT on healing, as listed below, were generic listings which were not specific as to what kind of healings were done. We cannot infer anything from the silence of these passages as to the types of healings, simply that Jesus healed many types of diseases and conditions. Many followed him, and he healed all their sick, Matthew People brought all their sick to him Matthew He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched him were healed. Those troubled by evil spirits were cured, Luke 6: He welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed healing. Divine healing can occur at any time or any place. God can heal in response to the prayers of the righteous James 5: I see no evidence in Scripture AT ALL of divine healing

occurring as a sign to justify false teachers or false prophets. I believe it is possible for a person to receive divine healing anywhere. It is even remotely possible for God to heal someone for His own purposes at a meeting of a false teacher, but in that case it is also a test and the responsibility of that Christian to understand that the Lord did the healing and he is commanded to get away from false teachers as Jesus and the Apostles told us to do. To definitively prove that a healing is a Biblical Divine Healing today The information needed to effect a great deal of healing in the human body is part of our genetic code. Natural healing is the type of healing that occurs most often. There is ample evidence for Natural Healing in the Bible Leviticus We must be careful to be truthful about what is Natural Healing versus Divine Healing. They are two radically different processes. Over time the body heals itself, giving itself time to rest and recoup. But Natural Healing is not always a cure all. There are times when the body is overwhelmed and, without outside help, it cannot heal itself. Also, if the body becomes weakened, such as a weak immune system, the body may no longer be able to repair itself and disease may continually reoccur. But it can also occur yet be mistaken for other types of healing. A person may think the pill they are taking for Medicinal Healing cured them, but it could be mainly due to Natural Healing or other types of healing. I believe that the Bible teaches that we are actually devolved from the pure genetic code of Adam and Eve and those who lived before the flood. Unfortunately man often glories in his own abilities and attributes without giving credit where credit is ultimately due. Natural Healing happens over and over through the lifetime of the individual. Biblical Divine Healing is a one time event dealing with a specific disease. God has provided the body with marvelous self healing functions. Practitioners of Medical Healing today are doctors, dentists, and many other healing professions. There is a lot of evidence of Medicinal Healing in the Bible 2 Chronicles Interestingly, the nations will eventually be healed by the fruit and leaves from a tree, the Tree of Life Ezekiel They are totally different. There are a few exceptions. A shot of pain killer can quickly mask pain. Ice water on a burn can almost immediately soothe the pain. But in both these cases actual healing takes a longer time. But there are other factors that could also be at play, including Psychological Healing. Medical Healing can often be measured when accurate charts are kept. But again it is not an exact science and other factors could be at play at the same time. He also deserves the glory for allowing the human race to be around long enough to, through trial and error, develop what is today medical knowledge that can help many people. Unfortunately the glory usually goes to the medicine or the medical practitioner. In the positive category would be things like positive thinking. The benefits of positive thinking and having a happy, carefree attitude have an effect on health issues, especially on emotional problems. But it can also affect the physical, particularly where the root problem is psychological to begin with. Keep in mind that positive thinking is not Divine Healing, but is a change of attitude. This is one of the key factors we see in the modern "faith healer" crusades. People are pronounced healed by Biblical Divine Healing who have merely been manipulated to the point where adrenaline or serotonin are released, thus helping them to get up out of their wheelchair for a time, or feel like they are healed. The problem is that this is a temporary condition and wears off. It can even be detrimental to their health in the long run. Along with emotional manipulation to get people to the point where their body excretes pain reducing chemicals, is outright hypnosis. People are brainwashed and put into an altered state of consciousness by loud repetitious music, repetition of key phrases, group dynamics and reinforcement techniques, and other cultic practices. Finally they end up in a type of trance state where they suspend their cognitive faculties in favor of a pure emotional experience. This can lead to delusions of healing and visions that are not real. But this is not true healing, it is only temporary.

