

HEALED

GOD'S PROMISE TO HEAL



John 10:10 gives us the two plans for our lives—the enemy's plan to steal, kill and destroy and God's plan for life abundantly. Life and health are from Lord Jesus Christ. God sent Jesus to give us life in both quality and quantity. Your heavenly Father wants you well.

Author and pastor Bill Scheer shares 15 short passages on God's Healing promises in this powerful little book. Each reading reveals a new aspect of God's plan for healing. You will be forever changed as you discover just how important it is to your Father God that you are healing and made whole.

Introduction

After spending three years with Jesus, it was evident to the Apostle John that healing was God's will for mankind. He began his letter to his dear friend Gaius with this prayer: "Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers" (3 John 2).

Unfortunately, many Christians don't realize that God desires for them to live in health. Hosea 4:6 says, "My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge..." and 1 Peter 2:24 says, "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." I don't want anyone to be found ignorant about health and healing. The body of Christ needs to know what is rightfully theirs.

I am convinced from my study of the Word that it is *always* God's will to heal you. Hebrews 1:3 says that Jesus is the "*express image*" of God. This phrase means "the perfect representation." By looking at Jesus' life, we can see what the character of God is like. While Jesus was on the earth, He healed the multitudes. (Luke 6:17-19.) In fact, the Bible never records one incident where He *refused* to heal anybody.

I encourage you to let the scriptures and the brief healing teachings and verses sink deep into your spirit. As you speak aloud the faith declarations, expect to be healed. Keep reading this book until all doubt is removed from your heart and healing manifests in your body.

God's Grace

Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours:

Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

2 Peter 1:1-3 NIV

Faith is based on knowledge. You can't have faith for healing if you are unsure of what the Bible says about it. It's the knowledge of God's Word that enables us to win the fight of faith against sickness and disease.

When we meditate on healing scriptures, we are increasing our knowledge of God's desire to heal us. As our faith grows, we will receive what God promises us—"all things that pertain to life" (v. 3). And do you think healing pertains to life? Absolutely.

Declaration of Faith

I receive the grace of God, which enables the power of God to work on my behalf.

I daily spend time reading God's healing Word, and my faith increases more and more.

God's Medicine

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

In these verses, Jehovah Rapha, the God who heals, tells us how to “take” His Word as medicine. We have to pay more attention to what is written in the Bible than to what is on TV and in newspapers. We have to give more credence to God’s Word than anything else in the world. If you are fighting for your life, it doesn’t matter what’s in *USA Today* or what the so-called “experts” are saying, You need to feed only on the Word of God, for it is “...life...and health to all [your] flesh” (v. 22).

But how do we “take” God’s Word? The same way that you “take” prescribed medicine—on a consistent basis. You need to have a regular time of Bible reading every day. Our faith in God’s promises needs to be continuously strengthened. If your doctor gave you a prescription that was to be taken every 4 hours for 30 days, you would follow the instructions, right? You wouldn’t take the medicine once or twice and then throw it out because you didn’t see immediate results. How much more then should you follow God’s instructions for taking His medicine?

Declaration of Faith

The Word of God is my final authority.

It brings healing to every part of me.

Jehovah Rapha has healed me.

I am healed now!

God's Plan

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they have it more abundantly.

John 10:10

While we live on the earth, we can follow one of two plans, both of which are found in John 10:10. Satan's plan is to steal, kill, and destroy everything we have. God's plan for you, however, is abundant life.

Sickness and premature death are from Satan and absolutely not from God. If you can ever think that God is the *cause* of your sickness, you are deceived and won't pray to be healed. We can see the error in this type of thinking by looking at Matthew 6:10. Jesus prayed, "Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Is there any sickness in heaven? No, none at all. So if there isn't any sickness in heaven, then it absolutely cannot be God's will for you to be sick on earth. Jesus came to do the will of the Father, and that was to give you abundant life—a life of perfect health.

Declaration of Faith

I will not allow the devil to steal my health.

I choose to live in the abundant life that God has for me.

God's Report

Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief...He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. 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 53:1-5

Isaiah begins with the questions, “Who has believed our report?” When battling sickness, you are faced with two reports. First is the doctor’s report, which says you have a disease. Secondly, you have the report of the Lord, which says the stripes of Jesus have healed you.

