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God's Will Concerning Healing

I. God's Will Concerning Healing

- A. **James 5:14** – If you are sick, call for the elders (spiritually mature); be anointed with oil; and pray the prayer of faith.

You cannot truly appropriate faith unless you know the will of God.

- B. God's will to save us

1. (*Sozō*) – Make whole in Spirit – Soul – Body
2. Healing is like salvation for the body.

- C. JESUS CONTINUALLY healed people.

Heal (defined) – To serve as an attendant, then to care for the sick.

1. He affirmed over and over that all He ever did or came to do was “the will of God.”
2. **Isaiah 53:3-5** – He has made provision for man to be whole.
3. **Verse 5** – By His stripes, we are healed and made whole.
4. How much of our redemption is appropriated in this world, and how much remains to be done in the next world is a subject for discussion.
 - a. **Matthew: Chapters 8 and 9** – Jesus heals.

- b. **Matthew 8:17** – A reference to **Isaiah 53:4**

Jesus cleansed the leper.

Centurion's servant was healed.

Peter's mother-in-law was healed.

Cast demons out of Gadarene demoniac

Healed a paralyzed man

Healed woman who had issue of blood for twelve years

Raised the ruler's dead daughter

5. Jesus is the same yesterday, **TODAY**, and forever.

- D. Faith to receive healing cannot be appropriated without knowledge of the Word.

Some say, "Pray for me to be healed." They ought to say, "Pray for me to know the Word. Teach me the Word so I can intelligently cooperate for my healing."

1. **The Word is the Seed** – A farmer won't expect a crop unless he plants seed.
2. The Word has **inherent power**.
 - a. **Isaiah 55:11** – The WORD spoken from my mouth SHALL ACCOMPLISH what I send it to do.
 - b. **Hebrews 4:12** – The Word is sharp, quick, and powerful.
3. **Proverbs 4:20-22** (KJV) – *My son, **attend** to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.*

*Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those who find them, and **health** to all their flesh.*

The Hebrew word for health is “medicine.”

4. **Exodus 15:26** – Isaac Leiser’s translation says, “I am the Lord thy physician.”

By putting **Proverbs 4:22** and **Exodus 15:26** together, we find: **I am the Lord thy physician, and the medicine I prescribe is My Word.**

5. **Psalm 107:20** – He sent His Word and **IT** healed them.

E. Summary:

1. Healing is God’s will. He is for wholeness.
2. We receive healing through faith (like everything else).

II. The Perfect Will Of God/The Permissive Will Of God (His perfect will, more perfect will, and most perfect will)

A. **Psalm 139:1** – . . . *you have searched me [thoroughly] and have known me.*

1. **Isaiah 57:1** – The righteous man perishes, and no one considers that he is being taken away from calamity to come.
2. (Share about Bill and Geri Valentine)
3. (Share about my sickness for five years)
4. Bible example of God knowing our weakness

Paul (II Corinthians 12:7-12)

5. **Job**

- a. God **knew** Job – He knew Job would be able to go through and come out better off in the end.
- b. Job was righteous but also had some **self-righteousness** through his troubles. He was brought into a place of greater humility; and therefore, he was equipped to handle greater blessings.
- c. **I Corinthians 10:13**
(Read in the Amplified Bible)

God never allows more to come on us than what we can bear.

Faith

Foundation Scriptures:

Romans 12:3 – We have been given the faith to do what we are **called** to do – not everything we **WANT** to do.

Mark 11:12-14, 20-24

I. Faith – Measure Or Gift

- A. Belief **in** God and faith **of** God are two different things.
 - 1. **Galatians 2:20** – Paul said he lived now by the faith of God.
- B. **Faith** – One of the nine Gifts of the Spirit
 - 1. **God gives faith** according to **many, many factors**.
- C. Real faith is not a struggle (**Hebrews: Chapter 4**).
 - 1. How to get all the faith you need:
Seek the Healer – not the healing.
 - 2. Seek – Require as a vital necessity.

II. There Are Many, Many Factors Involved In Getting An END RESULT.

- A. **III John: 2** – Beloved, I would above all else that you prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers.
- B. Prosperity and the factors involved in God multiplying His people are good examples.
- C. God calling a person into ministry is a good example.
 - 1. The call is a factor.
 - 2. Training (soldiers)

3. Experience – Even Jesus got experience (**Hebrews: Chapter 5**).
Jesus got experience and equipment for His office as High Priest through the things He suffered (or went through).
 4. Preparation of others who will be involved
- D. Timing – God’s timing
1. Jesus got a little ahead of God’s plan as a boy at the temple. He wanted to be about His Father’s business, but his parents took him home.

