

A FAITH THAT CAN HEAL ILLNESSES

James: A Faith That Works When Life Doesn't - Part 30

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"Jesus went everywhere, teaching . . . preaching . . . and healing people who had all kinds of disease and sickness." - Matthew 4:23

3 MISTAKEN VIEWS ABOUT DIVINE HEALING

ERROR 1: I CAN BUY MY HEALING BY _____

A magician named Simon: Acts 8:9–12, 18–22

ERROR 2: IT'S NEVER GOD'S WILL FOR ME TO BE SICK

". . . those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good." - 1 Peter 4:19 (NIV)

(See also: John 16:33, Philippians 1:29, Colossians 1:24, 1 Thessalonians 3:3)

ERROR 3: MIRACLES ENDED WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE BIBLE

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." - Hebrews 13:8 (NIV)

"Are you HURTING? Then you should PRAY. Are you happy? Then you should sing songs of praise. Are you SICK? Then you should call the church elders to PRAY over you and anoint you with oil in the name of the Lord. And the PRAYER offered in faith will heal the SICK PERSON; the Lord will raise him up. And if you've sinned, you'll be forgiven. Therefore CONFESS your faults to each other and PRAY for each other so that you may be HEALED. The earnest PRAYER of a believing person is powerful and effective. For example, Elijah was a human being just like us. Yet when he PRAYED earnestly that no rain would fall, so there was no rain three and a half years! Then, he PRAYED that it would rain, and it poured down and everything began to grow again!" - James 5:13–18

I. WHEN SHOULD I PRAY FOR HEALING?

"Are you hurting?" (kakopatheo) = having trouble, suffering

"Are you sick?" (ästheneo) = feeling weak or sick

"The sick person" (kamno) = weary and feel like giving up

"No rain for 3 ½ years" = a drought or dry spell in your life

Anytime I'm _____, sick, tired, or empty

II. WHY AREN'T PEOPLE HEALED EVERY TIME?

We don't know God's will! God uses illness in many ways:

1. TO GET MY ATTENTION AND REDIRECT ME

"It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees." - Psalm 119:71 (NIV)

"Sometimes it takes a painful experience to make us change our ways." - Proverbs 20:30 (TEV)

2. TO BE A _____ FOR OTHERS

"I want you to know, my dear brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has helped spread the Good News." - Philippians 1:12 (NCV)

Jesus: "This sickness will not end in death. It is an illness for the glory of God, to bring glory to the Son of God." - John 11:4 (NCV)

3. TO TAKE US INTO ETERNITY

"God has already appointed a time that each of us will die and then our lives will be judged by God." - Hebrews 9:27

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us." - 1 John 5:14 (NIV)

III. WHO CAN PRAY FOR HEALING? _____ CHILD OF GOD

". . . The earnest prayer of a believing person is powerful and effective! For example, Elijah was a human being just like us. Yet when he prayed earnestly . . . (miracles happened)." - James 5:16–17

Jesus: "I tell you the truth, ANYONE who has FAITH IN ME will do what I've been doing. He will do even greater miracles than these, because I'm going to the Father. And I'll do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father." - John 14:12–13 (NIV)

IV. HOW DO I PRAY FOR HEALING FOR MYSELF & OTHERS?

1. MAKE SURE MY HEART IS _____ FROM SIN

"CONFESS your faults to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed." - James 5:16

2. BE _____ WHEN I ASK

"You do not have, because you do not ask God." - James 4:2

3. ASK IN FAITH

"When you ask, you must believe and not doubt . . ." - James 1:6

1. giving 2. hurting 3. testimony 4. any 5. clean 6. specific

能醫治你疾病的信心

雅各書：在人生困境中活出真信心—第三十部
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“耶穌走遍加利利地區…教導人，傳講…福音，並醫治各種疾病。”
- 馬太福音 4:23 (新普及譯本)

