

HEALING FROM THE MASTER

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All healing comes from the Master who is the Great Physician. God has reserved that right unto Himself, but allows human beings to be instrumental in the process. Whether by laying on of hands, or by some other method, we all must wait for the touch of the Master's hand if healing is done. This is by Divine design. No one can change it.

The Lord has been the Healer of the human family since creation and has manifested it in many wonderful ways. In Genesis, Chapter 20, He healed Abimelech and his wife. In Exodus 15:26, He states: "I AM the Lord that healeth thee" and there is no clearer understanding who the Healer is than that which is communicated in Deuteronomy 32:39. Here the Bible tells us it is the Lord who heals us and no other person can deliver us out of His hand.

Our best efforts as human beings are treatment in one form or another and thank God for all those efforts. They are marvelous, but we all know they are limited. When we have done our very best, whether we are professionals or others, we must then wait for the Master to do His wonderful work. Healing, whether it happens instantly or progressively, comes from none other than God.

Jesus Christ is called the Great Physician and rightfully so because He is that and more. While on earth almost 2,000 years ago, He healed multitudes of people. They came to Him from many places and He healed them. He did so with compassion and love and looked upon sickness as a terrible imposition and invasion of individual liberty and human rights. In healing people, He was actually destroying the works of the devil. He came to deliver people from all types of bondage and especially spiritual bondage. Jesus categorized the works of the devil as theft, death, and destruction and He dealt with all three. Now we can claim and experience deliverance through Him. He is ready, willing and able to help us and He will. John 10:10: "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly".

There were two noticeable ways that Jesus dealt with the healing process. First, He healed many instantly, such as those who had withered hands or other physical problems. And, second, He healed the ten lepers and did so by sending them away and as they went, they were healed. (Luke 17:12-17). Most of the healings and miracles seemed to happen instantly. On one occasion, however, Jesus opened the

eyes of a blind man and he promptly saw “men as trees walking” (Mark 8:24). He put His hands on him again and restored his vision. This was a great miracle that happened, but there were two parts to it. After praying, can we quit too soon? No one would suggest that Jesus had to do this miracle in two different parts. He didn't. No doubt, He was teaching the disciples and subsequent generations, including ourselves, that we ought to continue to pray. Persistence is taught in the scriptures and we ought to continue to pray until the Lord is glorified and people are really delivered. We should never give up.

There is a very simple but powerful scripture, which Jesus gave us earlier in His earthly ministry. In clear and understandable language, He said, “Ask and it shall be given you” (Matthew 7:7). This is encouragement for us all. Let's do the asking of Him and allow Him the privilege to do it for us. He can and He will.

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