

HEALING Series, Part 3 of 3 Eight Keys to more healings



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Summary: WHY are we not seeing more healings than we do? It seems almost everyone needs some form of healing! Some of these keys in this teaching might be brand new to many of you, but I believe if seriously followed, could result in more healings. If you have a long-lasting infirmity, can you still glorify God in that illness? I'll show you how. And how much POWER did Jesus say we have access to? Are we using it or is that power sitting dormant? How long should we keep praying for healing of a particular ailment? Is there any connection between healing and salvation? Can there be spirits of infirmity involved in some who are very ill? Study and share this crucial teaching.

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Hello everyone. I'm Philip Shields, and we're talking about being HEALED by God. This is the final PART 3 of the series. We know in the early church there were healings galore – just look at **Acts 5:12-16**. Even Peter's shadow was enough to heal. Has the age of healing stopped? Has GOD lost his power to heal? Of course not, so we'll look into all that today with **EIGHT KEYS to powerful healings**. There are even more keys and concepts that just these eight, but these eight can change our lives if we practice them. **It seems almost everyone needs some healing. (Opening prayer)**

- Why are we not seeing far, far more healings than we are?
- What are we doing that may be *preventing* more healings?
- What keys can we start using that will open the floodgates of healing?
- How much power do we have access to by FAITH? You'll be surprised!

BE SURE TO REVIEW PARTS 1 and 2.

In Part 1 – I gave many stunning examples of powerful healings I've seen, or been involved in or even healings in my own body. Please – check it out. It will inspire you to *realize the age of powerful healings is not over*. It testifies to God's glory. Faith comes by hearing (**Rom 10:17**). *I'm giving this series to help us find out perhaps why we're not seeing way more healings than we are. That can change as we change what we do.*

Christ did not send out his disciples to just go pray for the sick. No, they were sent out to HEAL the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers and cast out demons! Jesus promised, "I'll be with you always, even til the end of the age" (**Matthew 28:20**). That's us! He's still with us. [Notes are approximate, not exactly word for word. Use video too.]

In Part 2 - I discussed the many ways that we can be demonstrating UNBELIEF, LACK of faith or little faith *without even realizing it*. Unbelief can kill miracles from happening. **Even the very Son of God, Jesus the Christ – Yeshua himself – could do no mighty miracles in his home town of Nazareth (Mark 6:1-5) except for a few healings – because of their UNBELIEF.** In contrast, so many times Jesus/Yeshua said a person was being healed because of their great faith! Here's what he said to the father of the deaf and mute son who was possessed by a demon causing all that:

Mark 9:23

Jesus said to him, ***"If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."***

Jesus moved people out of the room if they had unbelief – like in the story (Luke 8:50-55) of Jairus' daughter. So I'm sure most of us need to check our levels of FAITH, TRUST, BELIEF, regardless of what we're going through, or what we're seeing and feeling.

Don't excuse away your unbelief as something "normal." The man who said he believed, "but Lord help my unbelief" – is not the template we must have. He realized he had some unbelief. Unbelief is NOT OK.

Do we want to see more healings? Then remove unbelief in all its facets. **BELIEVE - God still heals, believe God LOVES to heal, believe God WANTS to heal, and His will usually IS to heal and give us the abundant life (John 10:10).** God says He wants us to prosper and be in health (**3 John 2**).

John 10:10

"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 may have it **more abundantly.**"

Satan wants to take away our faith to be healed. Satan wants you believing God won't heal you. Satan wants us dead and destroyed. **Jesus wants us to have LIFE, abundant life, and that includes healings.**

Be sure that when you pray "your will be done" – in terms of healing – that you're not assuming God's will may be that you NOT be healed. That can happen, but usually God wants to heal us and to have abundant life and be in health. **3 John 2; John 10:10.**

MY BELIEFS

I believe God *wants* to heal us. God's will is to heal us almost every time if we BELIEVE. We must believe. So often Jesus told the sick when asked if He was willing to heal them, answered so beautifully, "Yes, I'm willing" (Matthew 8:1-3; Mark 1:40-41).

But caution: *I'm not saying anyone not being healed is because of their lack of faith.* NO, I'm not saying that. But unbelief can derail a healing from taking place as **Mark 6:1-5** tells us about the lack of healings in Nazareth due to their unbelief!

