1st John 5:14

1st John 5:14 says: "this is the confidence we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us, and (vs 15) and if we know He hears us, whatever we ask, we KNOW we have the petitions that we have asked of Him."

Now I want to relate this verse to the healing of our body.

`3 John 2 says: "I pray that you may prosper in ALL things and be in HEALTH, just as your soul prospers."

John also says in verse 4, "I have no greater joy than to HEAR that my children walk in truth."

Now the question before us today is; Do you believe that God wants you and me to be in good health?

Is it His will that we be in good health? Is that the truth?

Was there a reason why the rebellious children of Israel went through the 40 years in the wilderness, and when they came to the end of that period upon going into Canaan, there were none feeble or sick among them?

If according to **Isaiah 53: 5** & following: He (Jesus) was wounded for OUR transgressions, bruised for OUR iniquities, and the chastisement of OUR peace was upon Him, and by HIS stripes (the lashing of the whip upon His back until it was a bloody mess), WE are healed."

What was that all about if it was not for our healing?

I know that in our soul (mind, will and emotions) we falter and are sometimes scared of the truth, however in our Spirit (where we are united with Him) there is no wavering.

In **Mark 9: 17** & following – Jesus encounters the man with the child who has a "Mute" spirit. Overtaken by demon possession. This demon would cause the child to thrash around hurting and cutting himself, and foaming from the mouth.

The father then asks Jesus for healing. Jesus responds with "if you can but believe, all things are possible to him that believes"

Immediately the man cries out "Lord I believe" Here His spirit is in union with the Lord Jesus and the result is that he believes Jesus can do it. Then from deep within his soul he cries out "Lord help my unbelief"

Jesus then commands the unclean spirit to depart from the child. The demon did not want to leave, but the power of God was in what Jesus said – come out of him. Of course the demon obeyed the Lord Jesus and the child was restored to full health.

Why is that story in the bible?

When confronted by the horrible news that you have a terminal disease, don't agree with the soul that says; I know you can heal me Jesus, I am not sure it is your will to do so – that kind of activity comes from the soul where doubt lives.

Acknowledge the truth that rests in your spirit (which is joined with His Spirit) and cry out – Yes Lord, I believe you will heal me so let's get on with it."

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