The two options are clear. But the choice of which to believe is up to you. Are you going to believe the symptoms in your body and the report from your doctor? OR will you believe the Word of God? Even though what you are experiencing may be factual, facts are subject to change. And a report from God is more than factual; it’s truthful. God’s word *never* changes.

Verse 1 continues, “And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?” Or, on whose behalf has God shown His power? The answer is found in the question. God’s power is revealed to those who believe His report. If you are worried, fearful, or anxious about your health, you haven’t yet fully believed God’s report. This great report is that Jesus has healed you, but no one can receive *your* healing except you.

In verse 4, the Hebrew words for *griefs* and *sorrows* are *choliy* and *mak’ob*. The literal translation for these words is “sickness and pain.” The Hebrew word for *bore* is *nasá*. It means “to lift up; to carry.” This means when Jesus was tied to that whipping post, He bore, or carried, our sicknesses and our pains for our reason—so we wouldn’t have to. Now when you hear the words, “by His stripes we are healed,” imagine Jesus receiving 39 lashes on His back for your healing. It’s up to you to believe and receive this. It’s already been done. And it was all done for you.

Declaration of Faith

I believe the report of the Lord. I believe God’s healing promises above any symptom I experience in my body. All symptoms have to leave for I am healed by the stripes of Jesus.

God's Redemption

...no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for “the just shall live by faith.” Yet the law is not of faith, but “the man who does them shall live by them.” Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree),” that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the spirit through faith.

Galatians 3:11-14

Paul explained to the Galatians that they no longer had to keep the Law to ensure that God's blessings would rest on them. Instead, they simply had to live by faith to receive these blessings.

Under the old covenant, the only way to receive the blessings of Deuteronomy 28 was by keeping *all* of God's commandments. But now since Jesus bore the punishments of our sins on the Cross, you and I became righteous before God through the blood of Jesus. Because of Jesus we *are* God's righteousness. This is what Paul calls the righteousness of faith. In verse 11, Paul said, “...the just (those who are justified by God through faith in the Lord Jesus) shall live by faith.”

Faith in what Jesus did on the Cross allows you to live and not die. Christ redeemed us, or bought us out, from the curse of the Law. He took the curse from us. Sickness, disease, and premature death were never intended for the righteous. The curse of the Law is for those who are not righteous before God.

And it's okay if you don't *feel* righteous, because we never live by how we feel. You must know that your right standing with God is not based on how good a life you live. It's *only* through faith in Jesus that we become perfect, whole, and blameless in God's sight.

In the book of Romans some Jews tried to obtain righteousness by keeping the Law and not submitting to the righteousness of faith. The Apostle Paul responded by saying, “For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes” (Rom. 10:3,4). Thank God that your healing is based on Jesus' righteousness and not on your worthiness.

Declaration of Faith

Disease is not for me. It is a curse for the unrighteous. I am righteous through faith in the Lord Jesus. Any disease that tries to come on me is illegally trespassing in my body. Satan cannot legally afflict me any longer. My sins have already been paid for, and I don't have to be punished ever again.

God's Blessing

Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all of His commandments which I command you today, that the Lord your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you, and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the Lord your God: "Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country. Blessed shall be the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle, and the offspring of your flocks..."

Deuteronomy 28:1-4

This is the overcoming, victorious life that God desires for all of His children, and these are the blessing He wants us to continually live in. Some people think that God uses sickness to teach them something. But when you read the above verses, you see that there was no mention of sickness or disease in God's list of blessings.

God desired the Israelites to be in health. He wanted them to be obedient to his commands in order that they could walk in all His blessings. But He warned them that if they didn't keep His Law, penalties for disobedience would come upon them. The consequences for not keeping the Law are listed in Deuteronomy 28:15-68. If an Israelite kept the *entire* Law, he would be blessed. If not, curses would come upon him. This is what Paul calls in Galatians 3:13, "the curse of the Law."

However, this is absolutely not the case for you and me. We live under a new and better covenant. And although there is a penalty for sin, God laid that entire penalty on Jesus. We do *not* get what we deserve. The blood of that Jesus shed on the Cross was the hefty price that was paid for all mankind.