III. Patience

- A. Between faith and manifestation, there must be **PATIENCE**.
1. **Hebrews 10:35-36** – You have need of patience so you may receive what is promised.
 2. **Hebrews 12:1** – Run with patience the race set before you.
 3. **Luke 21:19** – *In your patience possess ye your souls.*
(If you do not possess your soul, it will possess you.)
 - a. To have patience is even greater than to have healing.
 - b. **James 1:4** – When you have patience, you are perfect and entire – wanting or lacking in nothing.
- B. Patience (Greek) – An abiding under. Abide = Rest
- C. While you are being patient:
1. ATTEND to the Word (**Proverbs 4:20-22**).
 2. SEEK the Healer – **NOT** the healing.
- D. **John 11:4-7** – Lazarus
- Jesus waited (purposely). Lazarus was stinking by the time Jesus showed up.

Why Do People Get Sick?

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A. Sin - Sin and sickness are found linked together in the Word.

1. **Isaiah 53:4-5** – He bore sin, guilt, and sickness – the chastisement needful to obtain peace.
2. **Psalm 103:3** – Who forgives all your iniquities; Who heals all your diseases
3. **James 5:15** – The prayer of faith will restore him; and **if** he has committed sin, it **will be** forgiven him.

Sickness is always a result of sin, but not always personal sin.

4. **Matthew 9:2** – Jesus forgave the paralytic's sins before He healed him.
5. **John 9:1-3** – Boy born blind
 - a. Not his sin or his parents' sin, but that God's power might be displayed in him
 - b. Elaborate on the sins of our parents

Before the fall, no infirmity existed.
6. You might say that sickness and death both resulted from sin.
 - a. Sin spread to all men. (**Romans 7:20** – Sin nature)
 - b. Sickness spread to all men (or we might say, the sin principle has weakened my body; and it now has the ability to decay)

- c. **Romans 7:23-25** – He will release me from this **body** of death – in the meantime, **trust Him to be** “the life of your body.”

Example: A professor noted to his students that although germs had been isolated (and it is now known that certain germs cause certain illnesses), no explanation can be given as to why ten people can walk into a room where the germ is, and they don't all get sick. Are the strong (physically) spared while the weak get sick with the germ? No, often it is the opposite. The strong get sick while the weak stay well! The professor said there must be supernatural causes.

- B. Rebellion and disobedience (other terms for sin)

Exodus 15:26 – . . . *If you will diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord your God and will do what is right in His sight, and will listen to and obey His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases upon you which I brought upon the Egyptians, for **I am the Lord Who heals you.***

- C. Sinning against your body

1. Improper rest, food, or lack of exercise
2. Schedule that is too heavy, creating a lot of stress

NOTE: Medically speaking, stress is known today as the major cause of sickness.

3. A doctor said, “If I could sell ‘**peace**’ in capsules, I could wipe out 60-100 percent of all dis-ease (disease).”

- D. Lack of knowledge

Hosea 4:6 – People perish for lack of knowledge.

- E. Satan is attacking for the sole purpose of discouragement and to prevent you from going forward in God or in His service.

1. **I Corinthians 16:9** – A wide door of opportunity has opened unto me and with it many adversaries.
 2. This seems to be the one most people quickly are ready to believe – remember: it is one cause, but only one.
- F. **Ephesians 4:25-27** – **Unforgiveness** and all its relatives (bitterness, resentment, repressed anger, strife, judgment, etc.)

GIVE NO SUCH PLACE TO THE DEVIL.

NOTE: I believe that sickness is the result of sin in the world. We often provide a condition for sickness to attach itself to us through **personal sin** (although this is not always the case). I suggest we ask for forgiveness **first** and healing afterwards.

II. The Believer's Attitude Toward Sickness

- A. Each time a believer falls ill, he or she should inquire after its cause.
 1. Not unto condemnation, but unto correction
- B. To be patient and bear forth the Fruit of the Spirit **during** the time of recovery
- C. Beware of sins such as complaining, self-pity, and comparisons.
- D. Beware of **using** the sickness to your advantage.
 1. To get your way
 2. To get people to wait on you
 3. Etc.
- E. A believer should resist sickness the same as you would resist sin.
 1. Use your will against it.

2. Don't allow it to control you.
- F. Don't cater to it (**the sickness**) by talking about it incessantly, having your attention on it continually, or pampering yourself any more than is needful to cooperate with your healing.
1. Despise it (the sickness).

