

HEALING DISTINCTIONS

Acts 10:38

INTRO

Here we see that sickness is called oppression from the devil. Sickness does not come from God, and there is no sickness in God. There was no sickness in God's original plan for man in the Creation in the Garden. There was no sickness before the Fall, Satan, sin and the curse. Very often people view healing in all one category, which can cause confusion. It is helpful when viewing healing to make these distinctions which help to stabilize our faith.

I. Healing Distinctions.

- A. Some healings are sovereignly initiated by God (i.e., John 5).
 - 1. These are basically manifestations of the Spirit which operate as the Spirit wills or as they are given or initiated by the Spirit.
 - 2. These are "mighty works" of healing, but we cannot initiate them. We can only cooperate and be open to them as the Spirit wills.
- B. Some healings are initiated by an individual's own exercise of faith (i.e., woman with issue of blood in Mark 5).
 - Twelve out of the 19 cases of healing in the New Testament where the individual is concerned, in 12 of the 19, the faith of the individual is mentioned.
- C. Not all healings are immediate or instant; some are gradual or happen over time.
 - 1. Mark 16 Shall recover -- shall be well.
 - 2. Luke 17 10 lepers, healed as they went.
 - 3. John 4 Nobleman's son -- began to amend -- to be better.
 - In these cases, those who come in faith for healing need to stay in faith regardless of what they see or feel.
- D. Not all healings are spectacular, but they can still be supernatural (existing or occurring outside the normal experience or knowledge of man; not explainable by the known forces or laws of nature).
 - 1. What is supernatural is not always spectacular.
 - 2. There are spectacular displays of God's power, "mighty works" or "notable" miracles; but if a person can learn to feed his spirit on the healing medicine of God's Word (Proverbs 4:20-24), believe His Word and as a result walk in healing -- it may not appear as spectacular, but it is just as supernatural.

II. 9 Methods of Healing.

- Jesus, in His ministry, used many methods of healing the sick; and the New Testament reveals various ways for a person to receive healing, all of which communicate that **HEALING IS GOD'S WILL.**
- A. Contact in faith with one anointed with healing power Acts 19:11,12.
- B. Gifts of healings 1 Corinthians 12:9.
- C. Anointing with oil and prayer of faith James 5:14-16.
- D. Laying on of hands Mark 16:18.
- F. Agreement in prayer Matthew 18:19.
- G. Using the Name of Jesus Acts 3:6,16.
- H. Communion 1 Corinthians 11:23-30.
- I. Acting on what God says in faith Isaiah 53:4,5; James 1:22.
- J. Personal faith in the Word John 4:46-54 or believing prayer Mark 11:24.