

# Does God always heal the sick through prayers only?

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The bible says that the sick, if brought to the church for prayers will get healed if the prayer of faith is offered. So, does it mean that all sick people if prayed for in faith will always be healed? Let's talk about reality, because reality is the truth of a matter. If faith praying helps heal the sick all the time, then how come in reality this is not the case. No one can refute this statement, because in reality; this is the truth. What went wrong? Did the bible lie? Or did the pastors get it wrong when they preached it?

Did God promise to heal everyone who got sick who asked for healing? Believers and non- believers alike? Let's take a look at all the healing scriptures in the bible.

James 5:13-16 (New International Version)

## **The Prayer of Faith**

13 Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. 14 Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over

them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. 16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

Exodus 15:26 (New International Version)

26 He said, "If you listen carefully to the LORD your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, who heals you."

Exodus 23:25 (New International Version)

25 Worship the LORD your God, and his blessing will be on your food and water. I will take away sickness from among you,

Isaiah 53:4-5 (New International Version)

4 Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

Jeremiah 30:16-18 (New International Version)

16 "But all who devour you will be devoured; all your enemies will go into exile.

Those who plunder you will be plundered; all who make spoil of you I will despoil.

17 But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds, declares the LORD,

'because you are called an outcast, Zion for whom no one cares.'

18 “This is what the LORD says: “I will restore the fortunes of Jacob’s tents and have compassion on his dwellings; the city will be rebuilt on her ruins, and the palace will stand in its proper place.

2 Chronicles 7:14-15 (New International Version)

14 if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. 15 Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place.

Isaiah 38:16-17 (New International Version)

16 Lord, by such things people live; and my spirit finds life in them too.

You restored me to health and let me live.

17 Surely it was for my benefit that I suffered such anguish. In your love you kept me from the pit of destruction; you have put all my sins behind your back.

Proverbs 4:20-22 (New International Version)

20 My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my words.

21 Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart;

22 for they are life to those who find them and health to one’s whole body.

Proverbs 17:22 (New International Version)

22 A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.

1 Peter 2:24 (New International Version)

24 “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.”

James 5:16 (New International Version)

16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

Malachi 4:2 (New International Version)

2 But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves.

Matthew 9:35 (New International Version)

### **The Workers Are Few**

35 Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.

Luke 6:19 (New International Version)

19 and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

Matthew 8:1-3 (New International Version)

### **Jesus Heals a Man With Leprosy**

8 When Jesus came down from the mountainside, large crowds followed him. 2 A man with leprosy[a] came and knelt before him and said, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.”

3 Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!"  
Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy.

Psalm 103:2-4 (New International Version)

2 Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—

3 who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

4 who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,

Psalm 107:20 (New International Version)

20 He sent out his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave.

I have given you enough scripture here to show that God wants to heal us, if we repent. We are afflicted with sickness because of disobedience. Because the bible says if you listen to his commandments, he will not put any disease upon you. Sickness comes from two sources of abuse one is physical abuse by eating abnormal food and by pushing the limits of the body without giving it enough rest or being involved in an accident The other is spiritual, our worries, anxiety, fear and sins causes us to develop sickness.

So how then can God heal you? God will only heal you if your disease cannot be cured by the doctors. For all curable diseases please go to the doctors because God also created them to help alleviate some of our sickness. This is my advice.

God heals those who cannot be healed by the doctors through the prayer of faith. The faith that is mentioned in the bible is not self-exercised faith by exertion. No one can exercise faith by assumption, that's self-imaged delusional faith. Faith is a gift of the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 2:8 (New International Version)

8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—

Hebrews 11:1 (New International Version)

### **Faith in Action**

11 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

Faith like the Holy Spirit is very often misunderstood because people think by believing in God; we automatically have faith. Believing is one thing, faith is another. Faith is a gift from God, you can't exert it from your own free will. Trust is the hope that what you believe will happen; it's still not faith. Trust comes from seeing that someone is proven to be able to keep whatever he promises, and that can happen only when we see him fulfilling whatever he promises us all the time. That's how trust is developed. Faith is expecting something to happen when it is told to us but we do not see it manifested yet. Hoping for something to happen because we read it in the bible is not faith. Faith gives the assurance of what we haven't seen happening yet. It assures that what we hope for will happen. This assurance comes from God, and it can never be counterfeited by any human supposition.

