

SESSION 1

YES, IT IS GOD'S WILL TO HEAL!

*...your instant healing flowed
from His wounding.*

(1 Peter 2:24b TPT)

SESSION PURPOSE

How often have we heard the phrase, "If it be God's will" in conjunction with healing? The purpose of this study session is to settle once and for all, that there is no IF in God's will to heal. Healing is an integral part of our salvation, paid in full when Jesus died for us. Healing of the spirit, soul, and body; forgiveness of sin; and eternal salvation go hand in hand and should never be separated.

FOUNDATION ONE

In this section, we will study 3 foundational pieces of scriptural evidence that it is God's will to heal!

Scriptural Evidence #1: Isaiah 53:4-5 (NKJV)

Isaiah prophesied the coming of our Redeemer 700 years before His birth!

⁴ Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

Word study: The Old Testament was written in the Hebrew language. The words that are underlined in the Isaiah scripture above have very rich, deep meaning, that isn't adequately translated into English. If you look these words up in a Strong's Concordance (Hebrew numbers and words are included below), you'll uncover layers of meaning that reveal God's will to heal! You may want to do this word study on your own! You can access an easy-to-use concordance at www.blueletterbible.com.

Write the meanings of the following words:

1. Griefs (H2483 – choliy)

2. Sorrows (H4341 – mak'ob)

3. Transgressions (H6588 – pasha)

4. Iniquities (H5771 – 'avon)

5. Chastisement (H4148 – muwcar)

6. Peace (H7965 – shalom)

7. Healed (H7495 – rapha)

- It is said that Jesus was given 39 stripes, because 40 would kill a man.

Isaiah 52:14b (NIV)

¹⁴ ... *his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being and his form marred beyond human likeness*

- Most medical doctors say that there are 39 classifications of sickness and disease. Every malady of mankind fits in one of these 39 categories! The 39 categories include physical sicknesses and pain, addictions, mental illness, emotional illness, and demonic possession. Jesus took a stripe for each category.

The Hebrew word *rapha* is actually one of the names of God; Yehovah Rapha ... LORD Healer! Often times the word *rapha* is misinterpreted to mean spiritual healing only. But that is simply not the full meaning of the Hebrew word. *Rapha* is used 67 times in the Old Testament, and it is translated “heal” 57 times! Here are a few examples of scriptures using the Hebrew word *rapha*:

2 Kings 20:5-6a (NKJV) – Physical healing

⁵ *“Return and tell Hezekiah the leader of My people, ‘Thus says the Lord, the God of David your father: “I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of the Lord. ⁶ And I will add to your days fifteen years.*

Psalms 103:1-5 (NKJV) – Forgiveness of sin, physical healing, eternal salvation and redemption from everlasting death

¹ *Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name!*

² *Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:*

³ *Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases,*

⁴ *Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,*

⁵ *Who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.*

Psalms 147:3 (AMP) – Healing of the soul

³ *He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds [healing their pain and comforting their sorrow].*

Now, read and soak in this personal paraphrase of Isaiah 53:4-5 that unveils God’s great promise for you!

Surely Jesus has borne my sickness and disease, and carried my mental, emotional and physical pain. He was wounded for my known and even my unknown sins. He was bruised for any deeply-rooted strongholds of sin within me. The penalty for my complete wholeness was upon Him; and by His stripes I am healed – spirit, soul, and body!

Scriptural Evidence #2: Matthew 8:16-17 (AMP)

Isaiah’s prophetic word was fulfilled by Jesus, through His ministry on this earth. A fulfilled prophecy means that the prophecy was verified, that the prediction was completed!

¹⁶When evening came, they brought to Him many who were under the power of demons; and He cast out the evil spirits with a word, and restored to health all who were sick [exhibiting His authority as Messiah], ¹⁷so that He fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: “He Himself took our infirmities [upon Himself] and carried away our diseases.”

8. How many were brought to Jesus?

9. How many did He heal?

10. What was the ultimate purpose for His healing?

11. What is the meaning of the word “infirmities” (G769 – *astheneia*)?

Scriptural Evidence #3: 1 Peter 2:24 (NKJV)

After Jesus had died as our Sacrificial Lamb, and had been raised as our Great Redeemer, the apostles went on to preach this amazing news about Jesus, our Healer!

²⁴who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness – by whose stripes you were healed.

