

Divine Healing Session Two (Level 1)

SICKNESS AND SUFFERING

The Purpose: to consider some reasons for sickness, suffering, and why some people are not healed when they are prayed for.

Sin (Adam's sin) brought sickness into the world, but not everyone's sickness comes from sin in his or her life. Healing is for today, but not all are healed. In the Bible, we see that not all that were sick were healed.

In Nazareth, Jesus did only a few miracles, Matthew 13:54-58.

Epaphroditus was sick a long time before he was healed, Philippians 2:25-27.

Timothy had a sickness he was not healed of, 1 Timothy 5:23.

Trophimus was left sick in Miletus, 2 Timothy 4:20.

Paul had a thorn in the flesh that he was not healed of, 2 Corinthians 12:7.

Some reasons why not all are healed

Some do not believe in the power of Christ. (Matthew 13:58) *And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.*

Personal, unconfused sin creates a barrier to God's grace. (1 Corinthians 11:27-30) *Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink *this* cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. (28) But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of *that* bread, and drink of *that* cup. (29) For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. (30) For this cause many *are* weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.*

Some do not ask for prayer. (James 5:14) *Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:*

Some assume that God always heals instantly, and when He does not heal immediately they stop praying. Some cases take much prayers and fasting. (Matthew 17:21) *Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.*

Paul felt that he had a thorn in the flesh to keep him humble. (2 Corinthians 12:7) *And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.*

Jesus took His disciples to a desert place to rest, Mark 6:31. In 2 Timothy 4:20, Trophimus had overworked and weakened his body.

Some are sick and die because it is their time to die. (Ecclesiastes 3:1-2) *To every *thing* there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: (2) A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up *that which is* planted.*

Suffering

We do not suffer from the hand of God, but from Satan, Job 1.

Trials, Temptations and Tribulations

God does not tempt man; God only blesses man when he endures temptation. (James 1:12-14) Blessed *is* the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. (13) Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: (14) But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

Glory in temptations and tribulations. (Romans 5:3-5) And not only *so*, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; (4) And patience, experience; and experience, hope: (5) And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Christ comforts us in all our tribulation. (2 Corinthians 1:4-5) Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. (5) For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.

Persecution

Christ was persecuted and so will we. (John 15:18-20) If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before *it hated* you. (19) If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. (20) Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

If we share in His sufferings, we will also share in His glory. (Romans 8:17-18) And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together. (18) For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are not worthy to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.