

# Divine Healing for Today Part-5

Tonight, we're looking at "Divine Healing for Today – Pt. 5." This teaching is a collage of Scriptures from the OT & NT that are to help paint a picture of what God's will is regarding Divine Healing. Let's wade out into the "water" of God's Divine & Care before diving right into healing, by hearing what Selwyn Hughes has to say about God's caring heart toward us & our bodies.

**Selwyn Hughes, "They Will Be Satisfied," Psalm 37:19**

**HCSB** *"They (the blameless, godly, righteous) will not be disgraced in times of adversity; they will be satisfied in days of hunger."*

"Jesus directs us to ask God for our daily bread because we have a need to ask Him. It does us good to ask, for asking increases our awareness of our dependency upon God and builds a defense against ingratitude.

"I find it greatly encouraging that the God of creation, Who is infinitely holy and Who holds the universe in His hand, cares that my physical needs are met. This implies that God regards our bodies as important. He designed them and is interested in the way they function.

"Some Christians regard it as "unspiritual" to pray about the needs of the body, but, as Jesus pointed out, this is really where our personal petitions ought to begin. While Jesus endeavored to get His hearers to keep their values straight by saying that the spiritual was all important – "*Seek first the kingdom of God*" (Mt. 6:33) – He nevertheless put the body in its rightful place, as being a matter of great concern. The Father, we are told, guarantees our physical needs if we seek first the kingdom of God.

"Most of the promises in the Bible have to do with spiritual truth, but never to the exclusion of the physical. How much spiritual use would we be to our heavenly Father if He didn't meet our basic physical needs? This is why I do not fear the

future. In whatever way people might mismanage the resources which God has placed in the earth, I have confidence in the truth of the verse before us today: “*They will be satisfied in days of hunger.*” I believe that Scripture includes Divine Healing as a basic physical need for those in covenant with Christ Jesus & even those who are not yet! Let’s look at an example of this from the Gospel of Matthew.

### **Healing is the Children’s Bread**

#### **Mark 7:24-30 TPT “A Gentile Shows Her Faith”**

*“Jesus set out from there to go into the non-Jewish region of Tyre [located in Lebanon on the Mediterranean coast]. He intended to slip into a house unnoticed but people found out that He was there. 25. But when a woman whose daughter had a demon spirit heard He was there, she came and threw herself down at His feet. 26a. She was not Jewish, but a foreigner (or “Greek”) born in the part of Syria known as Phoenicia.” TPT*

**note:** “This story, in light of the culture of that time, is phenomenal. She was a foreign-born woman with a demonized daughter. Combined, these characteristics made her an unlikely candidate to seek out a Jewish healer. The racial divide of that day was quite pronounced, but love and faith overcome every barrier, including racial prejudice. In **Matt. 15:22**, the Hebrew Matthew text describes her as “*a Canaanite merchant woman.*”

Canaan included the region of modern-day Lebanon and parts of Syria. A “Canaanite” would refer to a non-Jewish person who lived in that region. In this region, Jezebel established Baal worship and there her body was eventually thrown to the dogs. Here Jesus heals a woman and brings her into the true worship of God.” By the way, Lebanon is where Israel is fighting Hezbollah right now!

**V. 26b.** “*She begged Him repeatedly to cast the demon out of her daughter.*” **Matt. 15:22-25 TPT** says, “*He encountered a Canaanite woman who screamed out to Him, “Lord, Son of David,*

*show mercy to me! My daughter is horribly afflicted by a demon that torments her.”* **23.** *But Jesus never answered her. So His disciples said to Him, “Why do you ignore this woman who is crying out to us? (The Greek is “The disciples kept begging Jesus to send her away.”).* **24.** *Jesus said, “I’ve only been sent to the lost sheep of Israel.”* **But she would not relent!** **25.** *But she came and bowed down before Him and said, “Lord, help me!”*  
**Mk. 7:27 TPT** *“Finally He said to her, “First let My children be fed and satisfied, for it isn’t fair to take the **children’s bread** and throw it to **the little dogs.**”*

Here we find Jesus metaphorically calling the Jewish people “*children [of Israel],*” who view the non-Jewish people as “*dogs.*”

**\*TPT note:** “Or “*little pet dogs.*” The term translated “*dog*” here is the diminutive form of the Greek [word]“*kuon*”. Calling her a household pet was not meant as an ethnic slur, but was used to describe an impure (unclean) mind. See **Matt 7:6; 2 Pet. 2:22.** Using the metaphors of ***children, children’s bread, & dogs*** was the way Jesus tested her faith & revealed her strong confidence in Jesus’ power to heal her daughter. She saw Jesus as “***Lord,***” and received her miracle.”

**Desperate, she stood her ground.** **Vv. 28-30 TPT** *“She answered, “How true that is, Lord. But even puppies under the family table are allowed to eat the little children’s crumbs.”* **29.** *Then Jesus said to her, “That’s a good reply! Now, because you said this, you may go. The demon has permanently left your daughter.* **30.** *And when she returned home, she found her daughter resting quietly on the couch, completely set free from the demon.”*

Please note that in **v. 27**, Jesus says, “*First let My children be fed and satisfied, for it isn’t fair to take the **children’s bread** and throw it to **the little dogs.**”* “ Jesus is saying, “Healing is the

children's bread." It is the bread of the covenant between the Lord and His people.

