

The Healer

Mark 3:7-12

I. A Healer like no other

Mat. 8:16-17 That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. **17** This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: “He took our illnesses and bore our diseases.”

II. Some questions His healing raises

A. Did the Messiah come to eliminate disease?

Rom. 8:23 — And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first-fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

B. Do all who have faith in Christ experience healing?

1 Pet. 2:24 — He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

“Oh friend, I can hardly wait for that day! With my new, gloried legs, I will run to Jesus and drop to my knees before my King. With healed arms, I will lift up my hands in praise and embrace the pierced hands of my Savior. But most of all, I look forward to receiving a new heart — a heart free of sin, sorrow, and selfishness. In heaven, I’ll only think the best about God and others. In heaven, my love will be pure and ever-increasing. Every trace of sin will be eradicated, and it’ll be replaced with a mindset that is fully intent on glorifying Him. And that beats having a new body any day.” — Joni Ericsson Tada

C. Is it a sign of unbelief to be ill?

Acts 3:15-16 and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. **16** And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

Phil. 2:25-27 I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need, **26** for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. **27** Indeed he was ill, near to death. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.

Mat. 25:34-36 Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. **35** For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, **36** I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Jesus himself did not see his followers on a healing spree. Illness is a reality of the present age, and according to Jesus, visiting the sick is not a sign of unbelief, but of care and service.

III. The Healer and your illness

A. Your faith in Him does not rule out illness

Job 19:25-26 For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. **26** And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God,

B. Your perfect health, as a follower of Jesus, is a matter of time

I Cor. 15:49 — Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

C. You are instructed to pray for healing, but not to demand it

Jam. 5:14-15 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. **15** And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

D. Your Healer will use your illness for good. Yield to Him

"I venture to say that the greatest earthly blessing that God can give to any of us is health, with the exception of sickness. Sickness has frequently been of more use to the saints of God than health has." — Charles Spurgeon.

Rev. 21:3-4 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place^[a] of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people,^[b] and God himself will be with them as their God.^[c] **4** He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."