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By going to the cross and shedding His blood, Jesus not only purchased the salvation of our souls, but His sufferings also secured our **physical healing**. In fact, the word "salvation" (so frequently used in the New Testament), comes from the Greek "soteria", which means *'wholeness and healing - both in the physical and spiritual'*.

Years before Jesus came to the earth, the prophet Isaiah described the sufferings of the coming Savior and gave this reason. He wrote, ***"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"*** (Isaiah 53:4-5).

The stripes mentioned by Isaiah were the awful lashings inflicted by the Roman soldiers upon Jesus' back. Thirty nine stripes were the traditional punishment for a condemned prisoner. And according to the scripture, these stripes upon Christ's body were borne to secure our **healing** (1 Peter 2:24). Several years ago a well-known physician claimed to have discovered that all the world's diseases could be traced to thirty nine root sources. A coincidence? Probably not! Jesus bore a stripe for every disease known to mankind.

But the big questions today is still.... "Is it God's will to heal?"

Since the Bible indicates clearly that healing is a part of the reason of Christ's sufferings, and is inseparable from the idea of salvation, we must assume that it is as much God's will to **heal** you as it is to **save** you! And of course, we know that the Lord wants everyone to be saved (2 Peter 3:9).

What's more, the four Gospels have record that during Jesus' earthly ministry, there were eleven occasions where people approached Jesus specifically to get healed. And not once did Jesus turn away any of them or state that it was not His will. This is significant since the Bible is intended to reveal God's will for mankind. In one instance, a leper came to Jesus inquiring whether it was His will to heal him, saying, ***"Lord, if it is your will you can heal me."*** Jesus extended His hand and said, ***"It is my will; be healed!"*** And immediately the man's leprosy disappeared (Matthew 8:2-3).

The scriptures confirm repeatedly that Jesus went about ***"Doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil"*** (Acts 10:38). It also says, He went into the villages and towns... ***"healing every sickness and every disease among the people."*** (Matthew 9:35).

Looking back in history, we know that many people derived their names from what they did for a living. For instance, those named "Smith" came from generations of blacksmiths. It was a good way for a person to advertise their trade, ***"I'm Paul the Smith."*** Likewise, God identifies His own Name by what He does. In the Old Testament, God says His name is 'Jehovah Rapha', meaning ***"I am the Lord that heals you"*** or ***"I am the God that heals"*** (Exodus 15:26).

Think of it! God says that His name is *"The very Person that heals you!"* How could God reveal His will more clearly than to give Himself a name that says He **heals** you? Not only is it God's will to heal, healing is also stated in His name. In fact, it is who the Lord is, as well as, what He does!

Here are Seven Steps to Receiving your Healing from God:

(1) **Surrender yourself to God's will** — As much as it is God's will and desire to heal, you must totally surrender to His will (in all matters). Such things as unconfessed sin, rebellion, disobedience, unbelief or unforgiveness can hinder you from receiving your healing, and in some instances, could actually be the root cause of your illness. Any ailment or affliction should become a reason for self-examination - to come before the Lord in humility, surrendering yourself and drawing near to Him. James wrote, ***"Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts.... Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up"*** (James 4:7-10).

(2) **Stand on God's Word** — Read and meditate continuously upon the healing promises in God's word. As you let them be absorbed into your inner man, it will bring a great sense of assurance. This is the confidence of **faith** that comes as you open your heart to His infallible Word (Romans 10:17). ***"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"*** (Proverbs 4:20-22).

How important it is that we focus upon the divine *life* contained in God's Word, as this is the wellspring of His healing power. ***"He sent forth His word and healed them. Snatching them from death's door"*** (Psalms 107:20).

(3) **Ask in Faith** — Pray, but place your **faith** in the finished work of the cross. Jesus Christ's sufferings on behalf of your sickness or disease was enough! He has already paid the price for your total healing. He has already set it into motion - making it available to you today. Now it's up to you to accept His finished work, by asking in faith. ***"Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them"*** (Mark 11:24).

(4) **Call for the Church Elders** — Request that the elders of the church anoint you with oil and pray the prayer of faith over you. The Bible says, ***"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"*** (James 5:14-15). Notice, it says the prayer of faith shall heal the sick! Ask the elders to lay hands on you and pray. ***"...They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover"*** (Mark 16:18). Again, notice what it says - it declares that they will recover!

(5) **Keep on Believing** — Don't you ever stop praying and believing! This is the most common reason why so many people don't receive their healing. They get discouraged and simply give up on their faith.

All of us would prefer to have instantaneous healing, but many healings occur gradually and over time. *Jeremiah 1:12* says, God is **faithful** to perform His word (keeping every promise of His). He has the ability and the will to act! Besides, you are His child, so He wants the best for you. God want's you healed!

(6) **Keep on Praising Him** - Be patient and steadfast in your faith, and keep on praising and thanking Him for your answer. God will be faithful to His Word, if you will be faithful to be thankful! **"...Do not become sluggish but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises"** (*Hebrews 6:12*). God inhabits the praises of His people (*Psalms 9:11*), and where He dwells you will find soundness and wholeness. He is the source of all healing, so remember to **praise** Him in the midst of your circumstances - in spite of what you see or feel or have been told!

(7) **Keep your Confession** - It is imperative, to "do" the Word of God with regard to healing. And the simplest way to "do" the Word, is to **speak** it; applying it to your life. When you find a scripture that says, **"By His stripes we were healed,"** as in *1 Peter 2:24*, you would then say with your mouth, "Father God, I thank You that Jesus bore my sickness, and by His stripes I was healed, therefore, I am healed!" If "we were," then "I am!"

Remember, through your confession you are not denying that sickness exist. Rather you are denying the right for it to exist in your body! You are confessing what you desire to manifest in your body, and not what simply exists in this present moment. For instance, it is a completely different thing for me to say, when symptoms exist in my body, "I am not sick," than to say, "I am the **healed of the Lord!**"

In the first case, it can be argued that I am denying the state of sickness erroneously. While in the latter case, I am simply affirming a higher truth, the truth of God's own powerful Word, which He has exalted even above His own Name (*Psalms 138:2*). Therefore, you must confess that you are the **healed of the Lord**, in the face of contradictory physical evidence; confident that God forever watches over His Word to perform it (*Jeremiah 1:12*).

The Lord will supernaturally manifest His healing power when you speak the truth of His Word, and hold to your covenant. This is what the "woman with the issue of blood" did in the Bible. She knew that she had a covenant of healing with her God. She declared, **"If I may but touch His garment, I shall be whole."** First she said it (spoke it out), then she acted on it! And what happened? "*Virtue*" (in the Greek: 'dynamic power') flowed out of Jesus and into her body to effect a healing and a cure for her disease (*Mark 5:30*). And what did Jesus say of her? **"Daughter, be of good comfort; your faith has made you whole"** (*Matthew 9:20-22*).

Therefore, applying your **faith** in God's Word is as simple as **confessing** God's Word with your mouth - then acting upon it! Note, the "doing" of God's word is the *confession* from your mouth. The "acting out" of God's word is the determination to get what is legitimately yours - your covenant rights! And "believing" is knowing that what you've asked for has already manifested!

This is how you receive every promise contained in God's Word. And especially the promise of **divine health!**