

Healing & Miracle Nights 2026

BIBLICAL BASIS FOR HEALING

THURSDAY NIGHT NOTES

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Intro

Expect God to move

- Stir up your faith to receive from the Lord!

Tonight

- Will set a Biblical foundation for healing
- Does God really heal?
- Does He still heal today?
- Does God want to heal you?

Healing in the Old Testament

Examine one Old Testament account of God's healing nature:

- Exodus 12; the first Passover, miraculous exodus of Israel out of Egypt and across the Red Sea
- Blood of a lamb applied to the lintel and the doorposts...
- Sign that the God's judgement upon Egypt would pass over the sons of Israel
- *No plague will befall them*

Exodus 12:22

The sons of Israel went through the midst of the sea on the dry land

- Around 600K men of fighting age, plus women and children; maybe 1-2 million total who crossed the sea
- Young, old, every generation

Psalms 105:37

*Then He brought them out with silver and gold,
And among His tribes there was not one who stumbled*

- 1-2 million people led out of Egypt and not a single sick or feeble person!
- Passover blood brought divine health – deliverance from death AND sickness!

Exodus 15:26

And He said, "If you will give earnest heed to the voice of the Lord your God, and do what is right in His sight, and give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have put on the Egyptians; for I, the Lord, am your healer." [Jehovah-Rapha]

- God of the Old Testament was a God of Healing

Biblical Basis for Healing

Three Biblical foundations: the Covenant, the Atonement, and the Kingdom of God

-The Covenant-

"A deeply binding, sacred agreement" between God and man

Exodus 34

- God reaffirms the ten commandments
- Verse 10

Then God said, "Behold, I am going to make a covenant. Before all your people I will perform miracles which have not been produced in all the earth nor among any of the nations; and all the people among whom you live will see the working of the Lord, for it is a fearful thing that I am going to perform with you"

Covenant details in Deuteronomy

- The promise of the Mosaic covenant is health & prosperity, while the cost of rebellion is... unhealthy and not prosperous

Jeremiah 31:31

"Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah"

Hebrews 8:6

But now He [Jesus] has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better [new] covenant, which has been enacted on better promises. [better promises than promised in Moses' covenant]

1 Peter 2:24

and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed

- God's promise of health and healing begins with the Mosaic covenant
- Jesus' suffering and death at the Cross gives us access to God's better covenant
 - Includes salvation, deliverance, and healing

-The Atonement-

The reconciliation and restoration of sinful man with a holy God

- The Atonement made the way for mankind to restore their relationship with God that was broken by Adam & Eve

Descendants of Adam were born into sin

- OT law, animals sacrificed annually to 'atone' for man's sin
- the blood of the sacrificed animals covered man's sin and restored a relationship with God
- Imperfect, temporary solution

The permanent atonement needed to reconcile sinful mankind and their holy God came through Jesus Christ

- Jesus' obedient life and substitutionary death satisfied God's divine justice

1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit

Romans 10:9-10

*If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be **saved**.¹⁰ One believes with the heart, resulting in righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, resulting in **salvation***

Our salvation comes when we confess Jesus

- Our atonement, eternal spiritual reconciliation with God, is in salvation

Greek word Sozo

- 'saved' or 'salvation' – meaning to save, heal, deliver, and to be made whole
- Healing is part of our salvation, part of Christ's atonement
- When Jesus died on the Cross, He died not only for the forgiveness of your sin, but for the healing of your body
[see also Matthew 1:21, Matthew 9:22, James 5:15]

-The Kingdom of God-

God's supernatural healing tangibly DEMONSTRATES the existence and authority of the Kingdom of God

Matthew 4:23

Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people

Luke 10:9

...heal those who are sick, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

Jesus and His disciples spent more time healing the sick than they did preaching and teaching...

"Whenever people convert, it's because they've seen miracles... And so you get all of these conversions based on miracles. And as you read the Christian sources through the first, second, third, fourth centuries, what they all say is that miracles are what [made] the people convert, as outsiders [saw] that the Christian God [could] do miracles better than their own gods."

- Bart Ehrman (Atheist historian of early Christianity)

Authority to Heal

God did heal, does heal. God has not changed!

