



It is God's will that we are healed, delivered, and made whole!

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In order for what I'm going to share over the next few days to impact your life positively, you must believe the word of God is the truth and the final authority to govern your life.

As believers, we need to take the mindset of being made whole rather than just being healed and or delivered.

We must be convinced that the promise of healing and being made whole is God's will for our lives, and all of his promises are yes and Amen.

2 Corinthians 1:20 For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

One of the paramount questions believers ask today is not whether God is *able* to heal, but whether He is willing to heal me. *Is it always God's will to heal? Let's settle this for sure today.*

When we want to understand God's will about a subject, true believers go to God's Word.

The Bible also tells us is **Psalms 119: 89" Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven"**

(Luke 21:33). "Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my [Jesus'] words shall not pass away"

God's Word is God's will. And the Bible tells us that healing and being made whole is the will of God.

I found nowhere in the Bible that it's God's will that we are sick, afflicted, and burdened with diseases.

Healing is a forever-settled subject because God's Word is forever settled!

God Took Care of Sin and Sickness

Most of us understand that God dealt with the sin problem of humanity by sending His Son Jesus to be a Sacrifice and a Substitute for us.

Isaiah prophesied the coming Messiah (Jesus Christ) and His redemption of our sins.

Isaiah 53:5-6 (NLT) But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole (Have peace "Shalom", nothing missing, nothing broken, have everything complete). He was whipped so we could be healed. 6 All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on him the sins of us all.

Peter was an eyewitness to what took place, as described by Isaiah



1 Peter 2:24-25 (NIV) He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. 25 For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

According to this verse, our sicknesses are not the real reality. The real reality is that any disease, sickness, affliction that we may have, any virus that we may obtain was already taken care of through the crucifixion process of Jesus Christ.

Being Healed and made Whole is a promise from God.

Healing and being made Whole is one of the promises specifically mentioned in both the Old and New Testaments in these previously read scriptures.

2 Corinthians 1:20 For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. So, we see that healing and being made whole are promises that God has already said yes to.

So, we see that God dealt with the sin problem in Christ's great substitutionary work.

But both of these scriptures also state that God dealt with sickness and disease for us in the same act of redemption and remission of our sins.

Jesus even suffered so we don't have to put up with pain. **Isaiah 53:4 (Message Bible) But the fact is, it was our pains he carried our disfigurements, all the things wrong with us.**

If we investigate these scriptures in depth, we will see that this pertains not only to the physical but also to the emotional and mental discomfort we experience.

Matthew 8:16-17 When 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, 17 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our infirmities And bore our sicknesses."

The primary way Jesus healed was by the spoken word.

Psalms 107:20 He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

This verse indicates that the sick Jesus addressed included not only those with physical infirmities but also individuals experiencing mental and emotional disturbances as well.

A lot of people who are physically, mentally, and emotionally ill are actually tormented, oppressed, or possessed by demonic spirits. You don't have to be violent or totally erratic to be influenced mentally and emotionally by demonic spirits.

A lot of those spirits hide themselves within normal behaviors and manifest themselves just enough to make the individual dysfunctional.

If Jesus was willing to heal then, He is willing to heal now; **Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.**

Matthew 8:16-17 we see Jesus fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy ("by His stripes, we are healed") even before going to the cross for our redemption.

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He did this because healing was a vital part of the old covenant that God made with Israel.

*Remember, the Bible said in **Psalms 105:37 He also brought them out with silver and gold, And there was none feeble among His tribes.***

There was no sick among them when he brought them out of Egypt into the wilderness.

Healing is a benefit of our redemption package and a key part of our New Covenant as well!

According to the Word of God, Jesus died and rose again not only for the remission of our sins but also for our eradication of all sickness, diseases, and afflictions.

In the book of Psalms, we see the benefit of healing that comes with redemption as part of our New Covenant.

Psalms 103:2-4 Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: 3 Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction,

The word "all" means nothing left out. Not a headache, not a stomachache, not any kind of cancer, nor any kind of heart trouble. In God's plan of redemption, every sickness and disease has been dealt with!

Take some time now and reflect on any type of sickness, illness, affliction, or health disturbance you may be facing, and understand Jesus has already made way for total healing to manifest in that area.

So, we see from the scriptures we have just gone over God wants us healed.

Healing in all areas is a crucial aspect of our salvation. Our lives are redeemed from destruction only through the finished work of Jesus Christ.

Jesus came to Earth to fulfill the will of the Father.

*He said in **John 6:38-40 For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. 39 This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. 40 And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."***

The Greek word for life is ZOE- *Life, i.e., blessed life, a life that satisfies, being indwelt by God.*

The will of Jesus, like that of the Father, was to give life that satisfies, that brings increase and abundance, not death, lack, and destruction.

Disease, sickness, illness, and affliction lead to death and lack, the exact opposite of the will of the Father; what Jesus came to bring to humanity.

Death, lack, and destruction come from the enemy. **John 10:10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.**

Let's look at another part of the Bible that shows it's God's will to heal.

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The question concerning God's will to heal is answered very explicitly in this passage. *Let's look at verse 12 and 13 again* **12 'Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.'** (notice this man has faith that Jesus can heal). Most Christians are here; they believe that God has the power to heal; the question is, will he heal them?

*Let's look at Jesus's answer. ...***Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. 'I am willing,' he said. 'Be clean!' And immediately, the leprosy left him."**

Notice Jesus said I'm willing to heal you.

Other translations say, " 'Indeed I will; be clean again.' "" 'It is my pleasure; be clean.' " This speaks that not only was Jesus willing to do it, but he was glad to do it.

*Verse 12 of the King James Version indicates that the man was "full of leprosy," suggesting that his condition was advanced. Yet, with a single-word phrase from the Master: **I'm willing to heal you.** The man was Healed.*

There is nowhere in the word of God where you see Jesus ever touching or commanding any type of sickness, disease, or affliction upon anyone. But he was always the one healing, restoring, delivering, and increasing the lives of others.

*Someone might say yes, but that was back in Jesus's day. Let me remind you of this verse. **Malachi 3:6 "For I am the Lord, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.***