Satan wants you to accept punishment for your sins. He wants you to endure sickness, and he tries to make you believe that you deserve it. He knows that the penalty for sin has already been paid; he just doesn't want you to know it. But now you know the Truth. Receive what was already obtained for you on the Cross and walk in all the blessings of Deuteronomy 28.

Declaration of Faith

Jesus redeemed me from the curse of the Law, and I walk in all of the blessings of God. These blessings include divine health. I refuse to allow sickness to come on me. I overcome all sickness and disease through the blood of Jesus.

God's Peace

Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.

John 14:1

During the Last Supper, Jesus explained to the disciples how the new covenant works. A key to receiving from God is not allowing your heart to become troubled. You cannot believe God's healing promises and remain fearful or anxious.

The big question in many people's minds is how to remain in peace after receiving a bad report. The answer is simple—by replacing fearful thoughts with God's healing Word. When the thought comes into your mind that you are sick, immediately say aloud, "By the stripes of Jesus, I am healed." (Isa. 53:5.)

If you have received a bad report from a doctor, every time you think about that disease, quote a scripture regarding your victory over sickness, such as "...in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us" (Rom. 8:37). Then, allow the peace of God to rule over your heart as you rest assured in the promises of God to bring healing to your body.

Declaration of Faith

I let the peace of God rule my heart. No matter what comes against me, I will not allow my heart to be troubled, for the blood of Jesus always causes me to triumph.

God's Works

Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to my Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in my name, I will do it.

John 14:12-14

In these verses the people who will do the “greater works” spoken of are those who believe in Jesus. As believers, we are qualified to do the same things that Jesus did in the authority of His name. Jesus cleansed the lepers. He healed the sick. He raised the dead. And we can do these very things when we pray in Jesus’ name.

Jesus said in verse 14, “If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.” Asking in Jesus’ name and receiving in faith is the new covenant way to pray. John 15:7-8 says, “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified...” Remember that when you pray for healing, you are never asking for something God doesn’t want you to have. God wants to see you living in perfect health even more than you do.

In John 16:24, Jesus continues to teach His disciple how to pray. He says to them, “Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.” This is the confidence you can have when you pray in Jesus’ name. You know with complete assurance that God hears and answers your prayers. There can be no place for fear, only joy.

Praying in Jesus’ name is our assurance that God hears us. And not only does He hear us, but He also grants us every petition we ask of Him. (1 John 5:14,15.) Even if your symptoms don’t immediately change, that does not change the truth of God’s Word. We live by faith. We never live by what we see, and if you continue standing on God’s Word, these symptoms will have no choice but to leave.

Declaration of Faith

I am a believer, and I do the same works that Jesus did. I pray in Jesus’ name and sickness has to leave. I praise God that He hears and answers my prayers.

God's Confidence

Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward.

Hebrews 10:35

During His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus instructed the people not to pray like the heathens who use vain repetitions, "...For they think that they will be heard for their many words" (Matt. 6:7). When you continually ask God for something that He has already given you, you're really indicating that you don't believe you received it in the first place. And we receive according to our faith.

Jesus told His disciples to believe they received their petitions when they prayed, not when the condition changed. (Mark 11:24.) You have to absolutely determine in your heart not to sway from God's promises, regardless of the situation.

The reward for keeping your confidence in the Word is the manifestation of your healing. Circumstances, symptoms, and the experiences of other people will tempt you to cast aside your confidence. But when God's Word is your final authority, nothing can sway you.

Declaration of Faith

No matter what my circumstances look like, I do not sway from the Word of God. It is the final authority in my life.

God's Instruction

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders for 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...

James 5:13-15

James, the brother of Jesus, gives specific instructions to those who are sick. He tells them to ask the elders in the church to anoint them with oil and pray for them. If you are sick, it's your responsibility to ask for prayer. You shouldn't expect the elders to come to you.

James goes on to say that your prayer must be in faith. God does not answer "if it be Thy will" prayers. We already know what His will is regarding your healing. And God only responds to faith. "If it be Thy will" prayers are only disguises for doubt and unbelief. The prayer of faith says, "Father, I *know* that You have provided for my healing, and I *know* that You want me to recover fully. I ask for and receive by faith Your healing power into my body."