PAUL GIBSON'S CASE: Let me tell you about a wonderful brother who needs to be healed. Sure, when someone is powerfully healed, they can witness and testify to God's

glory obviously. **But do you realize that even those not being healed can give a strong witness of God and his glory?** How? By their unfailing confidence and *unrelenting trust in God, no matter what*, even when they're not being healed yet. That too is a great witness. That is Paul Gibson our brother in the Lord. He's had M.S. so bad he can't move anything below his neck and now he can't even speak much. But he's such a strong pillar of faith nonetheless and a wonderful source of inspiration for his faith.

These *unhealed* brothers and sisters -- **can witness** like Apostle Paul did – who gave powerfully inspiring passages such as **2 Cor. 12:8-10** that now, he sees GOD'S strength made perfect in his weakness... “for when I am weak, I am strong.”

So I'm not saying that everyone who isn't healed is always because they lack faith. A lot of faithful men at times also got sick and even died – like Elisha (2 Kings 13:14). So there are sometimes other reasons. Lack of faith *can* prevent a healing, but maybe God's answer is “no” or “not yet”, for his own reasons regardless of our level of faith. Our job is to pray for healing. God's job is to heal or not heal, or decide when and how He will heal.

So let's continue today on this theme of the power of using eight great keys that could result in more healings when we start living this sermon today. [Video has more details.]

Neither am I claiming that when I pray for someone for healing they are always healed. Most are not, frankly. And yet some are spectacularly healed, as I covered in Part 1.

By the way, I was supposed to be a still-birth. In other words 2 weeks before I was born, the doctors told my mom that I was dead in her womb. I had no heart beat and no vital signs. But she got anointed and prayed over – and I was born just fine shortly after that.

Our own first son was born 2 months prematurely. His umbilical cord was tight around his neck for 15 minutes. He lived and seemed to be healed... but then months later, he suddenly died. I thought he had been healed, but then months later our first boy was deep blue in his face – and not breathing, felt hard and was dead. My point: I've also had to face the crisis of *not seeing healings* – as well as I've experienced some phenomenal healings in Jesus' name.

ONE BIG REASON SOME aren't healed

When we're not seeing healing, there can be some growth happening. *If we all were healed instantly, all the time, how would our faith ever be tested?*

We can grow stronger spiritually when we have to keep asking, keep waiting in faith, because we're still sick, still in pain, still paralyzed.

Even “the father of the faithful” – Abraham and Sarah – **had to wait 25 years before they saw their promised son Isaac.** God made them wait til it was humanly impossible for Abraham to conceive a child; he was as good as dead (Hebrews 11:12). So God lets us go through really rough times – for our good.

African proverb says, “Smooth seas do not make skillful sailors.”

So our life won't be smooth or calm all the time. God doesn't always heal quickly – or even all the time – so our faith can be tested and refined, like pure gold.

1 Peter 1:5-7

“who are **kept by the power of God through faith** for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have **been grieved by various trials,**

7 that the GENUINENESS of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, **though it is TESTED by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,”**

2 Corinthians 4:17-18

“For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, **is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,**

18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

So God always has a purpose for healing us – or NOT healing us. One purpose is to test, refine, strengthen and exercise our faith so it will even get stronger.

“Is God punishing me – and so I’m not being healed?”

Even my own brother, not healed from his strokes and problems, wonders if he’s being punished for some sins of the past. When we’re not healed, that’s a normal and common reaction. It broke my heart to hear the anguish of his soul and heart. Or sometimes we wonder if this is a generational curse because of sins of our father or mother.

But again, remember, we CAN GROW, be tested, be refined BY the fact we’re not being healed – yet.

There certainly ARE examples in scripture where God punished people for their sins. So it did happen at times.

- ***Miriam the prophetess was made a leper for one week (Num 12).***
- ***Herod was eaten by worms (Acts 13:23).***

So though I tend to shy away from the connection – there can be some connection mentioned in scripture between some illness and sin.

- ***Passover in Corinth.*** Paul said so many there were sick and dying. WHY? **1 Cor. 11:29-30.** They weren’t esteeming the Lord’s Body – meaning highly regarding the church brethren, not the literal body of Christ.

Having said all that, if you’re not being healed, it would be prudent to evaluate and repent of any sins you have going on in your life – and then ask God to heal you. Sin, forgiveness and healing are often put side by side. This is something to ponder even right now. And *some of you don’t even bother to ever call for anointing anymore because “it never worked” for you.* Obey this instruction in scripture. Call for prayer, believing, have faith.

