

GOD'S WILL IS TO HEAL

The Word of God says in John 3: 16-17- *"¹⁶For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but the world through Him might be saved."* These verses are the fullness of what the extent of God's truth is of how much He wants to fulfill His will for us who He made in His image. *Is 53:5-"But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, **and by His stripes we are healed.**"* The Lord God sacrificed His Son Jesus to go to the cross, take all of our sins and sicknesses to go to the cross like a lamb to be slaughtered. He died so that we would live. He made a way to be saved for us who were born into a sinful world. Why? So when we die we can be with Him in paradise. God gave us the truth *John 8:32 - "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."* Therefore in *John 8:36 - "therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed"*. Because Jesus took and overcame sin, sickness and death, these things cannot have any hold over us. Any weapon formed, thought or spoken against us cannot prosper. It is because of His love for us, I know that it is His will to heal us. By taking your request to God you are seeking Him in His kingdom. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God." You do this in order to get to the front door of His throne room. "Knock and the door shall be opened unto you". This allows you to have an audience with the King and make your requests known. "Ask anything in My name and I will give it to you".

You may have heard it said before 'Beware of wolves in sheep's clothing'. I am not a judge. To me a person in such a disguise may have good intent in what they teach, preach or pray over people. The problem I have is when you teach or preach or share, you must have Scriptures, the Word of God, that backs up and gives the power to what it is that you are speaking about. Too many have adopted the doctrine that either God no longer heals or that it is no longer His *will* to do this. Why is this? Many pastors and teachers when they went to seminary or Bible school, were not fully trained on the Book of Acts and the reality of the giftings and moving of the Holy Spirit being relevant today. It is essential that when you hear a teaching or a sermon to check it against what the Bible says instead of trusting and taking what is being said at face value.

Then there are those who have prayed for someone to be healed and that person wasn't, or they knew about someone who was prayed for and wasn't healed, or they have prayed for healing for themselves and it never came, so they come to the "logical" conclusion that it must not be God's will to heal sometimes. These people have decided to base their theology on experience, which is a very dangerous thing to do as we should only ever base our theology, doctrine, or belief systems on what the Word of God says--nothing else. If our experiences then line up with the Word of God, then our experiences have only been validated. They do not set the standard.

The truth is God is the same yesterday, today and forever (Heb 13:8) His word cannot be changed or compromised. The Bible lays out an outline of what we are supposed to do and God gave us the example through His Son and told us-see what He has shown us, do it in the same manner. We pray because we're told to bring everything to God in prayer. That is the first step in the list of His priorities. The second thing to do is have what it says to have in *Heb. 11:1- "**Now** faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."* *"Faith **comes** by hearing and hearing by the Word of God"*-Rom 10:17. It is through the Word of God that faith is produced. Thirdly, in our approach to receive healing, when we pray God tells us that we need to declare by praying the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. *Acts 4:10, 18-20 - ¹⁰Let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole.....¹⁸So they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. ²⁰For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.* We do this because the Word of God tells us that the Name of Jesus is above all names, there are none equal to it or greater than His Name.

I believe this is also why the Word of God tells us that greater is He (Jesus) that is in us than he (the devil) that is in the world. (1 John 4:4). Fourth, we are to speak the Word of God. His Word is the authority that gives us the power to be overcomers and conquerors, to have victory and receive our blessings. When you are sick, tell the devil 'I may have the symptoms of ... but by the Blood of Jesus and by His stripes, I am healed.' You exercise your faith by what you say after the 'but'. Do you say 'I know Jesus can heal me **but** I still have an illness' Or do you say 'I may have an illness **but** I know that I am healed by the Blood of Jesus.' The power is in the second phrase.

It is clear we all must die at some point and that we are each given an allotted amount of time to live. That being said, it is also clear that while God never promises we won't get sick, He does give us many promises in the Bible that while we are alive, He is our healer. 2 Cor 1:20 - *For all the promises of God in Him are 'Yes' and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.* Here are a few of those promises. Ex.15:26 says - *"If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I Am the Lord who heals you.* Ps 103:2-3 - *"Bless the Lord O my soul and forget not all His benefits; ³who forgives all your iniquities and heals all your diseases.* Matt 8:16-17 - *"¹⁶When evening had come they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed and He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick ¹⁷That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet saying: 'He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses.'* " Mark 16:17-18 - *"¹⁷And these signs will follow those who believe: in My Name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues, ¹⁸they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick and they will recover."* James 5:14-15 - *Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well. -*

These last few verses as well as others we looked at earlier are important because they show that our healing is not just reserved for heaven but for here as well. While we may not know the Lord's method or timetable for healing someone, we can be sure that His Word tells us it is His will to heal us. It seems that very often the Lord will heal unbelievers and even new Christians who don't have any belief in healing just to show them He is real and loves them, but He holds those who have been Christians for a time to a higher standard. It is as though He is holding them accountable to knowing and believing what the Bible says about this subject, and He expects them to have faith in order to get healed. It doesn't always happen this way, but it is a pattern I have noticed at times. Because of His truths we have the confident assurance that our prayers will be heard and we will be healed. This in my thought is why Jesus mentioned to some of the people He healed that their faith made them well.

When it comes to our faith allow no one to hold their authority over what measure God has given you to believe. When a man or woman of God has a calling to intercede for you, hear what they say, discern it and receive it. Know that there are wolves in sheep's clothing who will try and rob your blessing. You will know who they are in the sharing of your blessing. First, they may try and make you have doubt. They may say 'if it's God's will, why have you not yet been healed?' They may go so far as to mock you and say 'where is your God? what is He waiting for?' Those who ask these questions and say these types of things are people who base their theology on their own experiences or the lies of the enemy. They are not basing their beliefs in God's will and the truth of His words in the Scriptures. The Scripture says in Proverbs 3:5-6 - *⁵Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.'* When you believe God's Word as the truth you don't have to see to believe just trust Him. Know this that every setback is a setup for a comeback.. Every bad break, every disappointment, and every person who does you wrong is part of the plan to get you to where you're supposed to be. When there seems no way, He, the Great I Am, makes a way. For the plans I have for you are good, and the Lord will bring them to fruition.