Declaration of Faith

I receive healing when the elders of my church anoint me with oil. I receive my healing by faith in God's Word.

God's Price

But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace way upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

Isaiah 53:5

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.

1 Peter 2:24

The Apostle Peter and the Prophet Isaiah both viewed the Cross but from different perspectives. Isaiah looked into the future and saw the finished work of Calvary. He said, "...by His stripes, we **are** healed." Peter witnessed the Cross firsthand. He looked back at what Jesus had already done and said, "...by whose stripes you **were** healed." Now when you read the Word, you can know with full assurance that your healing has already been provided and paid for.

Declaration of Faith

By His stripes, I was healed more than 2,000 years ago. I receive and stand in what Jesus did for me. In this, God is glorified.

God's Triumph

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

Psalm 34:19

Some Christians seem to think that just because they are born again, they should never experience any type of problems. We all know this does not happen. We see from this verse that the righteous—and that includes you and me—have *many* afflictions. In this life, at one time or another, everyone will encounter problems in his or her physical body. We have God's promise, however, to deliver us from every affliction. This is great news! IT doesn't matter how big or small the problem; God is more than able to deliver us, and He causes us to triumph every single time. If we don't quit, we always win.

Declaration of Faith

*No matter what comes against me, God always causes me to triumph.
(2 Cor. 2:14.) I stand in the victory that has been bought for me through
Christ Jesus.*

God's Completion

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases.

Psalm 103:2,3

In this verse we see King David instructed his soul (his mind, will, and emotions, or his decision-making processes) not to forget two benefits of being a child of God: God forgives *all* your sins and heals *all* your diseases. These verses clearly link the forgiveness of sins and the healing of diseases. Jesus paid a great price for *both* your sins and sicknesses. It doesn't bring Him glory if you only accept one arm of the Cross.

We can't split the atonement in two. We can't minimize what Jesus did on the Cross and say, "I know God will forgive me of my sins, but I don't know if He will heal me." Jesus paid an incredibly high price for your sins to be forgiven and your sicknesses *and* diseases to be healed.

Decide right now to not ever forget any of the benefits you received from the Cross of Calvary. As you stand in faith and thank God for a "complete" salvation, the promises in the Bible will become a reality in your physical body.

Declaration of Faith

*I thank God for a "complete" salvation.
I receive both forgiveness of sin and healing for my body.*

God's Plan

...For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

1 John 3:8

While Jesus was on the earth, He destroyed the works of the devil through healing those who came in contact with Him. There is no record of Jesus making anybody sick; only the devil does that. Jesus said, "if you have seen me, you have seen the Father" (John 14:9). You cannot believe the lie that God uses sickness to teach you lessons. You wouldn't do that to your own children and neither does God.

Now that the work of the Cross is finished, Jesus doesn't change His mind about healing. Although He is not physically on the earth, His essence is here through the Holy Spirit. And since the Holy Spirit lives inside of you, when you lay hands on people, it's as though Jesus is laying hands on them. Everyone whom Jesus laid His hands on received their healing, and you should expect the exact same results.

Declaration of Faith

I am a vessel of God's healing power to flow through. When I lay hands on people, it is as though Jesus Himself is laying hands on them, for His power flows through me. I expect everyone that I pray for and lay hands on to be healed.

God's Promise

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

James 4:7

This verse promises that when we resist the devil, he will flee. The works of the devil include sickness, fear, and premature death. Many Christians are waiting on God to do something about the devil, but God did everything that needs to be done. He sent Jesus to the earth to defeat Satan. When Jesus descended into hell, He conquered the devil and stripped him of the authority he had stolen from Adam. Jesus completely humiliated Satan and made a public spectacle of him. (Col. 2:15.)

James also admonished us to submit to God. This means that we are obedient to God's revealed will. When God shows you course corrections to make in your life, are you quick to make changes? We have to submit to God completely, not just in areas that are convenient or comfortable. Course corrections could be things such as not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together, or readily forgiving people who have wronged you. When you do what the Lord instructs, the Holy Spirit is able to show you things that may be blocking your healing. Sometimes these are only minor adjustments that you need to make in order to receive the manifestation of your healing. So be quick to obey the leadings of the Holy Spirit.