Chapter 5 : Biblical Divine Healing Versus Other Types Of Healing

Bodily Sickness and Divine Healing. By Francis W. Dixon. In the closing section of Second Timothy Paul refers to some of his personal friends and traveling companions, and one in particular will claim our attention in this study; he is mentioned in 2 Timothy 4:20 "Trophimus have I left at Miletum sick."

Why do I get sick? Western medical science views the cause of sickness and disease as physiological and psychosomatic while eastern medicine teaches the loss of balance between the three basic elements of the human body known as air, bile and phlegm are responsible. The Bible has a different argument. It tells spiritual causes are the underlying or basic problem, note: First, the sin which has affected our spiritual and physical makeup, John 5: Secondly, Satan and his works, Mark 9: Lets explore these issues further to gain better understanding. My personal sin also invites divine judgment on my life in the form of sickness, ex: The man Jesus healed at the pool of Bethesda proves this argument, John 5: Satan Sickness is one of the many ways Satan carry out his attacks on humans, John Not just in an isolated and personal level but in a grand scale such as plagues, ex: The Bubonic plague claimed at least 50, lives in Europe in the year The Sri Lankan folklore directly attributes some of the illnesses to demonic deities. What is divine healing? Divine healing can be defined as a supernatural act of God which resolves a physical, emotional or even a spiritual problem, often through the agency of the Holy Spirit. Why am I not healed? Although the Bible has promised divine healing to those who ask, all of us come across accounts of people who were never healed. In the Bible we find three reasons why some people are not healed. While I am trying to get into the water, someone else goes down there before me. Bitterness among the other things damages our relationship with God and keep his healing power away from us. Glory of God Some times God purposely delay answering my prayers for healing because he has a larger purpose in mind that, when realized results in greater glory. In the Bible we can find a plenty of evidence to support this argument also, John 9: What must I do? The answer is tricky unless you are a born again Christian. He blessed anyone that came to him given they believed, Mark 7: As a Pastor I have eye-witnessed God healing many people regardless of their religion. Whether you are a Buddhist, Hindu, Muslim or even an atheist I am sure God will heal you if you just believe. So if you are an unbeliever what matters most is not what you must do in order to be healed but what will you do with Jesus after you are healed. There are few things born again Christians can do if healing takes longer than their faith permits. Reconciliation Be sure you are in a right relationship with God and others, Ephesians 4: Confession is a very powerful act of God that destroys the bondage of sin and its consequences, James 5: Therefore choose a mature Christian leader whom you can be transparent with and confess. You will have your miracle. Persist Jesus told the man born blind to wash himself from the pool of Siloam. Another inconvenient task for a blind man but he could see as soon as he followed the instructions, John 9: Both of these incidents record a sense of persistency and God was glorified in both occasions, John 9: Jesus also provided us with very clear instructions in this regard, Luke The point is when we are not persistent we are being disobedient and disobedience thrashes the miracle. Nothing much can be said about this except healing actually belongs to God and in his sovereignty decides what to do with it. Skeptics call this blind faith, but the human mind simply cannot fathom the way God works. Anything is possible with God if we just believe.

Chapter 6 : Sermon notes on James | Praying for divine healing

The Bible gives many examples of divine healing of the sick, but that was long ago and far away. What about people today? "does God still heal today? God instructs His people who are sick to call for the elders to pray and anoint them with oil as a sign of faith in His divine healing power.

