

HEALING: Facts vs Fiction

“Why does God heal some people, but not heal other people?”

Perception, beliefs and lies...

In talking to a deliverance leader, I heard a story where the same people were coming up for deliverance from the same demons night after night. Not similar demons, the same demons.

Why? I believe it was because Satan is the father of lies (lies about ourselves, God, etc) & demons attach themselves to these lies. If the demon is cast out, but the person does not don't change their beliefs – rejecting the lie & accepting truth – then Satan still has access. There is still a 'foothold'. This is why TRUTH is so important

You may say “I don't have any beliefs that are lies, I'm passionately pursuing God!!”

1 John 1:8 - If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us

My personal opinion is: The only reason people sin is because they are *loyal to a lie*. They truly believe that doing 'whatever' (sin) will make their life better. They have not yet found truth in “that” area of their lives – otherwise if they had truth in that area – they wouldn't sin.

Biblical definition of sin: Missing the mark according to God's standards.

however to keep it simple – Sin could be defined as anything that hurts us or hurts others.

Our View of God – Affects the way we live.

Parable of the talents - Matt 25:14-30

- Most times it's preached as a parable for 'Doing something for God'. Get out there & Do something!
- God wants us to do things, to Grow His Kingdom – but it's NOT about doing things to Please God. We already please God! We don't have to DO anything to please Him. He rejoices over us (Zephaniah 3) – we are His kids.
- Last year I saw this in totally different light... it's a story about **how our perception of God changes the way we act**. The 1st two = Saw their master as loving, which gave them the confidence knowing he had their back. The last man = saw their master as angry, mean/harsh & was terrified. He had no confidence so didn't step out.
- Was God punishing him for not stepping out? Or was it purely the consequences of sowing & reaping?
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Num13: Children of Israel saw Giants & perceived themselves as grasshoppers, weak & powerless.

- Result – too scared to go into the Promised Land...
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What has this got to do with HEALING? ... a lot!

It all comes down to what we believe – what we believe about ourselves, about God, about the world around us, about the spirit-realm, & own our authority

Most Christians totally believe God **CAN** heal, He **CAN** save, He **CAN** do whatever miracle is required. But when they don't see any results to their prayers – they start believing that **God WON'T** do it, and they go looking for the reason why.

- is there sin in my life?
- maybe it's a timing thing?
- maybe God wants me to learn something through this?
- the reasons we come up with are endless

Imagine you are a parent, and your child comes and asks you to do **something** for them. Would you rather they **doubt your ABILITY** to do it, or would you rather they **doubt your WILLINGNESS** to do it. Imagine how God feels when we believe he **CAN** heal, but believe he **WON'T** – that He's **HOLDING OUT** on us. Wow, what a horrible thought for a father. I imagine that really hurts Father God.

Often we have beliefs around **RULES FOR HEALING...** such as:

- God wont heal them until – they have repented of all their sin,
- God wont heal them of cancer until - they stop smoking,
- God's not going to do anything for them until - they release all that un-forgiveness

Often we've come up with those ideas and beliefs to justify why our prayers don't work, to make us feel innocent. One of the top goals people have – is to feel innocent. We need to justify to ourselves and to others why our prayers don't work - why its not our fault

The more we truly believe God is Reliable – the more we have to face facts – that if somethings not working, the issue is with US, not God

The more reliable we perceive God to be – the more responsibility we need to take

Whose responsibility is the earths - God's or ours?

- **Genesis 1: 26 – 28**
- **Psalm 115:16**

The Name for humankind is 'Adam'. ADAM is a Hebrew word consisting of 3 letters.

- **ALEF** – strength, but also God / heavenly realm
- **DALET** – doorway / access point / gateway
- **MEM** – waters, many people, many tribes, chaos

Even in our name – we see our purpose for humanity. We are doorways to the heavenly realm & It's our JOB to bring heaven to earth – to release kingdom realities into this world.

How do you get Authority for healing the sick?

Most Christians end their prayers by tacking on “in Jesus name, Amen”, but Jesus didn't want it to be a saying we tack onto our prayers. He wants us to be IN HIM.

- **Proverbs 18:10**
- **Ps 91:1**
- **Ephesians 2:6**

Once again, it comes down to our belief – do we really believe we are **IN HIM? Seated in Christ?** Or do we believe that he is far away, up in the sky somewhere - and we are down here **powerless, 'waiting for Him to move'?**

As someone who is **IN HIS NAME**- we already have His Authority. But to walk in His authority we will need to get rid of the build-up of religious junk that we have piled up over the years. We need to rid ourselves of the lies.

How did Jesus tell his disciples to “pray for the sick”?

- **Luke 9:1-2**
- **Matt. 10:1**
- **Matt. 10:7-8**

He didn't! Jesus never told his disciples to “pray for the sick” - Jesus told them to ‘heal the sick’!

