God, Our Healer

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healing has been the chief necessity of mankind." *(Charles Spurgeon)*

sickness/brokenness of the **soul/heart**	**spiritual**	that needs healing
sickness/brokenness of the **body**	**physical**	that needs healing
sickness/brokenness of the **mind**	**mental**	that needs healing
sickness/brokenness of the **spirit**	**emotional**	that needs healing

Some Notable Truths About Healing in the Old Testament

"If you will diligently listen to the voice of the Lord your God,
and do that which is right in his eyes,
and give ear to his commandments and keep all his statutes,
I will put none of the diseases on you that I put on the Egyptians,
for I am the Lord, your healer." *(Exodus 15:26)*

"For he wounds, but he binds up;
he shatters, but his hands heal." *(Job 5:18)*

"Come, let us return to the Lord;
for he has torn us, that he may heal us;
he has struck us down,
and he will bind us up." *(Hosea 6:1)*

Some Notable Truths About Healing in the Psalms

"Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases," *(Psalm 103:2-3)*

"Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am languishing;
heal me, O Lord, for my bones are troubled." *(Psalm 6:2)*

"There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation;
there is no health in my bones because of my sin." *(Psalm 38:3)*

"The Lord sustains him on his sickbed;
in his illness you restore him to full health.
…O Lord, be gracious to me; heal me,
for I have sinned against you!" *(Psalm 41:3-4)*

"**He heals the brokenhearted**
and binds up their wounds." *(Psalm 147:3)*

"Hearts are broken in 10,000 ways,
for this is a heart-breaking world,
and Christ is good at healing all manner of heartbreaks." *(Spurgeon)*

One Particularly Notable Truth in Isaiah's Powerful Prophecy of the Christ

"But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed." *(Isaiah 53:5)*

"These six words contain the marrow of the gospel….
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Jesus' stripes are the only medicine for transgression." *(Charles Spurgeon)*

Some Notable Truths About Healing in the gospel accounts of Jesus' life

"And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them." *(Matthew 4:23-24)*

"And when the men of that place recognized him, they sent around to all that region and brought to him all who were sick and implored him that they might only touch the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well." *(Matthew 14:35-36)*

"And great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute, and many others, and they put them at his feet, and he healed them" *(Matthew 15:30)*

Some Notable Truths About Healing in the rest of the New Testament

"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.
By his wounds you have been healed." *(1 Peter 2:24)*

"through the middle of the street of the city;
also, on either side of the river,
the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit,
yielding its fruit each month.
The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.." *(Revelation 22:2)*

Thinking About Healing in the Scriptures

1) No matter what may be wrong in believers' bodies/minds/spirits
that God may not heal in this life,
nothing can touch the spiritual healing
God has already done in saving us.

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and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases…" *(Ps 103:2-3)*

2) Realize something broken in us (body/mind/spirit)
is more than just a physical thing;
it has spiritual purpose as well.

"Not one drop, not one ounce, not one moment
of your sorrow and suffering will be wasted." *(David Mathis)*

3) Before—and more than—
you look to man for physical/mental/emotional
help and healing (walk by sight),
look in faith to God (Jehovah Rapha), to Christ, to the Gospel

"Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God." *(Psalm 20:7)*

Look to Christ

"Christ looks down from heaven upon all my afflictions
and understands them more fully than I feel them." *(John Flavel)*

Look in Faith

1 Peter 1:6-7
James 1:2-4

"Let it be done for you as you have believed." *(Mt 8:13)*

"Great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you desire." *(Matt 15:28)*

"Your faith has made you well;
go in peace, and be healed of your disease." *(Mark 5:34)*

"Faith in his name has made this man strong whom you see and know,
and the faith that is through Jesus
has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all." *(Acts 3:16)*

4) Before you turn to the godless/secular
to help you "get better,"
turn to the godly/righteous (the church/body/elders/believers)—
to help you by praying with you

"Is anyone among you sick?
Let him call for the elders of the church,
and let them pray over him,
anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.
And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick,
and the Lord will raise him up.
And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven
Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another,
that you may be healed.
The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working."
(James 5:14-16)

"For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia.
For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength
that we despaired of life itself.
Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death.
But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead.
He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us.
On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again.
You also must help us by prayer,
so that many will give thanks on our behalf
for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many." *(2 Corinthians 1:8-11)*

"None have such tenderness for the sick
as those who have been long in ill health themselves.
We ought to be grateful for occasional griefs
if they preserve us from chronic hardheartedness;
for of all afflictions, an unkind heart is the worst,
it is a plague to its possessor,
and a torment to those around him." *(Charles Spurgeon)*

5) Pray for healing with "everything in you"—
for yourself and for others:
"Have mercy on us/me!"
while accepting God's answer as His will for you.

"In the days of his flesh,
Jesus offered up prayers and supplications,
with loud cries and tears,
to him who was able to save him from death,
and he was heard because of his reverence." *(Hebews 5:7)*

Jesus: **"Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me.**
Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done." *(Luke 22:42)*

6) Realize that being healed of something broken in your body/mind/spirit (or someone else's) **may not actually be what's best for you (spiritually).**

"…a thorn was given me in the flesh,
a messenger of Satan to harass me,
to keep me from becoming conceited.
Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this,
that it should leave me.
But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you,
for my power is made perfect in weakness.'

Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses,
so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.
For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with
weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities.
For when I am weak, then I am strong." *(2 Corinthians 12:7b-10)*

"Those who are well have no need of a physician
but those who are sick." *(Matthew 9:12, Mark 2:17a)*

7) In every way you see God healing you/those you pray for of any brokenness,
we must humbly give Him the glory for it.
Let us be careful, lest we attest to created things (self/man/nature/luck)
what God has actually done

"The stripes, let us lament them;
The healing, let us rejoice in it!
And then the Physician, let us honor Him!" *(Spurgeon)*