

How to Receive Healing

Welcome to Harvest Community Church

Series: Divine Healing

Text: Luke 4:38-39

The First Step to being healed is the same as the first step toward salvation or in receiving any blessing or promise that is given by God. They need to know what the Word of God says. The sick person needs to clearly understand that the Bible teaches that it is God's will to heal until we have lived out the lifespan allotted to us. **Psalm 90:10** Each of us has an appointed time that we will die. **Hebrews 9:27** This is a fact of the fall and the curse that comes with it. Divine healing does not guarantee that our bodies will not expire. This is why the fullness of Salvation is so wonderful. God has promised us eternal life. **Romans 6:23** There will be times we pray and a person dies. This is not a lack of faith on our part or a lack of faithfulness on God's part. This is a natural and spiritual reality.

It is impossible to boldly claim by faith a blessing that we are not certain that God offers. **Hebrews 11:1 (AMP)** The power of God can only be claimed where the will of God is known. You cannot believe unto righteousness before you are fully convinced that it is God's will to save. **Romans 10:10, Romans 8:38-39** Faith begins where the will of God is known. Faith must rest on the will of God alone not on our wishes and desires. Faith is not believing God can but that God will. Until a person knows God's will they have no basis or foundation for their faith. When we know His will, it is not difficult for us to believe. This is how each person who is saved accepts the miracle of the new birth.

God's way of saving the soul, healing the body, of doing everything else that He wants to do is done by sending His Word; also known as His promise and His covenant. **Deuteronomy 7:9, Psalm 107:20, 1 Thessalonians 2:13, Proverbs 4:20-22**

The Seven Redemptive Names of God reveal all that is provided for us in the atoning blood of Jesus- His redemption covers the complete scope of human need

- Jehovah~Shamma - the Lord is present or near **Ephesians 2:13**
- Jehovah~Shalom - the Lord is our peace **Isaiah 53:5**
- Jehovah~Raah - the Lord is our shepherd **Psalm 23**
- Jehovah~Jireh - the Lord our provider **Philippians 4:19**
- Jehovah~Nissi - the Lord our banner or our victory **1 John 5:4**
- Jehovah~Tsidkenu - the Lord our righteousness **2 Corinthians 5:21**
- Jehovah~Rapha - the Lord our healer **Matthew 8:17**

These names are who God is. He is the I Am not the I was. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. His Word is settled in Heaven.

The Second Step toward being healed is to make sure that you are right with God. Our redemptive blessings are conditional. When seeking healing for our bodies there should be no compromise with the adversary of our soul because he is the author of disease. **Psalm 66:18** There is something wrong with a person who desires the blessing but not the blessor. It is not right to seek the mercy of God while rejecting His will.

When we call for the elders of the church to anoint with oil it is important to understand the significance of the anointing. Anointing someone or something is a sign of consecration and dedication. This is signaling to the world that one is fully surrendered to God and set apart for His will and glory. **3 John 1:2, James 4:7**

God's promises are to the **obedient**. **Psalm 37:4** God has not lowered His standard for the day of grace. **Exodus 15:26, Deut. 7:15** Faith desires to please God. Faith is the union of hearts and wills with God's will and purpose. Where this unity is lacking, **results** are impossible.

Proverbs 3:7-8 Faith always implies obedience. It is to those who walk uprightly that the promise is given "no good thing will He withhold". **Psalm 84:11** Before seeking anything from God we must yield ourselves to the first and greatest commandment, to love the Lord our God with all of our heart, with all of our soul, with all of our mind and with all of our strength.

Psalm 91:14, Deut. 7:9, Proverbs 14:30, 1Corinthians 6:20, Romans 12:1

A diseased soul is worse than a diseased body; an unsound heart is worse than an unsound stomach.

It is only as we are in Christ, the true **vine**, that we are complete and whole. Substitution without union is not sufficient for our possession and enjoyment of the life of the vine. Asking for healing while refusing to be led by the Spirit is like asking a carpenter to repair a house without allowing him to come inside to do it.

The Third Step is to **expect** what He promises when we pray. Faith never waits to see before it believes. Faith **hears** and then it obeys. Faith comes by hearing not by seeing. Noah heard from God and before he ever saw a drop of rain he built the ark.

Hebrews 11:7 Our fallen nature is governed by our **senses** - (what we physically see, hear...). Faith is led by the Word of God. Joshua and his warriors blew the trumpets **before** the walls of Jericho came down. Faith never judges by the sight of the eyes; it is the evidence of things not seen, but things **promised**. Faith rests on solid ground stronger than the evidence of our senses. The people of faith all received because they were promised - they **heard** from God.

Hebrews 11:8-12

In order to receive healing we must **ask**. **Mark 11:24** Our faith causes God to act. Prayer moves the hand of God because we made the first move toward Him. Ask and you shall receive. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.

Faith is what we have before we are healed. Faith does not wait to **praise**. **Psalm 100:4-5, Joel 2:21** Faith rejoices because we know we can trust the **compassion** of the Lord.

1 Peter 5:7, Lamentations 3:22-23 Real faith rejoices in the promises of God as if it has already received and is enjoying the benefits of the Word. **Psalm 63:3-4, 1 Peter 1:19-21**

To receive healing we must listen to God. Just as faith comes from hearing the Word, **unbelief** comes by listening to lies. When Satan spoke to Jesus, our Lord responded **It is written**. When casting out demons Jesus did not entertain their lies He commanded them to be silent.

Ephesians 4:27, James 4:7 Resist the lies of the devil with the truth of the Word.

When we are affected by any voices more than the voice of God we have forsaken the Lord's way for our healing. We have no more reason to doubt God for His healing than a sinner does when they repent and ask God to forgive them of their sins. Why? You have **His WORD** for it and on it. On the cross He declared three important words concerning His atoning work:

It is **finished**.

Faith does not wait for the walls to fall down - Faith shouts them down!