



Divine Healing

Sermon Outline

Introduction

Divine healing has its source in God himself as outlined in Scripture. We have strong support for believing in the doctrine and ministry of divine healing.

Message

1. God healed in the Old Testament
 - a. Abimelech, his wife, and maidservants (Genesis 20:17)
 - b. Israelites, as Jehovah Rapha (Exodus 15:26; 23:25)
 - c. Miriam, healed of leprosy (Numbers 12:13)
 - d. Those bitten by serpents (Numbers 21:8,9)
 - e. Widow's son, who was revived (1 Kings 17:21,22)
 - f. Naaman, healed of leprosy (2 Kings 5:14)
 - g. Hezekiah, whose life was extended (2 Kings 20:5,6)
 - h. David who believed in healing (Psalm 103:2,3)

2. Jesus is a Healer
 - a. Isaiah prophesied concerning Jesus (Isaiah 43:5)
 - b. Jesus fulfilled the prophecy (Matthew 8:16,17; 1 Peter 2:24)
 - c. Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil (1 John 3:8)
 - d. The four Gospels record 41 distinct instances of physical and mental healings
 - e. Countless healings took place (Matthew 4:23,24; Acts 10:38; John 21:25)
(One-fifth of the Gospel accounts are devoted to Jesus' healing ministry and the discussion occasioned by it. Out of 3,779 verses, 727 relate specifically to healing of physical and mental illness and raising the dead.)

3. Jesus' followers ministered healing
 - a. The twelve disciples (Matthew 10:1; Mark 6:1,13; Luke 9:1,2; Hebrews 2:3,4)
 - b. Seventy appointed (Luke 10:1,9)
 - c. Peter and the cripple (Acts 3)
 - d. The Jerusalem Church (Acts 4:29,30; 5:12-16)
 - e. Stephen (Acts 6:8)
 - f. Philip (Acts 8:5-7)
 - g. Ananias (Acts 9:12,17)
 - h. Paul (Acts 14:3,8-10; 19:11,12; 28:2,9; Romans 15:18,19)

4. Healing is a part of church life and ministry
 - a. Included in the Great Commission (Mark 16:15-20; John 14:12)
 - b. Linked with the Communion service (1 Corinthians 11:29,30)
 - c. Listed among the gifts of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:9,28,30)
 - d. Instructed by James (James 5:14-16)

5. Modern church history and experience testify to healing

- a. Countless cases are recorded
- b. Doctors are confirming many healings
- c. Pastors, evangelists and missionaries are witnessing healings (John Wesley, in his journal, records about 240 cases of healing in answer to prayer.)
- d. Members of your congregation testify to healing
- e. You have been healed personally

Conclusion

Jesus is our Healer. He healed in the past, is healing in the present, and will heal in the future (Hebrews 13:8). The final great manifestation of His healing power will be the destruction of sickness, pain and death forever (Revelation 21:4,1; 1 Corinthians 15:26).

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