

BIBLE STUDY

The Mandate of Absolute Faith for Divine Healing

Main Proposition: True faith demands absolute reliance on God because He will not share His glory with human institutions, medical science, or fleshly interventions.

Part I: Narrative & Theological Treatise

Introduction: The Divine Source and the Jealousy of God

The scriptures establish that God is the ultimate healer of mankind. Healing is not merely a physical correction or a biological coincidence. It is a profound spiritual manifestation intended to demonstrate divine authority and bring absolute glory to the Creator.

"I am the Lord that healeth thee." — Exodus 15:26

God is a jealous God who explicitly commands exclusive worship and recognition. Because all genuine healing must ultimately glorify Him, He requires uncompromised faith from those who seek His touch.

"I am the Lord: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images." — Isaiah 42:8

When a believer divides their trust between the Almighty and human instruments, like physicians or medicines, they fracture their faith. The Bible warns that a double-minded person will receive nothing from the Lord. To experience divine healing, one must exhibit absolute faith, casting aside reliance on fleshly wisdom.

The Danger of Trusting Physicians Over God

The Old Testament provides a stark warning about relying on human medicine instead of divine power. King Asa, who had previously seen great victories through prayer, fell into severe physical affliction but chose the path of worldly science.

"And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease he sought not to the Lord, but to the physicians. And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the afflicted year of his reign." — 2 Chronicles 16:12-13

Because Asa trusted in the knowledge of men rather than the power of God, he received only what human hands could offer, which ultimately resulted in his death. Jeremiah further confirms the futility of relying on earthly remedies apart from God:

"Go up into Gilead, and take balm, O virgin, the daughter of Egypt: in vain shalt thou use many medicines; for thou shalt not be cured." — Jeremiah 46:11

The Double-Minded Pattern

When you pray to God but keep your confidence anchored in doctors, your heart is divided. The New Testament addresses this specific spiritual state directly:

"But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways." — James 1:6-8

If you trust the doctors, God will allow you to receive the limited, natural results of those doctors. He will not perform a supernatural work only for a medical professional to receive the credit, praise, or glory for the recovery. God demands that we remember where real preservation comes from, as David sang:

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;" — Psalm 103:2-3

Complete Faith as the Catalyst for Healing

In contrast, Jesus Christ repeatedly demonstrated that absolute faith, devoid of human alternatives, unlocks miraculous healing. When two blind men sought sight, Jesus checked the condition of their faith:

"And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord. Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you." — Matthew 9:28-29

He did not point them to a worldly remedy; He demanded total spiritual assurance. Similarly, when the woman with the issue of blood spent all her living on physicians—only to grow worse—she turned exclusively to Christ.

"And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague." — Mark 5:34

Her healing came the moment she abandoned human help and put her entire, unwavering trust in Christ Himself, recognizing Him as the sole source of divine power. This absolute dependence is echoed by the prophet Jeremiah, who knew no human remedy could suffice:

"Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise." — Jeremiah 17:14

Understanding Divine Authority: The Centurion's Deepened Context

When Jesus encountered a Roman centurion, the scriptures reveal the ultimate standard of faith required for divine healing. The centurion did not ask for a physical procedure, a visible remedy, or an earthly methodology. He recognized that Christ's authority over sickness operated exactly like military command—absolute, unquestioned, and requiring no physical contact or human assistance:

"The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it." — Matthew 8:8-9

The centurion understood that just as a king does not need to physically manipulate a battle to win it, Christ does not need human institutions to cure a body. Christ commands, and the spiritual and physical realms must obey. This total submission to divine authority stands as a rebuke to those who run to earthly physicians, and it caused Jesus to marvel:

"When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel... And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour." — Matthew 8:10, 13

The Spiritual Meaning of 'The Word Only' vs. Physical Medicine

The centurion's demand for Christ to 'speak the word only' carries a profound spiritual weight when contrasted with the consumption of physical medicine. Physical medicine operates entirely within the natural realm. It relies on the properties of creation, human experimentation, chemical formulas, and natural processes to alter the physical body. When a person swallows a pill or undergoes a treatment, their trust rests upon visible, tangible matter.

Conversely, Christ's 'word' is the invisible, omnipotent force that brought the universe into existence from nothing. Sickness is a physical reality, but it must bow to the spiritual authority of the Creator. When Christ speaks, the healing bypasses human science, biological timelines, and earthly probabilities.

To rely on physical medicine is to declare that God's spoken word is insufficient without a worldly crutch. To rely on the 'word only' is to recognize that God requires no intermediate element to accomplish His will. If a believer seeks a physical remedy to secure their health, they are looking to the creature rather than the Creator. True divine healing relies strictly on the word that cannot fail, ensuring that the manifestation of recovery is recognized as entirely supernatural.

Pleasing God Through Unseen Reality

This strict reliance on the unseen word of God ties directly into the biblical definition of faith. True healing cannot occur where a person requires physical proof, visible medical monitors, or the reassurance of a doctor's report before they believe. The book of Hebrews outlines the exact structural mechanism of this mindset:

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." — Hebrews 11:1

If you base your hope on a doctor's treatment plan, you are relying on things that are seen. You are using physical evidence to secure physical hope. But biblical faith stands as its own evidence. It looks at an unhealed body and declares the healing done solely because God promised it.