There is a great deal of interest in the subject of healing in the Church of Jesus Christ. In the forefront of groups with an interest in this subject are the Pentecostals. Over the years they have consistently taught and encouraged Christians to practice this important ministry. Their doctrine which is called, "Divine Healing", is found in their constitution. Over the years some groups have changed the wording but the following statement still reflects their basic teaching. The Doctrine The doctrine is, "Deliverance from sickness is provided for in the atonement, and is the privilege of all believers. This doctrine raises many questions that go to the very fundamentals of the Christian faith. What is meant by "deliverance from sickness"? Deliverance is a word which is weighted with meaning in the Christian faith. In Greek, the word which is translated "deliverance" is the same word which is also translated "salvation". In fact the word salvation means; "deliverance, preservation and safety". Deliverance has a specific meaning having to do with the saving work of Jesus Christ in the life of the believer. It is almost never used in any other context. The lack of a clarification in this doctrine results in deliverance from sickness being raised to a level of importance which should be reserved for salvation alone. Another problem with this doctrine is that it leaves no room for any other approach to healing. Deliverance from sickness means an ill person is no longer afflicted and is completely restored to health. When Pentecostals claim this is provided for in the atonement the expectation is that this can only be an instantaneous healing. What about the possibility of someone receiving only a partial healing? What about healing which occurs through natural means? What about the assistance of the medical profession? This doctrine gives the impression that the only form of healing which can legitimately take place is a full restoration to health through a complete deliverance. What does "provided for in the atonement" mean? Is it true that healing is "provided for in the atonement"? The atonement is one of the most important doctrines of the Christian faith. The primary purpose of the atonement is to make amends for the sin of mankind. There is a major problem with applying the work of the atonement directly to a Christian in terms of ones physical well-being. Once someone places their trust in the blood of Jesus Christ and repents, their standing with God is assured for eternity. If this is true, not only could a Christian expect immediate healing but it would be impossible to get sick. Christians would be immortal! They would be able to live forever in perfect health. Obviously this expectation presents major problems when viewed in the light of Scripture, not to mention reality. What does "privilege" mean in terms of "all believers" being healed. Nowhere in Scripture is it said that healing is a privilege. To prove that this doctrine is incorrect all one has to do is show in Scripture that one believer experienced sickness and was not instantly healed. The Scriptures not only provide us with one instance but gives several examples of Christians who were sick and not healed. The first example of a person who was sick over an extended period of time was the apostle Paul. Even though my illness was a trial to you, you did not treat me with contempt or scorn. The next example is Timothy. This did not seem to concern Paul because he went on his journey and left him behind, sick. We must therefore conclude that it is not "the privilege of all believers" to be healed because the Scriptures show, great men of faith were not always healed. As if it were not enough to show that great men of faith get sick, Corinthians 4: This passage teaches that Christians carry around in their bodies the death of Jesus! So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. If the Pentecostal doctrine of healing were true, it would be impossible for us to carry around in our bodies the death of Jesus or to waste away, let alone experience death! Conclusion Even though there are many problems with this doctrine it does not mean the whole subject of healing should be discarded. When understood in the broader context of redemption and sanctification, the doctrine of healing is very important to the Christian

faith. When developing a doctrine on such a significant aspect of the faith it is important to accurately reflect the teaching of the New Testament. Unfortunately, the Pentecostal teaching on healing is inadequate in this regard.

Chapter 7 : Sermon notes: What does the Bible say about sickness and divine healing?

Divine healing can be defined as a supernatural act of God which resolves a physical, emotional or even a spiritual problem, often through the agency of the Holy Spirit. Divine healing is the fruit of Christ's sufferings and death on the cross (Isaiah) through which God dealt a lethal blow to sin and the work of Satan, (1 John).

Dixon In the closing section of Second Timothy Paul refers to some of his personal friends and traveling companions, and one in particular will claim our attention in this study; he is mentioned in 2 Timothy 4: There are very good reasons for believing that he is referred to in 2 Corinthians 8: The important thing for us to notice, however, is that he was so ill that Paul had to leave him at Miletum. Why was it that Trophimus was not healed? With this little historic note about Trophimus and his sickness as our point of departure, let us ask and answer some pertinent questions concerning the whole subject of Divine Healing. Do such people suffer? Are they subject to sickness and incapacity of body and mind? On every hand there are many Christians who are in greater or lesser degree experiencing bodily suffering. This leads to a second question: Does the Lord ever heal His people? The answer to this question is also yes. When Peter came and had prayer, God raised her up and brought her back to life. Does God heal the sick today? Yes, He does, most definitely! But this leads to a third question, and notice its exact phrasing: Does the Lord always heal His children? The answer to this question is no, He does not! Even though much prayer is offered and the sick one is a dedicated Christian, and even though it would seem best that healing should be given, in many, many cases healing does not come. He even prayed for himself, and his prayer was answered, but not in the way that he would have at first liked