Declaration of Faith

I submit to God and am quick to obey His instructions. I stand firm and resist the devil. He has no choice but to flee.

God's Son

And they overcame him by the blood of the lamb and the word of their testimony...

Revelation 12:11

Jesus bore the penalty of sin and overcame sickness at Calvary. We overcome everything that comes against us by placing our faith in His blood and testifying of its victory.

Although we don't see what is happening in the spirit realm, when we confess our healing by faith, we can rest and be confident that our testimony is defeating the enemy. We can live in the peace that transcends conventional wisdom. This peace is evidence of our impending victory and the devil's impending doom. Our confidence is a grim reminder to the devil that we are winning the fight of faith, the only battle we are instructed to fight. (1 Tim. 6:12.)

Winning this fight is simple—just don't quit. The devil can't knock you out; he can only try to wear you out. If you don't quit, the victory is yours. Healing will *always* manifest in your body if you continue standing in faith.

Declaration of Faith

I give thanks and praise for the blood of Jesus, for it causes me to overcome the devil. I won't allow the devil to wear me out but will stand strong in the power of the Lord.

God's Protection

Psalm 91 is a psalm of deliverance, rescue, and protection. It encourages us to put our trust only in God. I encourage you to confess this personalized version of the psalm every day. Allow the Holy Spirit to minister hope and faith to you as you read the words aloud.

I dwell in the secret place of the Most High and rest under the shadow of the Almighty. You are my refuge and my fortress, My God, and in You I put my trust. You deliver me from the traps of the devil and from every deadly pestilence. You cover me with Your feathers, and under Your wings I take refuge; Your truth is my shield and buckler. I will not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day, nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor the destruction that lays waste at noonday. A thousand may fall at my side, and ten thousand at my right hand; but it shall not come near me. Only with my eyes shall I see the punishment of the wicked. Because I have made You Lord of my life, my refuge, and my dwelling place, no evil shall befall me nor shall any plague come near my dwelling; for You will give Your angels charge over me, to keep me in all my ways. They bear me up in their hands, lest I dash my foot against a stone. I tread upon the lion and the cobra, the young lion and the serpent I trample underfoot. You made a promise to me that because I have set my love upon you, you will deliver me; You will set me on high, because I know Your name. When I call upon You, You will answer me; You will be with me in trouble; You will deliver me and honor me. With long life You will satisfy me, and show me my salvation.

Psalm 91 (personalized)

My Prayer for You

Father, I thank You for the healing virtue that flowed out of Jesus. And like the woman with the issue of blood who was healed when she touched the hem of Jesus' garment (see Matt. 9:20-23), so are we. I declare that healing virtue will flow in the lives, bodies, and minds of everyone who reads this book. To the ones who are on beds of affliction and desperately ill, I declare that healing virtue will flow over their bodies right now.

Father, I thank You for their absolute triumph over sickness and disease. I thank You that You have made them more than conquerors in their battle against the powers of darkness. I thank You that they are strengthened in their inner man and refuse to quit in their fight of faith. They choose to stand in the victory that Jesus has already won for them. They choose to walk in health, in the wonderful name of Jesus.

Prayer of Salvation

God loves you—no matter who you are, no matter what your past. God loves you so much that He have His one and only begotten Son for you. The Bible tells us that “...whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16 NIV). Jesus laid down His life and rose again so that we could spend eternity with Him in heaven and experience His absolute best on earth. If you would like to receive Jesus into your life, say the following prayer out loud and mean it from your heart.

Heavenly Father, I come to You admitting that I am a sinner. Right now, I choose to turn away from sin, and I ask You to cleanse me of all unrighteousness. I believe that Your Son, Jesus, died on the cross to take away my sin. I also believe that He rose again from the dead so that I might be forgiven of my sins and made righteous through faith in Him. I call upon the name of Jesus Christ to be the Savior and Lord of my life. Jesus, I choose to follow You and ask that You fill me with the power of the Holy Spirit. I declare that right now I am a child of God. I am free from sin and full of the righteousness of God. I am saved in Jesus' name. Amen.

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