

## **God's Healing**

### Discipleship 201—Lesson #7

*Therefore we must pay greater attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it. For if the message declared through angels was valid, and every transgression or disobedience received a just penalty, how can we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? It was declared at first through the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him, while God added his testimony by signs and wonders and various miracles, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit, distributed according to his will. Hebrews 2:1-4*

**Introduction:** The God who has the power to create, and who has redeemed us through Jesus Christ, has the power to heal and to make whole. This healing takes many forms, including spiritual, relational, and physical healing, and is a foretaste of the healing which is yet to come.

God is a God of **HEALING**.

- Through healing, God brings us into a closer **RELATIONSHIP**
- God gives healing freely, no **PAYMENT** can be given
- God heals more **FREQUENTLY** today, due to the presence of the Holy Spirit

There will be complete healing when the **KINGDOM** comes

- God will create a new **HEAVEN** and earth (I Peter 3:13)
- This new age will last for **ETERNITY** (I Corinthians 2:9)
- We will receive new **BODIES** (I Cor. 15:42, 43)
- There will be no more **DEATH** (Revelation 21:4)

***Why don't we always receive physical healing when we ask?***

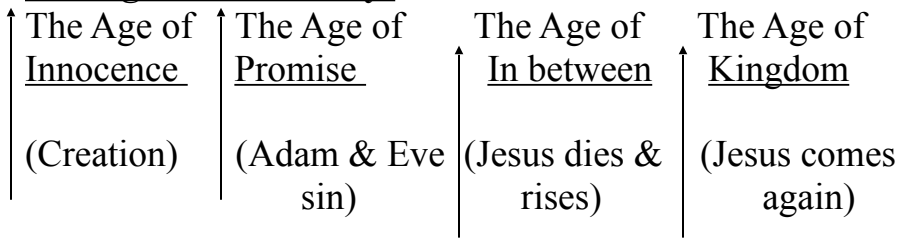
1. The Kingdom has not **COME** in its entirety
  - Christ's work is not **COMPLETE**
  - There are over 300 references in the New Testament to Jesus' Second **COMING**
2. We live in an unusual time: already but not **YET**
3. Those who are not healed learn to depend upon the **SUFFICIENCY** of Christ.

*Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.*

II Corinthians 12:7-9
4. We will still need to face the final enemy, **DEATH**: therefore, none of us are ever completely healed on this earth.

*And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him. Hebrews 9:27-28.*

## The Ages of Humanity:



### ***Does God heal today?***

1. Healing is a **SIGN** of the Kingdom to come
2. Healing is a normal part of the Kingdom's **ACTIVITY** (Matthew 4:23; Mark 6:56, 9:31; Luke 4:40, 6:19, 9:11)
3. Jesus commissioned his **DISCIPLES** to heal (Matthew 4:23, 10:8; Luke 10:9)  
*And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover." Mark 16:16-20*
4. Followers of Jesus will do even **GREATER** signs than Jesus did. (Acts 3:1-10, 4:1-12, 5:12-16, 8:5-13, 9:32-43, 14:2, 8-10, 19:11, 20:9-12, 28:8, 9)  
*Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. John 14:12- 14.*

### ***What type of Healing does God bring?***

1. The word "to save" means "to **HEAL**"
2. God is not only concerned about our physical well-being, but also our **spiritual**
3. Not everyone will be healed physically in this age, but God is **ALWAYS** faithful to bring healing
  - a. The community of Christ grows **CLOSER** when we pray for each other
  - b. God always brings us spiritual healing and **FAITH**
4. Some Christians are given a special gift to bring Healing: however, this does not mean that those who do not have that gift should not **ASK!**  
*To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. I Corinthians 12:8-10*

### ***How do we ask for healing?***

1. Ask for healing in the name of **JESUS**

*I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.  
John 14:13*

2. Anoint the person for whom you are praying with **OIL**: the sign of God's **SPIRIT**

*Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. James 5:14-15*

3. Lay your **HANDS** upon the person's head

*Therefore let us go on toward perfection, leaving behind the basic teaching about Christ, and not laying again the foundation: repentance from dead works and faith toward God, instruction about baptisms, laying on of hands, resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. Hebrews 6:1-2*