â€”look up 2 Corinthians Now, please note this very carefully: This leads us to ask and answer another question: There is a very wonderful promise at the end of Exodus It reads like this: They will know health of body and mind. This is one reason why Christians become ill. When Christians do become ill why is it that God does not heal them? There is another answer to this question. Sometimes sickness comes upon Christians as the direct result of wilful sin. Let us emphasize the fact that this is not by any means always the case, but sometimes it is, as 1 Corinthians This is very solemn, but it is clear teaching from the Scriptures, and it is as applicable to us today as it was to the Christians in the first century. But why is it that God does not heal His children when they become ill? Here is a third reason: When God permits sickness and suffering and withholds healing, He always has a loving purpose in view. God is our loving Heavenly Father, and yet He permits many of His children, as He permitted Trophimus, to remain sick. This leads to one final question: He permits sickness and bodily suffering in order that He may draw us nearer to Himself. So often we do not feel our need of Him when we are strong in body and when all is going well with us, and so we experience what David wrote about in Psalm He permits sickness and bodily suffering in order that we may be sanctified; that is, in order that He may do something in us that otherwise He could not do. If you read through Hebrews Look up John He permits sickness and bodily suffering in order that our testimony may bless others. Paul longed for healing and prayed for it, and what tremendous blessing has been released into the lives of Christian people down the centuries through the answer that God gave the apostle when he prayed for healing! Look up Philippians 1: This study must not in any way diminish our belief that God is able to heal the sick when it is His perfect will to do so.

Divine healing is for us today! The scriptures are very clear that those who believe upon Jesus are automatically entitled to the promises of the new covenant. The Bible never says that this would end before the return of Christ, and therefore there is no Biblical reason to believe that healing is not for today.

Email Introduction Sickness is among the many circumstances in life where prayer is needed, and concerning such prayer James the apostle gives detailed instructions. Follow me to see what valuable lessons we can learn about prayer and divine healing. We usually misinterpret this passage as the sick person being prayed for must have faith. If he is not healed we blame him for lacking faith. Actually James is talking about the faith of the elder here. Very often we misquote Matthew Neither it indicates a lack of faith. Jesus said healing through laying on of hands is one of the signs that would accompany the believers, Mark We must remember the way one responds to a call for prayer is a strong indicator of the condition of his faith. Someone that lays his hands upon the sick out of obligation, a complaining attitude or just to put up a show actually does not have faith. Trust me, I have met such elders! The application of oil encourages the sick person to seek medical assistance. Receiving medical assistance is not an indicator of little faith. Luke, one of the authors in the Bible was a physician himself. Today however we live in an era where medical science has improved and oil is used as only an aid to faith. We should be careful not to turn it into an object of faith as in praying over oil and handing it over to others calling it holy and guaranteeing instant results. God alone is the healer and author of our faith. The outcome is 2 fold. It brings healing and forgives sin. God permits sickness as a disciplinary agent, 1 Corinthians There are other accounts in the Bible testifying to this fact. Such as the paralytic at the pool of Bethesda John 5: The sin committed against fellowship also gossip, judgment, criticism, backbiting, church politics and rebellion to name a few reduces healing within the Christian community down to a great extent. It is because of this reason James encourages the church to confess to each other. We must remember however that sin is not the reason behind every sickness. There are three noteworthy practical applications here. Whenever sickness occurs, one must prayerfully examine himself before the Lord to determine if the sickness is due to sin. If it is so he must confess and ask God for forgiveness. If two people offended each another one of them must confess and seek forgiveness without waiting for the other person to come forward and admit his guilt first. If a believer gossips against another he must confess and seek forgiveness. We can never underestimate the power of confession. It is actually the act of confession that smashes all the barriers against healing constructed over time. The Bible says prophets served Baal and the entire nation including king Ahab and queen Jezebel were his worshippers. Elijah in the other hand was alone. He was persecuted for not serving Baal. Sought after to be killed. A man on the run. Elijah could have rejected God, sworn alliance to the royal family like everyone else and avoid all the problems. Elijah obeyed God because he trusted God whole heartedly. This is called faith in the Bible. When Elijah obeyed God in faith it became his righteousness. He was a man just like us. He had his own share of flaws and weaknesses. He too was made of flesh and blood. But God answered his prayers because he was righteous. We cannot remain loyal to God in times of serious problems like sickness unless we trust him whole heartedly. When we are sick and healing takes longer we must realize that our loyalty to God is being put to test. There are two things we can do in such times. Continue to trust God and pray or take shortcuts. We read about one such shortcut in 1 Samuel 28 where king Saul consulted a medium. Occult is a very dangerous shortcut. There are times that God permit sickness as in John 9: Belief in fate The teaching that everything in life is predetermined and irreversible. The Bible says we are made righteous by faith. The moment we take short cuts we fall short of faith. Anything we do in our hour of need that undermines faith is a sign of disloyalty and unrighteousness. Then let us have faith because it makes us righteous and the prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Conclusion Unlike other circumstances in life sickness is capable of crippling us physically and emotionally both. Thankfully God is more powerful and superior than any sickness. Now I know some Christians who never got healed. Still lets just remember that God is the healer. He decides to heal or not to heal and when to heal. Our role is to pray without ceasing.