Forgiveness of sin and healing of the soul and body are directly connected, just as they are in this God-breathed Scripture! Notice that in this one verse of Scripture, there are two distinct clauses. The first clause illuminates the truth that Jesus, our Savior, took our sins upon His own body in order to purchase our freedom from the power and the penalty of sin, and to give us the free gift of righteousness.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (TPT)

²¹ For God made the only one who did not know sin to become sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God through our union with him.

12. When do we actually die to sin and gain access to a life of righteousness?

But that's not all! Notice the second clause in this Scripture, separated from the first clause by a dash. The correct grammatical use of a dash is to connect two clauses when the second clause strongly relates back to the first clause. Before Jesus was crucified, he was whipped. That whip tore stripes into His holy flesh in order to provide for our healing. Jesus took the stripes on His holy back before He carried our sin to the cross. He paid for our healing before He paid for our sin!

13. What is the meaning of the word "healed" (G2390 – *iaomai*)?

The Greek word *iaomai* clearly refers to physical healing. It is used 28 times in the New Testament. Here are three examples!

Matthew 8:5-8, 13 (NKJV)

⁵ Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, ⁶ saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented."

⁷ And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him."

⁸ The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed."

¹³ Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.

Mark 5:29 (NKJV)

²⁹ Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction.

Luke 22:50-51 (NKJV)

⁵⁰ And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

⁵¹ But Jesus answered and said, "Permit even this." And He touched his ear and healed him.

FOUNDATION TWO

Now we look to the healing miracles of Jesus. God's perfect will to heal is evidenced (proven) through Jesus.

In the gospels, there are 23 accounts of Jesus healing specific individuals. Note that these biblical accounts included physical, emotional, and spiritual healings ... another piece of evidence that God wants us whole! Take time over the next few weeks to feed your heart with these healing accounts.

1. Man with leprosy: Matthew 8:2-4; Mark 1:40-42; Luke 5:12-13
2. The Centurion's Servant: Matthew 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-10
3. Peter's mother-in-law: Matthew 8:14-15; Mark 1:29-31; Luke 4:38-39
4. Gadarenes Demon Possessed man: Matthew 8:27-34; Mark 5:1-15; Luke 8:27-35
5. Paralyzed man: Matthew 9:2-7; Mark 2:3-12; Luke 5:18-25
6. Woman with issue of blood: Matthew 9:20-22; Mark 5:25-34; Luke 8:43-48
7. Two blind men: Matthew 9:27-31
8. Mute, demon-possessed man: Matthew 9:32-33
9. Man with a withered hand: Matthew 12:10-13; Mark 3:1-5; Luke 6:6-10
10. Blind and mute demon-possessed man: Matthew 12:22-23; Luke 11:14
11. Canaanite woman's daughter: Matthew 15:21-28; Mark 7:24-30
12. Boy with epilepsy: Matthew 17:14-21; Mark 9:17-29; Luke 9:38-43
13. Blind Bartimaeus: Matthew 20:29-34; Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-43
14. Deaf and mute man: Mark 7:31-37
15. Demon-possessed man in synagogue: Mark 1:23-26; Luke 4:33-35
16. Blind man from Bethsaida: Mark 8:22-26
17. Woman with 18-year infirmity: Luke 13:11-17
18. Man with dropsy (edema): Luke 14:1-6
19. Ten lepers: Luke 17:11-19
20. Restoring the servant of the high priest's severed ear: Luke 22:45-54
21. Official's son at Capernaum: John 4:46-54
22. Man crippled 38 years at Pool of Bethesda: John 5:1-15
23. Man born blind: John 9:1-41

In addition to the accounts of Jesus healing specific people with specific needs, there are 17 biblical accounts of Jesus healing all who were in need within a mass of people. Read the following 17 scriptures, and underline the words "all", "every", "many" and "multitude" as you read. May God open your eyes anew and show you His perfect will to heal!

1. **Matthew 4:23 (NKJV)**

²³ *And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.*

2. **Matthew 4:24 (NLT)**

²⁴News about him spread as far as Syria, and people soon began bringing to him all who were sick. And whatever their sickness or disease, or if they were demon possessed or epileptic or paralyzed—he healed them all.

3. **Matthew 8:16 (NLT)**

¹⁶That evening many demon-possessed people were brought to Jesus. He cast out the evil spirits with a simple command, and he healed all the sick.

4. **Matthew 9:35 (NKJV)**

³⁵Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

5. **Matthew 12:15 (NKJV)**

¹⁵But when Jesus knew it, He withdrew from there. And great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them all.

6. **Matthew 14:14 (NKJV)**

¹⁴And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.

