

February 12, 2012 (Ord6) Jesus Said I Will

This reading is the only time I can find anything close to “if it be thy will” in scripture, and the answer is “I will”. Other in Gethsemane. Healing is a part of redemption by Christ’s death and resurrection – Isaiah 53:4-5 – the answer is always “I will”. We pray each week “Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven”, and there’s no sickness in heaven. (show video)

Last week we saw that not only was healing for us in the resurrection, but it also gave us the authority to “go in His name”, using His name, the word, and his redemptive power to bring heaven’s will to earth. Yes, we are called to share salvation ... but Jesus repeatedly combined “preach the good news” with “heal” - no divide.

So if Jesus healed all, then why aren’t all healed today? Because of our unbelief! Matt 17:2-21 (it seems that sometimes the church doesn’t even have that mustard grain of faith!), Mark 6:5-6 (in his own home town, he could only heal a few ... he marveled at their unbelief!) He left there and in the other villages he went to, everyone that touched him was made whole (Mark 6:56). We’ve been taught by powerless religious people why God doesn’t do something, rather than read the Word to find out that he does. GC-Circumstance/identity.

Our statement needs to be “My God can heal me!” and beyond that to “My God can heal you!” – much like the boy said to DH “I heard that your God can heal me!” But sometimes we’re thinking “God may heal you, if you get lucky, if your behavior’s right, etc.” with the underlying subtext “but he probably won’t” or “but he might not”

List from last week – Jesus healed them all (covered 1-3)

1. Some Christians don’t believe that God can heal their bodies or solve their problems. Besides the video, Todd Bentley - breasts recreated. AIDS. 2 Cor 4:18 – “Subject to change”
2. Some Christians don’t believe that healing is for today. I think the video we just saw disproves that.
3. Some Christians assume healing is strictly a sovereign act that can’t be counted on. The gifts of healing from 1 Cor 12 are sovereign acts, but receiving healing by faith is available to everyone. Kenneth Hagin would preach healing then pray for people, and have greater success rate than some of his counterparts in the “latter rain” healing ministry of the late 40’s and 50’s, because it didn’t just depend on a sovereign act or his anointing, but “their faith made them whole”. **This week starts now**
4. Some Christians don’t believe that healing is for all, and the assumption is “not me”.
 - a. False humility - “my prayer request is too small to bother God” – we reach for the aspirin instead of prayer. Compare to Mary – be it unto me according to your will.
 - b. Pie mentality - “someone else needs God to answer more” (Joaquin Evans and 2 older deaf folk) – last week we saw that Jesus healed EVERYONE that came, except Nazareth,
5. Some Christians believe that it’s God’s intent for them to be sick – he put/allowed it on them.
 - a. If I told you not to touch the stove, then held your hand in the fire to reinforce the lesson, what kind of parent would I be? God’s not abusive either. And if God did do it, why go to a doctor?
 - b. Every good and perfect gift comes from heaven (James 1). Where would God get sickness? As we noted earlier, there’s no sickness in heaven. Even in the book of Job, it was the devil that did it ... some scholars the book of Job covers roughly 18 month period of time, the end of which Job got healed and he got his stuff back double, and he still had his first ten kids in heaven, plus the next ten... so he had to have lived at least 90 months (7.5 years) afterwards, and lived well!
 - c. Graham Cooke “God sometimes allows in his wisdom what his power could prevent.” I can’t explain these things ... but it means that God has a promise for us and deliverance for us, to get us through it. James 1 “Count it all joy”. Ps 34:19 We need to find “God, in this situation, what do you want to be for me.” – GC woman in hall testimony
6. Some Christians don’t think they deserve healing, or have done something that negates healing.
 - a. We didn’t earn salvation – John 3:16-17, Eph 2:8-9 “saved” = sozo (Strong’s G4982) – save, make whole, heal, preserve. Salvation = soteria (G4991) – salvation, deliverance, health. This bears out Isaiah 53:4-5 as well. By the same reason we don’t earn salvation, we don’t earn any of the benefits of salvation either.
 - b. Yes, we do things that are detrimental to our health – When Jesus healed someone, he admonished them to “go and do no more” or “go show yourself to the priests” AFTER he ministered to them. Even if you “deserved” what happened, you don’t “deserve” to keep it!

Healing is not always immediate – John 4:52 child on amend. Two times/trees Mk 8:24. David Hogan didn’t see healing until afterwards. Trophimus and Timothy. Don’t give up!