- we are not worthless, powerless worms that need to be beg God to do things for us
- God calls us “Kings”. As kings, seated In Him we are to decree and declare the realm of heaven into this world.
- Our job is still the same as Adam's - to expand Eden. To bring order where there is chaos, to bring life where there is death & corruption.

Wrong Belief: Need to be saved (or sinless) to be healed

The Bible says: 1. Jesus healed ALL that came to him. & 2. All have sinned. Therefore everyone that he healed was a sinner. They didn't deserve to be healed.

Mark 16 says that Healing is a SIGN – not a reward. Healing cannot be earned.

- No one deserves to be healed. No one deserves salvation – it's a free gift to us, but - **it cost Jesus everything** – Jesus deserves for our family, friends, our town, our nation to be saved. Jesus deserves for us to be healed. We don't, but He paid the price for it – so HE deserves it.

Sodezo – is the Greek word in the New Testament often used for ‘saved’. It can mean Saved, made safe, preserved, healed, and to make whole. So we have the same word for SALVATION & for HEALING, and wholeness:

- 'salvation' is salvation of the spirit,
- renewing the mind or "accepting truth" is salvation of the soul,
- healing: salvation of the body

Romans 5 - says that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. This blows out of the water any belief that says someone has to be in a certain 'place or space' before they are healed. There is NO requirement of holiness or righteousness for salvation or healing – ***it is a free gift from God.***

- If there is unconfessed sin, etc- then satan has a foothold in that person's life – and as such, they are open to attack.
- However sin will NOT STOP healing. However unless sin is dealt with – it can cause sickness to come back. This is why I believe Jesus often said to the people "Go & sin no more"
- Healing is a SIGN to the unbeliever: the context being all Christ followers should be walking in health & the healings that are SIGNS – are non-believers being healed!

Wrong Belief: Waiting for God

Belief that if someone has not been healed – it's because "God has not yet healed them". They are "waiting for God" & God is holding out on them.

Jesus has done EVERYTHING we need for Healing.

- **Isaiah 53:4-5**
- **1 Peter 2:24**
- There is nothing left for Jesus /God to do – they have done everything required for your healing & the healing of others. As far as they are concerned – you already have your healing in the spirit realm – it is done. Jesus paid the price – it's yours.
- Whose responsibility is the Earth? It's Ours
- It is our Job to speak to the sickness & tell it to go. To command life & wholeness

Wrong Belief: Specific Timing

Belief that God has a specific timing for healings: "I know God will heal me – he will do it in his timing"

- This belief always puts the healing off to a future date. But tomorrow never comes.
- It creates complacency – and stops you from pushing in for victory
- **2 Corinthians 6** says NOW is the right time, NOW is the day of Salvation.
- TODAY is the day of HEALING. ***God's timing to heal someone is always – NOW.***
- As a parent – if your child broke their leg – would you really want them to be in pain learning a valuable lesson? That is child-abuse. Wouldn't you want them healed & pain free?
- The more we understand the father-heart of God – the easier it is to see these wrong beliefs for what they are – Lies.

Wrong Belief: the sick person MUST have faith for healing.

Belief that healing relies on the person who is sick to have faith. “The reason you are not healed is because YOU lack the faith to be healed”. (this is blame shifting / piling more shame & condemnation on the person who is sick, when they really need encouraging!)

- I’ve literally heard preachers say to a sick person – “do you believe God will heal you?” (the person isn’t sure) “Well, I’m not even going to pray for you – you have to believe!”
- Who had faith for Lazarus to be healed?
- There are only 4 instances in the Gospels where Jesus indicated that it was ‘their FAITH’ that made them well. The rest was JESUS’ faith that made them well.
- We need to be very careful about making a doctrine of something that is not the norm.
- When we pray for others – we need to rely on OUR faith – remember healing is a Sign to the unbeliever – don’t expect the unbeliever to have faith.

We have come up with all sorts of excuses to justify why when we pray for people they don’t get healed... ***in doing so we have bought into lies***, and given the enemy a foothold in our lives.

It’s time to stop the excuses, **& reject the lies** - the buck stops with us. The world needs us to get it together

Acts 3:21 says that Jesus is being held back until the “restoration of all things”

My interpretation of this is: Jesus is waiting for us to clean up this world BEFORE he comes back...

We are to eradicate sickness, disease, etc. I 100% believe Jesus is not coming back to fix all our problems – that would be an unequally yoked marriage – he is coming back when the BRIDE has made herself ready – when she is walking in the same power & authority as He did. That is when she will be fit to be called “His bride”.

We start the journey by rejecting the lies we have been believing, and replacing them with Truth.

Homework:

what lies have you believed that have held you back regarding healing?