7. **Matthew 14:34-36 (NKJV)**

³⁴When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret. ³⁵And when the men of that place recognized Him, they sent out into all that surrounding region, brought to Him all who were sick, ³⁶and begged Him that they might only touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched it were made perfectly well.

8. **Matthew 15:30-31 (NKJV)**

³⁰Then great multitudes came to Him, having with them the lame, blind, mute, maimed, and many others; and they laid them down at Jesus' feet, and He healed them. ³¹So the multitude marveled when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed made whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel.

9. **Matthew 19:2 (NKJV)**

²And great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them there.

10. **Matthew 21:14 (NKJV)**

¹⁴Then the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them.

11. **Mark 1:32-34a (NKJV)**

³²At evening, when the sun had set, they brought to Him all who were sick and those who were demon-possessed. ³³And the whole city was gathered together at the door. ³⁴Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; ...

12. Mark 3:9-10 (AMP)

⁹ And He told His disciples to have a small boat stand ready for Him because of the many people, so that they would not crowd Him; ¹⁰ for He had healed many, and as a result all who had diseases pressed around Him to touch Him.

13. Mark 6:56 (NKJV)

⁵⁶ Wherever He entered, into villages, cities, or the country, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged Him that they might just touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched Him were made well.

14. Luke 4:40 (NKJV)

⁴⁰ When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them.

15. Luke 6:17-19 (NKJV)

¹⁷ And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases, ¹⁸ as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed. ¹⁹ And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all.

16. Luke 7:21 (NKJV)

²¹ And that very hour He cured many of infirmities, afflictions, and evil spirits; and to many blind He gave sight.

17. Luke 9:11 (NKJV)

¹¹ But when the multitudes knew it, they followed Him; and He received them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who had need of healing.

Now ponder these questions ...

- Do you think that any of those whom Jesus healed were sinners?
- Do you think that everyone whom Jesus healed had “perfect” faith?
- Did Jesus ever refuse to heal anyone?
- Did Jesus ever turn anyone away who came to Him for healing?
- Did He ever tell anyone that it was God’s will for them to be sick?
- Did He ever tell anyone that He gave them sickness in order to teach them a lesson?
- Did He ever tell anyone that He gave them sickness in order to glorify God in some way?

Nowhere does the Bible say: Jesus healed all the people whom it was God’s will to heal and left the others sick!

JESUS HEALED THEM ALL, BECAUSE IT WAS GOD’S WILL FOR ALL TO BE HEALED!

FOUNDATION THREE

Jesus is a perfect reflection of His Father. Through Jesus, we can see the perfect will of God, we can see His love, His compassion, and His goodness. We can see the very heart and the very nature of God through Jesus!

Colossians 1:15a, 19 (AMP)

¹⁵ *He is the exact living image [the essential manifestation] of the unseen God [the visible representation of the invisible],*

¹⁹ *For it pleased the Father for all the fullness [of deity—the sum total of His essence, all His perfection, powers, and attributes] to dwell [permanently] in Him (the Son),*

1. Jesus is the _____ of the invisible God!

Hebrews 1:3a (AMPC)

³ *He is the sole expression of the glory of God [the Light-being, the out-raying or radiance of the divine], and He is the perfect imprint and very image of [God's] nature,*

2. Jesus is the sole expression of the _____.

3. He is the perfect imprint and the very image of God's _____.

Hebrews 13:8 (NKJV)

⁸ *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.*

4. If Jesus healed all when He ministered in flesh and blood on this earth 2000 years ago, He still heals today! He is the same, _____,
_____, and _____!

Jesus perfectly represented (re-presented) the Father. Jesus is perfect theology. Theology is the study of God and His relation to man. Do you base your theology on Jesus, or on experience?

If you're believing anything that can't be evidenced through Jesus, you need to change your belief!

SESSION 1: KEEPING GOD'S WORD*Receiving It, Loving It, Living It*

1. Is there anything you have believed in regards to healing that isn't evidenced through Jesus? Write it down. Go to God, and ask Him to reveal His truth, and to help you to receive His word and His will into the depth of your heart.
2. Spend time daily in the word, reading and meditating on gospel accounts of the healing miracles of Jesus. Use the lists provided in Foundation Two of this session.
3. In order to get the most out of this healing Bible study, re-read each Foundation during the week. Read the Scriptures aloud and take time to ponder them. Journal your thoughts and your questions. Allow the living word of God to become deeply engrafted into your heart.