

Introduction:

- We have covered in this series on healing:
 - 210428 The Causes of Sickness And Disease - If I know what cause sickness, I live towards prevention and respond to it accordingly.
 - 210505 Misconceptions About God Regarding Healing - for lack of understanding, many have believed lies about God and shut themselves out of God's provision for their healing. In short they believe wrongly.
 - 210602 Healing Is Found In Redemption. If we can see from God's word what He has done for us then we can trust Him for our healing.
 - God's Will Is To Heal - Many people struggle over the question: "Is it God's will to heal?" The answer is a resounding, "YES!" when we look at the Word of God.
- Without a resounding, "Yes!" we will never have the confidence to stand before God and ask in faith. Faith is substance and evidence therefore it gives the believer confidence before God. We need confidence when it comes to healing. We need all manner of wavering/doubt to go away from our thoughts.

I. Expressions of Doubt Or Lack of Confidence In God**A. Doubt expressions**

1. This may be 'the cross' that He has called me to bear.
2. God is teaching me a lesson.
3. If it be your will heal me.
4. I have sinned and deserve this sickness.
5. Pray and hope for the best.
6. Pray for healing or take a medicine?

B. These are the very types of thoughts that rob so many people of their healing.

1. Each one is an expression of "If it be Your will?????"
2. There is not the sound of faith or trust in God in any of the doubt expressions.
3. We need confidence in the finished work of Christ and it is not there when the above doubt expressions are in our thoughts.

II. What Do We Know About God? What do we know about God as it relates to being His will to heal?**A. First of all we know that God never changes!**

1. "*I am the Lord, and I do not change...*" (Malachi 3:6, NLT)
2. "*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.*" (Hebrews 13:8, NLT)
3. "*Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow.*" (James 1:17, NLT)
4. "*...for I am the Lord who heals you.*" (Ex 15:26 NLT).
 - a) 'I am' is present tense. Meaning right now. He is not, "I was" the Lord your healer.
 - b) Because He is our healer and he never changes...not even in the slightest shadow we can have confidence in Him/trust Him.

B. Secondly, Everyone who came to Jesus for healing was healed!

1. Two people shouldn't have been because they were not in the scope of Jesus mission (to the sheep of Israel) They were Gentiles.

- a) Mt 8:5-ff the Roman officer. Of who Jesus said, "*I have not seen such great faith in all of Israel.*" The officer had confidence in the will of God. Appeal to authority.
 - b) The Canaanite woman. Jesus referred to her as a dog but she trusted and appealed to His mercy. (Hesed). And Jesus said of her, "*your faith is great your request is granted.*" She had confidence in the will of God. Appeal to mercy.
2. We do not find in scripture any who came to Jesus and were turned away by him. He healed all who came to Him.
- C. Our faith/confidence rests on two things.
1. The Word of God, which is unchanging.
 - a) "*Your eternal word, O Lord, stands firm in heaven.*" (Psalm 119:89, NLT)
 - b) "*Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away*". (Matthew 24:35, ESV)
 - c) The promises are given to all, but only those who believe receive.
 2. The character of God, which is unchanging. See above...He never changes.
- D. Doubt is still a thief...then and now.
1. Doubt causes our confidence in God to slowly fade.
 2. Doubt causes us to be more confident in our 'senses' rather than the Eternal Word.
 3. "*And Jesus answered them, "Have faith in God. Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."*" (Mark 11:22-24, ESV) Mt 21:21 says, "*If you have faith...*"
 - a) The goal then is we must grow our faith.
 - b) From little faith to great faith.
 - c) To move mountains and 'do in' fig trees you have to have confidence in what God has said. You have to know His will is to heal. It is found in the Word not in our opinions or unanswered prayer.
 4. Here is a good thought: "In order to doubt you have to have something to believe. In other words, doubt challenges what you know." Leon Van Rooyen.
 - a) Doubt is activated by a decision.
 - b) Mt 14:26-ff. Peter started to sink when he began trusting His senses and not the Word. Ie. How we lose our healings or start sinking into sickness.
- E. Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil.
1. "*... The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.*" (1 John 3:8, ESV)
 2. Luke 4:18 preach to the Good New to the poor, heal the broken hearted, proclaim liberty to captives, recovery to sight to blind, free the oppressed.
 3. "*This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "He took our illnesses and bore our diseases."*" (Matthew 8:17, ESV) It was prophesied that He would heal.
- F. He blatantly said, "*I am willing.*" We are back to His unchanging Word.
1. "*On one occasion, a leper came and threw himself down in front of Jesus, pleading for his healing, saying, "You have the power to heal me right now if only you really want to!" Being deeply moved with tender compassion, Jesus reached out and touched the*

skin of the leper and told him, "Of course I want you to be healed—so now, be cleansed!"" (Mark 1:40–41, TPT)

2. No gray areas here. Jesus is clearly willing to heal the man.
3. Jesus was clearly willing to heal all who came to Him.

III. The Activation of the Saints

- A. The twelve: "*Jesus gathered his twelve disciples and imparted to them authority to cast out demons and to heal every sickness and every disease.*" (Matthew 10:1, TPT)
 1. The 12 were sent out to heal...every sickness and every disease.
 2. This is how Jesus commissioned the 12.
- B. The seventy:
 1. Jesus send out the seventy in pairs. That is 35 teams released at once with this command...
 2. vs. 9 Heal the sick and tell them he Kingdom of God is near you now!
- C. All believers:
 1. Mark 16:15-18 they will lay hands on the sick and they will recover.
 2. "*And the disciples went everywhere and preached, and the Lord worked through them, confirming what they said by many miraculous signs.*" (Mark 16:20, NLT)

Conclusion:

- Knowing it is Gods will to heal gives us the confidence to lay hands on the sick and see them recover and to also believe for our own healing.
- Church, He is willing!