Because God's overarching desire is to be trusted implicitly for who He is, the elimination of human safety nets is the only path that pleases Him. The scripture leaves no room for a middle ground where a believer can please God while keeping a foothold in worldly science:

"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." — Hebrews 11:6

To come to God while simultaneously holding the hand of medical professionals is an attempt to please both God and man. The Bible declares this impossible. God is only pleased when He is sought diligently as the singular, exclusive Rewarder. When a believer casts away earthly solutions and rests entirely

upon the invisible reality of God's power, they fulfill the mandate of Hebrews 11. God is highly pleased by this absolute surrender, and He rewards that pure faith with supernatural restoration.

Christ as the Only Foundation for Health

The New Testament emphasizes that healing was bought exclusively by Christ's suffering, meaning that looking anywhere else detracts from the value of His sacrifice. Isaiah prophesied of this complete work:

"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." — Isaiah 53:5

Peter later looked back at the cross and confirmed this spiritual reality for the believer:

"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." — 1 Peter 2:24

Furthermore, when the apostles walked in this same power, they made it clear that it was not by their own human skill, but through faith in Jesus' name alone that a lame man was made to walk, leaving no room for human glory:

"And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all." — Acts 3:16

Conclusion

God demands total faith for healing because He is the sole author of life and deliverance. He will not share His praise with medical science or human intervention. If a petitioner wavers, relying on the reports and tools of men while asking for divine help, God steps back. He leaves them to the natural outcomes of the earthly institutions they trust.

True biblical healing requires a pure, unwavering confidence that looks to God alone. When a believer approaches the throne with absolute faith, God heals completely, ensuring that no man can boast, and that all praise, honor, and majesty return strictly to Him.

Part II: Structured Study Outline & Lesson Guide

I. Introduction: The Divine Source and the Jealousy of God

A. God's Ultimate Identity as Healer

- Scripture Focus: Exodus 15:26 — '...for I am the Lord that healeth thee.'
- Healing is an intentionally orchestrated spiritual demonstration of divine sovereign authority, not a byproduct of nature or human skill.

B. The Principle of Non-Shared Glory

- Scripture Focus: Isaiah 42:8 — 'I am the Lord: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another...'
- God is explicitly and righteously jealous over His praise. Supernatural healing must return 100% of the glory back to Him.

C. The Problem of Divided Trust

- Dividing your dependence between the Almighty and human medical institutions fractures biblical faith.

II. The Danger of Trusting Physicians Over God

A. The Tragic Fall of King Asa

- Scripture Focus: 2 Chronicles 16:12-13 — '...yet in his disease he sought not to the Lord, but to the physicians. And Asa slept with his fathers, and died...'
- Asa serves as a historical warning: choosing worldly medical networks over divine fellowship reaps death.

B. The Futility of Worldly Remedies Apart from God

- Scripture Focus: Jeremiah 46:11 — '...in vain shalt thou use many medicines; for thou shalt not be cured.'

III. The Double-Minded Pattern

A. The Spiritual Law of the Wavering Heart

- Scripture Focus: James 1:6-8 — 'But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering... For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.'
- Wavering occurs when a petitioner seeks divine intervention while simultaneously anchoring their confidence in a secular prognosis or treatment.

B. Receiving the Fruits of Your Choice

- If you place your primary trust in doctors, God steps back and awards you only the natural, limited capacity of those human instruments.
- Scripture Focus: Psalm 103:2-3 — 'Bless the Lord, O my soul... Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;'

IV. Complete Faith as the Catalyst for Healing

A. Christ's Prerequisite Evaluation: 'Believe Ye?'

- Scripture Focus: Matthew 9:28-29 — '...Believe ye that I am able to do this?... According to your faith be it unto you.'

B. Turning Exclusively to Christ

- Scripture Focus: Mark 5:34 — 'Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.'
- The woman with the issue of blood spent her entire livelihood on doctors and grew progressively worse, finding deliverance only when she abandoned human options entirely.

V. Understanding Divine Authority: The Centurion's Faith

A. Sickness Bows to Military-Style Directives

- Scripture Focus: Matthew 8:8-9 — '...but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority...'

B. The Faith That Commands Divine Admiration

- Scripture Focus: Matthew 8:10 — '...Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.'

VI. The Spiritual Meaning of 'The Word Only' vs. Physical Medicine

A. The Natural Realm vs. The Omnipotent Word

- Physical medicine requires natural elements, biological steps, and tangible matter to force an outcome. It forces reliance on the visible creature.
- Christ's spoken word is the absolute, self-sufficient creative force that brings realities out of nothing, requiring no earthly medium.

B. The Spiritual Hazard of an Earthly Crutch

- Employing natural medicine signals a heart posture which deems God's spoken word insufficient on its own.

VII. Pleasing God Through Unseen Reality

A. Faith Stands as the Substantiated Evidence

- Scripture Focus: Hebrews 11:1 — 'Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.'

B. The Absolute Impossibility of the Middle Ground

- Scripture Focus: Hebrews 11:6 — 'But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.'
- You cannot please God while holding a fallback position in human medical science. He must be sought as the single, exclusive source.

VIII. Christ as the Only Foundation for Health

A. The Finished Work of the Cross

- Scripture Focus: Isaiah 53:5 & 1 Peter 2:24 — '...and with his stripes we are healed.' / '...by whose stripes ye were healed.'

B. Exclusion of Human Boasting

- Scripture Focus: Acts 3:16 — 'And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong...'

IX. Conclusion and Final Verdict

A. Divine Recess from the Wavering

- If you anchor your expectations in the reports, tools, or hands of men, God retreats and lets human systems dictate your final outcome.

B. The Sole Route to Perfect Soundness

- True biblical healing demands pure, absolute reliance. When a believer approaches the throne in this manner, God heals completely, ensuring all praise remains exclusively His.