三個關於「屬天醫治」的謬誤

謬誤一：我可透過_____來換取醫治

有個名叫西門，行法術的人：使徒行傳 8:9-12, 18-22

謬誤二：我患病絕不是上帝的旨意

“所以那順着神的旨意而受苦的人，要繼續地行善，把自己的生命交託那信實的創造者。”
- 彼得前書 4:19 (新譯本)
(參照：約翰福音 16:33, 腓立比書 1:29, 歌羅西書 1:24, 帖撒羅尼迦前書 3:3)

謬誤三：神蹟已隨着聖經成書而終結了

“耶穌基督昨天、今天、直到永遠，都是一樣的。” - 希伯來書 13:8 (中文標準譯本)

“你們當中有人在受苦嗎？你們就該為此禱告。有人歡樂嗎？你們就該歌頌。有人患病嗎？你們就該請教會的長老來，奉主的名為你們抹油禱告。出於信心的禱告能醫治病人，主會使你們痊癒。即便你們犯了罪，也會得到赦免。你們要彼此認罪，互相代求，好使你們得到醫治。信徒的真誠禱告，是大有力量和功效的，就如以利亞和我們一樣是人。但他懇切祈求不要下雨，結果三年半都沒有降雨！後來他再次禱告，天就降下雨來，地裏也長出了莊稼！” - 雅各書 5:13-18 (意譯／新普及譯本)

I. 我應該何時祈求醫治？

“你們當中有人在受苦嗎？” (kakopattheo) = 有麻煩、在受煎熬

“有人患病嗎？” (ästheneo) = 軟弱或疾病

“病人” (kamno) = 很疲倦和想要放棄

“三年半都沒有降雨” = 你人生的旱災或乾旱期

每當我_____、患病、疲累或空虛

II. 為何人們不一定能痊癒？

我們不知道上帝的旨意！上帝使用疾病的方式有很多：

1. 讓我注視祂，並重整我們的路向

“我受苦是對我有利的，為要使我學習你的律例。”

- 詩篇 119:71 (新譯本)

“有時要藉着痛苦的經歷，才可令我們改變行事方式。”

- 箴言 20:30 (TEV 意譯)

2. 成為對別人的_____

“弟兄姊妹，我希望你們知道，我的遭遇反而會使福音傳得更廣。”

- 腓立比書 1:12 (當代譯本)

耶穌：“這病不至於死，而是為了神的榮耀，使神的兒子因此得到榮耀。”
- 約翰福音 11:4 (新譯本)

3. 帶我們進入永恆

“按著定命，人人都有一死，死後且有審判。” - 希伯來書 9:27 (和合本)

“我們對神所懷的確信是這樣的：如果我們按照他的旨意求什麼，他就垂聽我們。”
- 約翰一書 5:14 (中文標準譯本)

III. 誰可以祈求醫治？上帝的_____兒女

“…信徒的真誠禱告，是大有力量和功效的，就如以利亞和我們一樣是人。但他懇切祈求… (神蹟發生了)”
- 雅各書 5:16-17 (新普及譯本)

耶穌：“我鄭重地告訴你們，信我的人也會做我所做的事，甚至要做更大的，因為我到父親那裏去。你們奉我的名，無論求甚麼，我一定成全，為要使父親的榮耀藉著兒子顯示出來。”
- 約翰福音 14:12-13 (現中修訂版)

IV. 如何為自己、為別人祈求醫治？

1. 確保我的心是_____無罪的

“你們要彼此認罪，互相代求，好使你們得到醫治。”

- 雅各書 5:16(新普及譯本)

2. 我要_____祈求

“你們得不到，因為你們不求。”

- 雅各書 4:2(新譯本)

3. 憑信心祈求

“要憑信心毫不疑惑地祈求…”

- 雅各書 1:6(當代譯本)

1. 奉獻 2. 受苦 3. 見證 4. 任何一位 5. 潔淨 6. 明確地