

God Heals – Your Healing Matters

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[3Jo 1:2 NASB95] 2 Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers.

- You Matter More Than You Know!
- Sometimes people wonder if God really cares about their sickness or pain. They think, “It’s not that big of a deal,” or “I’ll just live with it.” “Every healing is temporary. Lazarus died.”
- But Jesus stopped for one bleeding woman, called one blind man out of the crowd, and raised one dead girl because every person matters to Him.
- Healing is significant not just because it removes pain, but because it reveals God’s love, His purpose, and His power at work in us.
- If healing matters to God, then it should matter to us because every healing tells heaven’s story through human flesh.

Why does the healing of our bodies matter?

Here are five reasons the healing of your body matters.

I. You Matter Deeply to God

- a. [Psa 139:16 NASB95] 16 Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Your book were all written The days that were ordained [for me,] When as yet there was not one of them.
- b. [Exo 23:26 NASB95] 26 "There shall be no one miscarrying or barren in your land; I will fulfill the number of your days.
- c. God has written your life story and He wants you to live out every chapter.
- d. Healing is not vanity; it’s about finishing what God started in your life.
- e. Pray: “Lord, help me live the full number of my days and fulfill every assignment You’ve written for me.”
- f. Refuse to die before your destiny is done. God has a plan for your life. Fight for every moment.

II. Your Body Is God’s Handiwork

- a. [Gen 2:7 NASB95] 7 Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.
- b. [Psa 139:14 NASB95] 14 I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well.
- c. [1Th 5:23 NASB95] 23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- d. When God created the universe, He spoke. But when He created you, He used His hands. That means your body is not disposable. It’s divinely designed. Healing honors the Creator who formed you.
- e. Take care of your body as an act of worship.
- f. Believe that the same hands that formed you can fix you.

III. Believing for Healing Is an Exercise of Faith

- a. [Heb 11:6 NASB95] 6 And without faith it is impossible to please [Him,] for he who comes to God must believe that He is and [that] He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.
- b. [Mat 9:29 NASB95] 29 Then He touched their eyes, saying, "It shall be done to you according to your faith."

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- c. Every time you pray for healing, you're exercising faith, even if the manifestation hasn't come yet.
- d. Faith is the spiritual muscle that grows every time we believe God for something impossible.
- e. When symptoms rise, don't panic, practice faith.
- f. Speak healing scriptures, praise through pain, and thank God before you feel the change.

IV. Believing for Healing Defeats the Devil

- a. [Act 10:38 NASB95] 38 "[You know of] Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and [how] He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.
- b. [1Jo 3:8 NASB95] 8 the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.
- c. Sickness is one of Satan's works, but Jesus came to destroy it.
- d. Every time you stand in faith for healing, you're declaring, "Satan, you lose again."
- e. Healing is warfare and your testimony is a weapon.
- f. When you feel attacked in your health, don't just endure, engage the fight.
- g. Pray, "Lord, heal me, and through my healing, humiliate the devil."

V. Even Though All Physical Healing Is Temporary, God's Work Is Eternal

- a. [2Co 4:16-18 NASB95] 16 Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. 17 For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, 18 while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.
- b. Every physical healing is temporary. Someday, every believer's body will die or be changed at the resurrection. But each healing is still sacred because it reveals God's goodness now.
- c. σωτηρία (sōtēria) can and does mean both temporal and eternal deliverance/salvation.
 - i. This is not a matter of theological interpretation but of lexical fact. The word itself carries this dual capacity, and the distinction between temporal and eternal is determined entirely by context, not by the word's inherent meaning.
 - ii. Greek doesn't have one word for "temporary rescue" and another for "eternal salvation." The same word (σωτηρία) covers both concepts. The biblical writers didn't feel the need to distinguish linguistically what modern systematic theology often separates.
 - iii. The New Testament uses the same word for
 - 1. Temporal: Surviving a shipwreck (Acts 27:34), escaping danger (Hebrews 11:7)
 - 2. Eternal: Salvation of the soul (1 Peter 1:9), eschatological deliverance (Romans 13:11)
- d. He still works miracles in other areas too: provision, peace, direction, and open doors. To not believe for healing because of its temporary nature, would also have you not believe for anything else except going to heaven when you die.
- e. As long as you have breath in your body, believe God for healing and wholeness.

VI. Healing Demonstrates God's Kingdom on Earth

- a. [Mat 6:10 NASB95] 10 'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

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- b. [Rom 14:17 NASB95] 17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
- c. Every healing is a glimpse of heaven touching earth.
- d. When we pray for healing, we're pulling the reality of heaven into the brokenness of earth.
- e. Declare God's will over your life: "On earth, as it is in heaven: in my spirit, in my mind, in my body."

- **You Still Matter, and So Does Your Healing**
- **Healing is not just about health; it's about purpose, faith, and testimony.**
- **You matter to God: spirit, soul, and body.**
- **Healing reminds us that He still cares, still restores, still works through His people today.**
- **Healing matters to God because you matter to God. Every miracle gives the world a preview of His eternal goodness.**