Chapter 9 : Divine Healing - It IS God's will to heal you! Find out how to receive it!

Multitudes of books have been written on what is variously called faith healing, spiritual healing, divine healing, healing prayer for the sick, healing ministry (and other similar expressions). And genuine healing testimonies abound of God's supernatural power to make sick and infirm bodies well.

Most often, it is seen as a physical healing of sickness, such as cancer, diseases, deformities, etc. Sometimes such healings are accompanied by rituals such as specified prayers and fasting and often by anointing the sick with oil. In all Christian groups that seek divine healing, it is always associated with the atoning work of Christ where, it is said, He purchased healing for us. So, those church groups that emphasize divine healing also emphasize the idea that the redemption of the soul also purchased redemption of the flesh which includes healing. Some of the verses used in support of this doctrine are as follows. Then he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; 15 and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him. Because in the resurrection, all of our infirmities will be healed. But this does not mean God owes us healings right now. Furthermore, sometimes God does not heal us for our benefit. I think we can make the case that when we are suffering but praising God through it, keeping our eyes on Him and exalting His holy and precious name, that this brings great glory to God. He is worthy of our praise, and our adoration of Him should not depend on our circumstances or our personal condition. He is always worthy of worship. So, our ailments which are not healed in this lifetime can be the things that show us what we are made of before God. It could be that enduring an ailment is something God desires for us because it glorifies Him more and it could bring us greater rewards in heaven. After all, the eternal aspect of things is more important than the temporal. The same thing goes with healing. We must always seek to desire what God desires. Now, there are those who would say that God has promised us healing in the atonement and that God desires for all to be healthy. But, this is simply not the case. Take Paul the apostle for example: You have done me no wrong; 13 but you know that it was because of a bodily illness that I preached the gospel to you the first time; 14 and that which was a trial to you in my bodily condition you did not despise or loathe, but you received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus Himself. Whatever the thorn in the flesh was, apparently the Apostle Paul was not healed physically according to his desires. So, if the Apostle Paul was not healed, are we to say we are better than he, or had more faith, and we should be healed? But, let me say again, we serve a loving God who wants the best for us. He does not enjoy our suffering, and He most certainly sympathizes with it. Our prayers, in the humility of our suffering, can break our hearts to a deeper fellowship and dependence on God. In our dependence, we ask God to heal us, and we can have the confidence that He can heal and that He may very well do that for us. Remember, our faith is only as good as that which we put it in, and we put it in God.