

### I. INTRODUCTION

#### A. Proverbs 4:20-22

**NKJV** “My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; **Keep them in the midst of your heart;** For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh.”

1. Faith requires us to **KEEP** the Word of God in the midst of our heart at **all** times.

#### B. Mark 11:22-24

**NKJV** “So Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive *them*, and you will have *them*.’”

**AMPC** “And Jesus, replying, said to them, ‘Have faith in God [**constantly**].’”

1. **Constantly** = continuously; over a period of time.
  - Faith requires you to **keep looking** at the Word of God (i.e. on healing).
  - Faith requires you to **keep meditating**.
  - Faith requires you to **keep confessing**.

### II. WHY DO WE BELIEVE IT IS GOD’S WILL TO HEAL?

#### A. He is “Jehovah Rapha”—the God who heals.

##### 1. Exodus 15:26

**KJV** “And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I *am* the LORD that healeth thee.”

**ISV** “I am the Lord your healer”

### B. Healing is seen in the types and shadows of the Old Covenant.

#### 1. The Passover:

- **Psalm 105:37**

**NKJV** "He also brought them out with silver and gold, And *there was* none feeble among His tribes."

**GNT** "Then he led the Israelites out; they carried silver and gold, and all of them were healthy and strong."

#### 2. The Serpent on the Pole:

- **Numbers 21:6-9**

**NKJV** "So the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died. Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, 'We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord that He take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a fiery *serpent*, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live.' So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived."

- **John 3:14-15**

**NKJV** "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

#### 3. Healing is emphasized in Isaiah 53

- **Isaiah 53:4-5**

**NKJV** "Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed."

**NASB** "However, *it was* our sicknesses *that* He Himself bore, And our pains *that* He carried; Yet we ourselves assumed that He had been afflicted, Struck down by God, and humiliated."

**CSB** "He himself bore our sickness and carried our pains"

**NET** “He lifted up our illnesses – he carried our pain”

**New Heart** “Surely He bore our diseases – and took our pains.”

**PASTOR’S NOTE:** *This was not spiritual healing.*

○ **Matthew 8:17**

**NKJV** “...that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: ‘He Himself took our infirmities And bore *our* sicknesses’.”

**AMP** “...so that He fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: ‘HE HIMSELF TOOK OUR INFIRMITIES [upon Himself] AND CARRIED AWAY OUR DISEASES’.”

**4. Healing in the ministry of Jesus:**

• **Acts 10:38**

**NKJV** “How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.”

• **Jesus healed them all.** *See Matthew 12:15, Mark 6:56, Luke 4:40, Luke 6:19, and Luke 9:11.*

• **When He sent out the 12 and the 70.** *They were commanded to preach the Word and heal the sick.*

• **The Great Commission.** *Specifically in Mark, it included: “they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover.”*

**5. The ministry of the early church included healing:**

• **Acts 5:12-16**

**NKJV** “And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon’s Porch. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid *them* on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.”

### 6. The words of James and Peter:

- **James 5:14-15**

**NKJV** “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 sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.”

- **1 Peter 2:24**

**NKJV** “...who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.”

### 7. The Gifts of the Spirit:

- The gifts included **healing** and **miracles**.

- **1 Corinthians 12:4-11**

**NKJV** “There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit *of all*: for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another *different* kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.”