

HEALING

- I. Some Biblical references to healing
 - A. Hebrew word *rapha* - "to heal"
Lev. 13:18,37; 14:3 - "it has healed...the scale has healed"
Deut. 28:27,35 - "the itch from which you cannot be healed"
Ps. 41:4 - "Heal my soul, for I have sinned"
Isa. 6:10 - "repent and be healed"
Isa. 53:5 - "by His scourging we are healed"
 - B. Greek word *therapeuo* - "to heal, cure, serve"
Matt. 9:35 - "healing every kind of disease and sickness"
Matt. 14:14 - "healed their sick"
Luke 13:14 - "healed on the Sabbath"
 - C. Greek word *iaomai* - "to heal"
Luke 6:18 - "healed of their diseases"
James 5:16 - "pray for one another, so that you may be healed"
I Pet. 2:24 - "by His wounds you were healed"
 - D. Greek word *hygies* - "whole, healthy"
Luke 6:10 - "his hand was restored"
John 5:4,9,11,14 - "made well"
- II. The problem of sickness and evil
 - A. Why is there sickness and disease in the world?
 - B. Is sickness and disease just a result of natural causes?
 - C. Is sickness and disease a result of man's sin?
 - II Chron. 26:19 - "Uzziah enraged...leprosy broke out"
 - Jn. 5:14 - "do not sin, so that nothing worse may befall you"
 - D. Is sickness and disease therefore a divine punishment upon man?
 - Jn. 9:2,3 - "who sinned? Neither this man nor his parents"
 - Rev. 16:2 - "wrath of God...malignant sores"
 - E. Is such punishment collective or individual?
 - F. Does God use sickness and disease as means of developing patience?
 - G. Is sickness and disease a result of the devil's evil and destructive work?
 - Job 2:6 - "God to Job, "He is in your power..."
 - Matt. 12:22-28 - "cast out Satan"
 - Lk. 8:2 - "evil spirits and sicknesses"
 - Lk. 13:11 - "a sickness caused by a spirit"
 - II Cor. 12:7 - "a messenger of Satan"
 - H. Is sickness and disease contrary to God's intent and will for man?
 - I. Is sickness and disease in the body of a Christian a result of personal sin?
 - II Cor. 11:30 - "for this reason many are weak and sick"
- III. Healing and the Will of God
 - A. Is sickness and disease ever within the will of God?
 - B. Does God ever will that people are ill?
 - Ex. 4:11 - "Who makes man dumb, deaf or blind? I, the Lord?"
 - II Cor. 12:7 - "there was given to me a thorn in the flesh"
 - C. Does God use illness for His own glory?
 - Jn. 9:3 - "that the works of God may be displayed"
 - Jn. 11:4 - "this sickness is for the glory of God"

- D. Does God intend for all sickness to be healed in Christians?
- Gal. 4:13-15 - Paul - "bodily illness"
Phil. 2:25-30 - Epaphroditus was sick
I Tim. 5:23 - "take a little wine for stomach"
II Tim. 4:20 - Trophimus sick at Miletus

IV. Healing and the atonement

- A. Is physical healing inherent in the effects and benefits of the atonement?
- Matt. 8:17 - "He took our infirmities and carried away our diseases"
Isa. 53:4,5 - "Took our griefs, carried our sorrows...By His scourgings we are healed."
- B. Does such teaching necessarily posit the immorality of physical bodies?
- C. Can it be said that the ultimate healing is physical death?
- Rev. 21:4 - "no more crying, pain or death"

V. Healing and faith

- A. Is God's healing predicated on the sick persons's faith?
1. Instances where healing linked with faith
Matt. 9:29 - "according to your faith"
Mk. 5:34 - "your faith has made you well"
Lk. 7:9 - "such great faith"
Lk. 17:19 - "your faith has made you well"
2. Instances where healing not linked with faith
Lk. 13:11-13 - "you are freed from your sickness"
Lk. 14:4 - "healed them and sent him away"
Lk. 22:51 - "healed him"
- B. Uses and abuses of faith-healing
Matt. 7:22 - "I never knew you"
II Cor. 11:13 - "deceitful workers, disguising themselves"
Rev. 13:11-14 - "beast performs great signs"
- Many fraudulent counterfeits of healing, as people of the world seek the supernatural and conclude that anything that appears supernatural must be of God.

VI. Healing as a spiritual gift

- A. Does God give to some Christians His divine power to be the vessels through whom He heals supernaturally?
- I Cor. 12:9 - "gifts of healing"
I Cor. 12:28 - "gifts of healins"
I Cor. 12:30 - "All do not have gifts of healings, do they?"
- B. Does this preempt natural medical healing? Ex. Christian Science
Mk. 2:17 - "the sick have need of a physician"
Lk. 10:34 - "bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them"
I Tim. 5:23 - "take a little wine for your stomach"