Hebrews 11:6 (New International Version)

6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

1 Corinthians 12:7-11 (New International Version)

7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8 To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues,[a] and to still

another the interpretation of tongues.[b] 11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

Therefore, we cannot adhere to a single scripture and make a doctrine out of it as scripture cannot go against itself, it cannot be broken. All scripture will be in alignment. So, faith is a gift of God and prayers offered by a person who has been given faith by God will heal the sick. If so, why then is there another gift of healing? It goes to show that healing can also be done by those who have received the gift of healing from the Holy Spirit of God.

Mark 11:22-23 (New International Version)

22 "Have faith in God," Jesus answered. 23 "Truly[a] I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them.

So why did Jesus say to have faith in God as if we can conjure faith from our own mind. He literally says if you believe enough, you can move mountains by what you say. Have you tried to move mountains by saying with a doubt in your heart? Did the mountain moved, of course not, otherwise it will be all over the news?

Jesus wasn't saying you can do that by yourself, he was saying if the gift of faith in you is totally complete devoid of any doubt you can move mountains. He knows we do not have mountain moving faith. Honestly, to have total faith you have to meet God face to face. So how does God give us faith?

Romans 10:17 (New King James Version)

17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Faith can come or be increased when we hear the Rhema word of God from his own mouth. When God tells us He is going to heal this person or that person from this sickness or that sickness, it will be done for them. But only if the preacher, evangelist or that prophet hears from God. And if they speak from their own desire or human emotions, nothing can take place. God will never permit anything to happen outside his Sovereign will. If God did not decree healing for anyone, no one can be healed. Therefore, it's not always that God will grant healing, but it's always that if the person repented, that God always grants healing. Repentance must be a truthful, wholehearted occurrence before healing can proceed.

I have personally witnessed healing when God told me that the person has hatred for her husband and that's why she has a stroke. After repenting when I gave her the word of the Lord, she repented. And she recovered a week later from her 30 days of stroke, laying in the hospital unable to move.

A second incident was about a pastor having been diagnosed with nose cancer. The Lord told me that he had judged a person very severely and thus the sickness has fallen onto his nose. Initially, he said he hasn't sinned, but I told him to go home and think about what I said. God cannot lie. Unless I heard wrong, but it proved to be right as he recalled; he also repented and the cancer was gone.

Another occasion, I accompanied my pastor friend to visit an Indonesian Taiwanese businessman as he was sick and needed surgery at our hospital. When I prayed for him, I saw in a vision three things, a housefly that was the size of a coffee table, a cobra with a metre in diameter head, and an eight-foot-long tiger. These three things told me the man is very evil, unclean and very proud and aggressive. So, I told my pastor friend not to pray for him as God has no desire to heal him. But my pastor friend said, the people requested him to pray for healing and he believes God will heal everyone. That's his own theological thoughts, it's got nothing to do with the will of God. A few days and after paying \$30,000 of medical bills the man died. I remembered the story of Saul and the human pressure he felt from his army when he took over Samuel offering service to God. He sinned.



On another occasion, my car collided with a Mercedes Benz and I spoke with the lady driver, she said she was rushing to see her sister in the hospital. So, I asked her what's wrong with her, and she told me that her sister was having cancer and dying. I offered to pray for her and when I got there, I saw a withering flower that's about to die in a vision. But because I felt compassion for her, I prayed for her healing and didn't want to accept the withering flower vision. Thinking that if I declare by faith that I could save her, but to no avail, she still died. From then onwards, I always stick to what I see or hear to declare healing or no healing.

John 5:30 (New King James Version)

30 I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.

John 5:19-20 (New King James Version)

19 Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. 20 For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.

John 15:5 (New King James Version)

5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

By these experiences, I know that it's not always the will of God to heal everyone who comes to him. But if you move in the Word of Faith by self-declaration without hearing from God, you'll always be confused why some you prayed for got healed and some don't. Yet you'll never know why because you don't know the truth, the truth is not in the Word of Faith but in hearing the Word of God. Jesus himself can't do anything without his father's instructions and he also tells us that without his permission we can also do nothing, this shows if you just read one verse then you go and do whatever it says; you will not be

established on solid rock. There is a very important teaching in the bible, if adhered to it, you'll be able to read the bible properly.

Deuteronomy 19:15 (New King James Version)

The Law Concerning Witnesses

15 "One witness shall not rise against a man concerning any iniquity or any sin that he commits; by the mouth of two or three witnesses the matter shall be established.

It took me awhile in deep meditation to fully understand that a witness in the bible need not be a person. That a rock or a pile of stone can also be a witness. It then strikes me that scripture is also a witness, so you can't use a single scripture to establish a truth. You have to use multiple scripture to define the meaning of a teaching, like faith. Knowing this key helps me to fully comprehend the bible teachings correctly.