

The School of Healing

Lesson 9

Healing and the Prayer of Faith

Part 1

I. Text: (James 5:14, 15 NKJV) ¹⁴*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.* ¹⁵***And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.***

A. This passage plainly states that the prayer of faith will heal the sick.

B. The Greek Word translated save here means to save, to deliver or protect. It is also translated in other places in the Bible to heal, to preserve, and to make whole.

C. The (BBE) translates this passage this way, *And by the prayer of faith the man who is ill will be made well, and he will be lifted up by the Lord, and for any sin which he has done he will have forgiveness.*

D. The (NASB) says, *15and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him.*

E. The (NLT) says, *15 Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven.*

II. Since the Scripture states that the prayer of faith will heal the sick, then it behooves us to understand what the prayer of faith is.

A. The prayer of faith is the prayer that you pray in order to receive a promised benefit in God's Word.

B. When you pray the prayer of faith you believe that you receive that promised benefit when you pray.

C. Healing is a promised benefit in God's Word. (Psalm 103:2, 3 NKJV) ²*Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:* ³*Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases.*

III. Now let me share with you two absolute truths about the prayer of faith.

A. The first truth is found in (Matt. 21:22 NKJV) ²²*"And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."*

B. The first truth is that you will receive whatever you ask in prayer believing.

C. The second truth is found in (Mark 11:24 NKJV) ²⁴*"Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."*

D. The second truth is that if you can believe that you receive when you pray, then you will have what you asked for.

E. Let me point out to you that these are not the words of Pastor Loper, Kenneth Hagin, Kenneth Copeland, or Charles Capps...these are the words of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. They are as true and authoritative as John 3:16

IV. The heart of the prayer of faith is believing that it is given to you when you pray, as opposed to believing that it is given to you when you see it come to pass.

A. Listen to (Mark 11:24 AMP) *For this reason I am telling you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe (trust and be confident) that it is granted to you, and you will [get it].*

B. If you can trust and be confident that it is granted to you when you pray, then it will eventually come to pass in such a way that it is evident to your senses.

C. But believing you receive when you pray comes before seeing the thing you have asked for.

D. So, the question is, can you believe that you receive the specific thing you are praying for when you pray?

E. Answer: Yes, you can! You have the God given ability to believe you receive when you pray.

V. For the next three weeks in the School of Healing we are going to be focusing on three keys that will enable you to believe you receive when you pray. If you will focus on these three keys, then you can pray the prayer of faith, believe you receive when you pray, and eventually have the manifestation of what you prayed for. I am going to give you the three keys today, and then we are going to study each one of them over the next three weeks.

A. **Key One:** Ask in line with God's will, which is His Word.

B. **Key Two:** Ask in the Name of Jesus.

C. **Key Three:** Make sure your heart is right toward God and man when you pray.

D. Before you pray ask yourself these three questions.

1. Am I asking for something in line with God's Word?
2. Am I asking in the Name of Jesus?
3. Is my heart right with God and man?

E. If you can answer yes to these three questions when you pray for something, then you can be confident that you receive when you pray.

VI. Now, before we pray for healing today, let me show you something that is definitely in line with God's will.

A. The Great Commission consists of the last set of instructions Jesus gave to the church before He ascended back to heaven.

B. This set of instructions is found in Matt. 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20, and Acts 1.

C. Every thing that is included in this set of instructions we call the Great Commission is to be in operation in the church until Jesus returns at the end of the age. **(Matt. 28:19, 20 NKJV)** ¹⁹*"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,* ²⁰*"teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."* Amen.

D. Did you know that laying hands on the sick in Jesus' Name is included in the Great Commission and is to be in operation in the church until the end of the age when Jesus returns? **(Mark 16:15-18 NKJV)** ¹⁵*And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶"He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷"And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; ¹⁸"they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; **they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."***

E. Did you know that laying on of hands is one of the foundational doctrines of Christ? **(Heb. 6:1, 2 NKJV)**

¹*Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, ²of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.*

F. So what we are doing here when we pray for the sick and lay hands on them in Jesus' Name is not far out; but it is foundational Christianity.

G. We have the promise from Jesus Himself in the Great Commission that when we lay hands on the sick in Jesus' Name they will recover.

1. **(Mark 16:18b NKJV)** ... *they will lay hands on the sick, and **they will recover.***"
2. **(BBE)** ...*they will put their hands on those who are ill, and **they will get well.***

3. **(Wycliffe New Testament)** *They shall set their hands on sick men, and **they shall wax whole.***