

Exodus 15:22-27 – He will be Yahweh, your Healer, if we cooperate with Him.

Exodus 23:20 -33 – The promised blessings for those who worship Yahweh by obeying His commands includes “I will remove sickness from your midst.” Yahweh provides the right way to live that affords a good healthy life. The will of God for His children is the abundant life, but we must cooperate with Him. He cannot and will not violate self-determination.

Deuteronomy 7:12-8:20 – Yahweh will remove from you all sickness ...harmful diseases if we keep Him God in our lives.

The general principles regarding healing set forth in Exodus and Deuteronomy are foundational to understanding the subject. The overall principle is if we live the right way, we should enjoy good health and healing when necessary. If we live the wrong way – sinfully, the opposite is true. If we live a moral, God-centered life, and maintain proper diet and physical activity, health should result for this is God’s plan. If we do one and not the other, then the results may be different. If you eat dog food, you may get sick, and if you habitually sin, you may also become sick. We know exceptions to this overall truth.

Some teach that healing is for all, but the Scriptures do not support this claim. For the very section in which Yahweh promised health and life to His people, He ensured the opposite for their enemies. There was and is a definite requirement that He be our God and we pursue a lifestyle of holiness.

Yahweh knowing the nature of man does not require sinless perfection which is why sacrifices for sins were a large part of the Law. He did, however, absolutely require monotheistic loyalty and godly or righteous living with repentance when necessary. Yet, there are also exceptions to the rule. Such was the case with Naaman.

## All healing is a gift

All the many records of healings convincingly specify that all healing is a gift and no one earns or deserves it. We must be very careful not to slip into thinking good works are how we earn our healing. Just as with salvation, righteousness, and all the spiritual blessings, God provides healing as a gracious gift according to His loving mercy and never man’s works. However, salvation and righteousness are not given to everyone for many will have a miserable life now and eternal damnation in the end. Why? Freewill choice to accept Yahweh as your God and Jesus as your Lord are the fundamental requirement.

Ephesians 2:1-10

Psalm 103:1 – Many of us, if not all of us, start our relationship with God based upon self-concerned needs and desires. None of us continue in this walk unless we switch from self-concern to God-concern in which our involvement is about pleasing Him and not about Him pleasing us. Pursuing God or Christ to be healed is backwards. Our concern in our relationship with God should be to bless Him, not for Him to bless us.

103:2 – Our concern is to bless and honor Him, and we believe that He will do the same for us.

3 – Remember, do not forget.

6 – God’s people do become oppressed at times because we live in a fallen world and we have an active adversary in the devil.

8 – Psalms 86:5 and 6, 14-17; 111:3 and 4; 130:7 and 8; 145:8 and 9; Exodus 34:6, 7; Numbers 14:18; Isaiah 55:6, 7; Joel 2:13; Jonah 4:2; Neh. 9:17, 18; James 5:11

Psalm 91:1-16 – With long life I will satisfy him.

## New Covenant is greater, not less

Hebrews 7:22; 8:6-12 – All that we have read is from the Old Covenant. The New Covenant is greater, yea, much greater than the old. God will not do less, rather much more.

Hebrews 10:32-34 – It appears they were suffering some severe trials, in which they were tempted to give up on God. They had endured a similar trial before, and had been enabled to bear it. Recalling their past victory would help them in the present.

35 – Do the will of God, maintain confidence, endure, and in the end you will receive the promise. The topic in view is maintaining faith throughout life, especially when tribulations come, so that in the end you may enter the Kingdom.

Faith that endures does so by maintaining focus on the promise and not on the assaulting circumstances in the senses realm. Recalling past victories is helpful.

Lamentations 3:21-26

38 – Habakkuk 2:3 and 4



Hebrews 11:1 – Moffat’s translation - “Faith means we are convinced that we have what we do not see.”

2 – The patriarchs are a witness to us. The word “witness” in 12:1 is from the same root as “approval” in this verse.

3 – Although we see neither God nor the act of creation as described in Genesis 1:1, we have faith in the invisible and therefore understand.

For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. Romans 1:20

4 – God must have told both Cain and Abel the sacrifice that He desired, and Abel responded accordingly. Faith is always founded upon God’s gracious promise.

6 – Our faith is pleasing to God.

### **Faith is certainty that we have what we do not see.**

7 – Noah had never seen rain for the first time it rained was with the flood. Noah’s obedience and actions were the manifestation of his faith.

Matthew 6:25-34 – Anxiety, fear, and worry are evidence of unbelief. When we are confident that God will care for us, we live a Kingdom-bound life.

The main promise we continually embrace is that of the coming Kingdom. Throughout life there are many lesser promises that are the object of our faith.

## **Faith is acting on God's words**

Hebrews 11: 8-10 – Abraham did what God told Him to do without receiving the promise. Again we see the connection between faith and obedience. His actions were the evidence of his faith. We are tempted to doubt when we do not see the promise manifested when we think it should. Faith endures without seeing.



## **Faith is obedience to God's commands**

11 – Sarah's eyes were on God, not on herself.

Matthew 14:16-23 – Peter took his eyes off Christ and sank.

## **Faith stays focused on God or Christ and not on circumstances.**

13-16 – We can have faith without receiving the promises of our focus. Faith is seen in the senses world by our behavior.

Mark 11:24 – Jesus commands us to believe we “have received” the things we pray for at the time we pray. Faith is the evidence of things not seen, so once you receive the blessing, faith ends.

Luke 17:3-5 – The apostle had a hard time relating to his command to forgive and asked for him to provide more input. Jesus' response is unexpected and insightful regarding their request to increase their faith.

6-10 – Faith is obeying what you are told without the results beforehand.

Luke 17:11 – The ten lepers got healed as they obeyed his command to go to the priest.

14-19 – The proper response to healing is glorifying Yahweh.