

## Does God Heal Today?

### 1. Should I expect God to heal people today?

#### a. Personal experience versus the word of God

- i. We all bring baggage into this subject because of what we have experienced in life.
- ii. God's Word needs to be the supreme authority when it comes to truth.
- iii. When my experience is contrary to what the Bible says, then I am the one who needs to change my point of view.

#### b. Healing in the Old Testament

*Worship the Lord your God, and He will bless your bread and your water. I will remove illnesses from you. No woman will miscarry or be childless in your land. I will give you the full number of your days.*  
Exodus 23:25-26 (HCSB)

*Happy is one who cares for the poor; the Lord will save him in a day of adversity. The Lord will keep him and preserve him; he will be blessed in the land. You will not give him over to the desire of his enemies. The Lord will sustain him on his sickbed; You will heal him on the bed where he lies.* Psalm 41:1-3 (HCSB)

*"For I am Yahweh who heals you."* Exodus 15:26b (HCSB)

"Heals" – Hebrew: רופא "rophe"  
– to heal, to restore, to make healthy.

**c. Understanding God's Kingdom**

i. Many understand God's kingdom as:



ii. What actually happened:



**d. Healing in the New Testament**

i. 25% of the Gospels are related to the healings of Jesus.

*Jesus was going all over Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.* Matthew 4:23 (HCSB)

ii. Commission to all the disciples

*Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me. Otherwise, believe because of the works themselves. "I assure you: The one who believes in Me will also do the works that I do. And he will do even greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in My name, I will do it so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it.* John 14:11-14 (HCSB)

2. Does God heal today?

- a. The most amazing fact about faith involves the relationship between church involvement and life-expectancy. ~ Newsweek, November 10, 2003

<u>Involvement</u>	<u>Life Expectancy</u>
No church	75 years
Less than weekly	80 years
Once a week	82 years
More than weekly	83 years

- b. Findings: High involvement in a church community will lengthen life by an average of 8 years.

3. What is our role in the healing process?

- a. Love one another.
- b. Pray for one another.

Areas we can pray for one another

- i. Spiritual healing
- ii. Healing of the demonized
- iii. Healing of relationships
- iv. Emotional healing
- v. Physical healing

*"It is important to persist in praying for people to be healed. It is easy to get discouraged, especially if we do not see immediate, dramatic results. We do not want to burden anyone who is not healed. When God does heal, thank Him and give Him glory."*

*~Nicky Gumbel*

**Notes**