- He uses US to release His healing
- We (born-again Jesus-followers) have authority to heal

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Matthew 10:1

Jesus summoned His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness

Matthew 10:8

Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give

John 14:12

Truly, truly I say to you, the one who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I am going to the Father

Jesus has all authority, delegates it to Christians

- He sends out the 12; He sends the 70; then all who believe on His name
- Do what Jesus did, glorify the Father, and expand the Kingdom

Matthew 10:1

And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.

Luke 10:9

heal those in it who are sick, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

He gave them power, including power to heal

- Jesus did not say, *"I give you authority to pray to Me and ask Me to heal the sick for you."*
- Believers have the authority and directive to heal the sick, cast out demons, and raise the dead

Motivation for Healing

When we pray for others in Jesus' name, when we heal the sick,

- The Name of Jesus is glorified! The Name above all names!
- healings and miracles confirm the Gospel message!
- healings and miracles glorify Jesus and the Father!

Matthew 15:31

"So the crowd was amazed when they saw those who had been unable to speak talking, and the paralyzed cured, and the injured walking, and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel."

- Every created thing can hear the voice of God
- Every created thing is waiting for the sons of God to manifest the Kingdom

Healing in the New Testament

Mark 1:40-42

And a leper came to Jesus, beseeching Him and falling on his knees before Him, and saying, "If You are willing, You can make me clean."⁴¹ Moved with compassion, Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed."⁴² Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed.

Luke 4:40

Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them.

Matthew 4:23-24

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. ²⁴ 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 14:14

When He went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and felt compassion for them and healed their sick.

Acts 3:1-10

... Peter and John were on their way into the Temple for prayer meeting. At the same time there was a man crippled from birth being carried up. Every day he was set down at the Temple gate, the one named Beautiful, to beg from those going into the Temple. When he saw Peter and John about to enter the Temple, he asked for a handout. Peter, with John at his side, looked him straight in the eye and said, "Look here." He looked up, expecting to get something from them. Peter said, "I don't have a nickel to my name, but what I do have, I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk!" He grabbed him by the right hand and pulled him up. In an instant his feet and ankles became firm. He jumped to his feet and walked.

The man went into the Temple with them, walking back and forth, dancing and praising God. Everybody there saw him walking around and praising God. They recognized him as the one who sat begging at the Temple's Gate Beautiful and rubbed their eyes, astonished, scarcely believing what they were seeing.

Some Key Thoughts on Healing

-Forgiveness/Repentance-

Often forgiveness and repentance must be addressed before healing can come

- It is God's will to heal; and God does not put sickness or disease on you; but there are consequences to sin and unforgiveness
- Often related to the event that brought on your sickness, or a pattern of sin, or trauma

- Acknowledging or Claiming Illness –

Sometimes a fear that by admitting pain or sickness they are claiming the affliction, and acting in opposition to faith...

- But how can you even ask for prayer if you can't acknowledge your pain, or sickness or your defeat in some area?
- It's a paradox that can completely mess you up! *"I'm sick and I need prayer, but if I say I'm sick I'm claiming the disease and proclaiming I have no faith! What can I do?"*

We don't accept our condition as a "new normal" that we just have to live with

- But we must acknowledge our situation in order to get out of it
- In prayer, we can address the condition and command it to end, while declaring a new, healed condition

-Faith and Medicine-

God can use doctors and medicine

- Even if you believe you are healed, do not stop your meds without talking to your doctor for confirmation

- The Mystery of Healing -

Will EVERYONE be healed tonight?

- Maybe yes, maybe no; maybe you will be healed tomorrow night or Saturday
- Maybe your healing will be progressive over hours, days, or weeks
- why was this one healed and this one wasn't?
 - Because we live in a sinful world
 - Because people have freewill to accept or reject the mercy of God
 - We cannot always understand God's thinking

Acts 19:11-12

God was performing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul,¹² so that handkerchiefs or aprons were even carried from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out.

2 Tim 4

"the Lord stood with me and strengthened me... I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. ¹⁸ And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work ... To Him be glory!"

- Yay God! And yet...

- Paul says, "I left my friend and fellow minister, Trophimus, sick at Miletus..."
- Extraordinary miracles, but Paul couldn't help his fellow minister

Why? I don't know...

- But I know God loves me
- I know God is the healer, and
- I know God is fully in control

Through Jesus, God still heals today and it is His will to see you healed, delivered, and set free to serve Him