NOTE: Michael Molinos (1600's) wrote:

*Therefore, dear one, look upon these difficult times as great happiness. The more you are beset, the more you should rejoice (**James: Chapter 1**) in peace. Do not be sad. Thank God for the favor He is doing you.*

[JM – Thank Him for the spiritual progress you are making while the natural man is having trouble.]

Simply despise what is happening to you. Nothing unnerves your enemy more as when he sees himself despised in all he is doing against one of God's children.

- G. Do not fear death!!!
1. **Philippians 1:21** – For to me to live is Christ, to die is gain.
 2. **I Corinthians 15:55** – Death no longer has a sting.
- H. **SEEK GOD** (each time you get sick) about how to handle the practical side.
1. Example: Should I go to the doctor? After going, should I follow their advice – hospital, operation, etc.?
 2. There is a spiritual side and a practical side to healing – **seek God.**

III. More Reasons Why People Get Sick

- A. Independent spirit

1. They do everything according to their will, and they do it by themselves.
- B. Sickness can be used as a **halter** to pull the believer into the center of God's will.
1. Watchman Nee, F.F. Bosworth, and others agree on this point – especially if the believer has a high calling on their life.
- C. Watchman Nee said, “To put it bluntly, many are sick because they love themselves too much.”
1. Unless this self-love is removed from their hearts, God cannot use them.

Why Do Some Get Healed Quickly While Others Have To Wait?

I. Why Do Some Get Healed Quickly While Others Have To Wait?

- A. Miracles and healing are two entirely different processes.
- B. We are individuals (not to be individualistic). God has a different plan for each person's life. Sometimes **WAITING** is more beneficial than receiving quickly.

Trust God.

II. Reasons Why People Don't Get Healed

- A. Ignorance concerning Jesus as Healer and the power of the Word
- B. They fail to pray – You have not because you ask not (**James 4:2**).

Pride keeps people from asking.
- C. Their own confession annuls the power of their prayer.
- D. Community unbelief
- E. Unbelief on the part of the elder or minister praying for them
- F. Some are not healed because their sickness is the result of an evil spirit that must be cast out.
 - 1. Need discernment
 - 2. Look at Jesus' ministry

- G. Some fail to receive because they regard iniquity in their heart.
- H. **Lukewarmness** – Be hot or cold, or I will spew you out of My mouth.
Be zealous for the Lord and His work – sold out, on fire, etc.
- I. An unforgiving spirit – Be quick to forgive in **ALL** offenses.
(Mark 11:25)
- J. Some get weak in faith by watching their symptoms.
1. **Hebrews 12:2** – *Looking away [from all that will distract] to Jesus . . .*
- K. Some don't **ACT** on their faith.
1. Get up
 2. Go
 3. Give, do, etc.
- L. Some fail to receive because:
1. When tested, they cast away their confidence (change their mind – **become double-minded**).
 2. They base their faith on their improvement rather than the Word and God's promise.
- M. They think they don't deserve it; they look at themselves, and they should be looking at **Jesus**.
1. **Hebrews 12:2** – *Looking away [from all that will distract] to Jesus . . .*
 2. **Numbers 21:8** – Everyone that looketh shall live.
 3. **James 5:17** – Elijah had a nature just like ours.

N. Some are trying to **GET** healed, and they should be **RECEIVING** healing.

O. **Unhappiness** causes many not to receive (or if they do receive in one area, a new affliction soon arises).

1. Unhappiness is an open door for a spirit of infirmity.

a. **Proverbs 17:22** (KJV) – *A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: But a broken spirit [depression and all its relatives] drieth the bones.*

b. **Proverbs 15:13** – *A glad heart makes a cheerful countenance, but by sorrow of heart the spirit is broken.*

Verse 15 – *All the days of the desponding and afflicted are made evil [by anxious thoughts and forebodings], but he who has a glad heart has a continual feast [regardless of circumstances].*

P. Negativism, guilt, fear, stress, frustration, worry, etc. cause much disease and prevents many healings.

Q. They try to get it outside in rather than inside out.

**Power is ministered first to your spirit,
then DISTRIBUTED to your body.**

R. They never **RELAX** enough for the healing power in them to flow to the affected area.

III. Conclusion

In conclusion, the Lord Jehovah (Jehovah Raphah) said to the Israelites that if they would follow His ways and obey Him, they could expect to be free from the diseases that they had seen the Egyptians have.

- A. Live for the Lord, walk in His ways, and **trust Him. Be patient,** and **He WILL** bring it to pass.
- B. **Psalm 37:5** – Commit your way to the Lord; trust also in Him, and He WILL bring it to pass.
- C. **Psalm 107:20**

He sends His Word, and it heals them.