A woman from Lebanon or Tyre & Sidon, a Canaanite, asked for the Lord's mercy for her daughter afflicted by demons. The disciples kept begging Jesus to send her away. He refused to pay her attention as well, for "*I've only been sent to the lost sheep of Israel.*" "*Lord, help me!*"

**V. 27** "*You're right, Lord,*" she replied. "*But even puppies get to eat the crumbs that fall from the prince's table.*" **28.** "***Dear woman, your faith is strong! What you desire will be done for you.***" And at that very moment, her daughter was instantly set free from demonic torment."

### **Reasons Why Jesus Performed Miracles of Healing**

In Foundations of Pentecostal Theology, it says that, "A close study of Christ's miracles of healing shows that in the majority of these, a reason is given why they were performed.

**1)** Because of the Promises of His Word.

**Mt. 8:16, 17 KJV** "*And He healed all that were sick: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, "Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses."*

**2)** In Order to Reveal His Will

**Mk. 3:1-5 KJV** "*And He entered again into the synagogue; and there was a man there which had a withered hand. And they watched Him, whether He would heal him on the sabbath day; that they might accuse Him. And He saith unto the man which had the withered hand, "Stand forth...And when He had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, He saith unto the man, "Stretch forth thine hand. And He stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other".*

In **Luke 14:1-6 TPT** "*One day Jesus was on His way to dine with a prominent Jewish religious leader for a Sabbath meal. Everyone was watching Him to see if He would heal anyone on the*

*Sabbath. 2. Just then, standing right in front of Him was a man suffering with his limbs swollen with fluid. 3. Jesus asked the experts of the law and the Pharisees who were present, “Is it permitted within the law to heal a man on the Sabbath day? Is it right or wrong?” 4. No one dared to answer. So Jesus turned to the sick man, took hold of him, and released healing to him, then sent him on his way. 5. Jesus said to them all, “If one of your children or one of you animals fell into a well, wouldn’t you do all you could to rescue them even if it was a Sabbath day?” 6. There was nothing they could say – all were silenced.” **It is the will of God to heal on any day of the week!***

### **3) Jesus Performed Miracles: To Manifest the Works of God**

**John 9:3 KJV** “Jesus answered, “Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents, but that the works of God should be manifest in him.” **John 11:1, 4 KJV** “Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. ... 4. When Jesus heard that, He said, “This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.” **The work of God is that healing glorifies Jesus.**

### **4) Jesus Performed Miracles Because of His Compassion**

“On at least six occasions we are told that Jesus healed because He had compassion on those who were afflicted. This was true of vast multitudes (Mt. 9:35-36; 14:14); of two blind men (Mt. 20:34); a leper (Mk. 1:41); the maniac of Gadara (Mk. 5:19); the widow of Nain whose son Jesus raised from the dead (Lk. 7:13);

**F.F. Bosworth** has pointed out:

“Modern theology magnifies the power of God more than it magnifies compassion....But the Bible reverses this, and magnifies His willingness to use His power more than it does the power itself. In no place does the Bible say that

“God is power,” but it does say that, “God is love.” It is not faith in God power that secures His blessings, but faith in His love and in His will.”

It is not what God can do, but what we know He yearns to do, that inspires faith.

Hundreds needing healing have come or written to us, saying, concerning their need of deliverance, “the Lord is able,” but their teaching, as well as their lack of teaching, have kept them from knowing that the Lord is willing. How much faith does it take to say “the Lord is able?” The devil knows God is able, and he knows He is willing, but he has kept the people from knowing this latter fact (He’s willing).

#### **5) Jesus Performed Miracles Because of Faith – Not only in His Ability, but Also His Willingness**

a. *Sometimes the faith of others rather than the sick person.*

1. The centurion’s servant – Mt. 8:5-13

2. The nobleman’s son – Jn. 4:46-53

3. The four who brought the palsied man – Mk. 2:1-12

4. The Syrophenician woman’s daughter – Mt. 15:21-28

b. *Sometimes the faith of those who needed the healing.*

1. The woman with the issue of blood – Mk. 5:25-34. “*For she said, If I may touch but His clothes, I shall be whole.*” She had no Scripture to guide her in this. The idea started in her own heart. The healing came entirely in response to her own faith. Jesus said, “...thy faith hath made thee whole.”

2. Two blind men – Mt. 9:27-31. “*Jesus saith unto them, “Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto Him, Yea, Lord. Then touch He their eyes, saying, “According to your faith be it unto you.”*”

3. A leper – Mt. 8:2-4

4. Ten lepers – Lk. 17:11-19.

In these cases, where the reason for the healing is plainly stated, the vast majority were healed either because of definite, positive faith or because of the Compassion of the Lord. There is not a word in the Bible to indicate that the Lord's Compassion has ever lessened, or that God has ever ceased to respond to the faith of those who come.

Tonight, let's purpose not to take our salvation for granted, but embrace the full blessing of Christ Jesus' death on our behalf. Let's be more grateful each & every day for the lovingkindness He shows us by forgiving us & making intercession for us always. Let's praise Him & tell others about His loving sacrifice!