

Healing Principles

“³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.” (Ephesians 1:3 NIV) *** The New Testament teaches that Christians have every spiritual blessing in Christ. This means that believers can claim every blessing the Bible makes available to them.

“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 15:26 NIV) *** In the Old Testament, God identifies Himself as a healer. This is encouraging, because God’s New Testament covenant with Christians is based on better promises than His Old Testament covenant with the Jews. (Hebrews 8:6)

“¹ Praise the LORD, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
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,
⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.
⁶ The LORD works righteousness
and justice for all the oppressed.” (Psalm 103:1-6 NIV)

*** The psalmist lists the benefits of a faith relationship with God, and the first benefit mentioned after forgiveness of sins is healing for diseases. This means physical healing is one of the blessings associated with faith.

“⁴ Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. ⁵ 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 53:4-5 KJV) *** This is a prophecy about what Christ’s scourging leading up His crucifixion would make available to Christians. The word “griefs” means sicknesses. (Strong 89) The word “sorrows” means pains. (Strong 157) The word “healed” means physical healing. (Strong 295) One of the things Jesus paid for during His sufferings was physical healing. All of this means physical healing is one of the blessings associated with faith.

“¹⁵ For this people’s heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.” (Matthew 13:15 NIV) *** The word Jesus used for “heal” means physical healing. (Strong 119) After everything covered up until now, it is reasonable to assume this promise is for everyone who would believe.

“⁴ Take delight in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.” (Psalm 37:4 NIV)

“¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.” (John 14:13-14 NIV) *** The New Testament gives Christians the privilege of offering prayers in line with God’s will. (1 John 3:19-23, 1 John 5:14-15) This means with persistent prayer, Christians can claim God’s blessings by praying in Jesus’s name. (Matthew 7:7-11) With everything we’ve seen up to this point, we see that healing prayers are in line with God’s will.

“⁹ When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, ² and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.” (Luke 9:1-2 NIV) *** This passage isn’t a healing promise, but it shows God’s desire to heal. The Bible says in Mark that one of the signs that will accompany those who believe is they will lay hands on the sick, and the sick will get well. (Mark 16:15-18) All of this shows that healing is part of God’s covenant with Christians.

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