James 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 sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.”

So yes, sickness CAN be connected with unrepented sin. But once you've repented, don't continue to feel unworthy of being healed. God forgives. God is total love.

AND – get this – so many who are healed are far from being spiritual perfect.

Consider even the paralyzed man of John 5 who had suffered 38 years – and was at the pool of Bethesda, which means “house of grace.” Of all the very sick people there – Jesus showed his grace to this ONE man only that day. It was near the Sheep Gate, which also speaks of Sacrifice and the salvation of Yeshua. There were five porches there; five being the number of Grace. Jesus healed him on the sabbath. **We know this man was not righteous - -because of what Jesus said to him when he ran into him later. But this was the man Jesus HEALED, unrighteous though he was.**

John 5:14

“Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, “See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you.”

But when we see someone – maybe even ourselves – not being healed, we can rush to this conclusion: “I must be so bad that God won't heal me. I'm being PUNISHED for my many sins.” Yes, that can be, as I've just explained, but in most cases -- probably not. My point is: God has healed some very unrighteous people!

In Part 1 – one of the most incredible healings I experienced was for a 25 year old woman who admits she was not doing things right, and was not attending church and had gotten pregnant out of wedlock. But even with all that, she was miraculously healed and spectacularly so – and so was her 1 lb./ 4 oz premature baby, or “preemie”. GOD healed her spectacularly. Even though she was not living righteously at the time.

The leper healed in the Old Testament was a pagan Syrian commander -- Naaman. Hardly righteous. And yet totally healed.

Fair enough though: when we aren't living in a life of sin, we can have more confidence and more expectation of answered prayer.

1 John 3:21-22

“Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. 22 And whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.”

But, even having said all that, we just don't find any record – except the one I just gave you at the Pool of Bethesda healing in John 5 – where **Yeshua ever tied his healings to a person's righteousness.** Yes, yes, I know all about James 5 – “the fervent effective prayer of a righteous man avails much” – but again, hundreds were healed without any evaluation of whether they were righteous or not.

AND, on the other hand, many righteous also became sick. Even **Elisha**, a very righteous prophet, got sick and died of his illness (**2 Kings 13:14**).

So I'd urge you to quit feeling God is punishing you if you're not being healed. God certainly would not have been punishing Elisha for example. And Isaac was blind at the end.

I clearly **remember a guest pastor** in our home church years ago *grilling* someone before being willing to anoint her for healing: "Are you faithful in prayer, Bible study and tithing..." I was aghast! I took over and did the prayer. All his questions, in my opinion, were so unnecessary. Jesus and apostles did NOT conduct a spiritual inventory on people before healing them.

EIGHT KEYS FOR MORE HEALINGS

Let's get into the 8 KEYS for healing. I believe we'll start seeing more healings if we can start doing these. There are many more keys, but here are eight I've selected. Two or three of these points will be NEW to some of you probably and will test you... but I'll back it all up with God's word.

1. TO BE HEALED, live by FAITH. BELIEVE IN AND HAVE FAITH IN GOD THROUGH The POWER of Jesus Christ in you to HEAL YOU. BELIEVE, HAVE unshakable faith. BELIEVE, BELIEVE, BELIEVE. NO DOUBT.

First, call a minister of faith and get anointed and prayed over for your infirmity as **James 5:14-16** tells us. And believe, in faith, doubting nothing. Fearing nothing.

Then, I'd have no problem also asking God to guide me to a great MD, a specialist in my issues. **STOP thinking it's a lack of faith to see a doctor or to take medications.** I do carefully evaluate the doctors I use and the medicines I take, including possible side effects. **Yeshua HIMSELF said the sick need a doctor!**

Luke 5:31-32

Jesus answered and said to them, **"Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 32 I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."**

Don't be like King Asa, however, who saw ONLY the doctors on his painful feet and did not seek God at all (2 Chronicles 16:12). Big mistake. Seek God first.

So it's perfectly OK to get anointed and prayed over, and – if you wish – to *also* see a doctor. Jesus said so! Don't argue with the son of God.

Over and over we can read how Yeshua/Jesus said, "be it according to your faith", or "by your faith you have been healed." Still keep faith in GOD, not doctors.

Mark 10:52 – blind man "Your faith has made you well."

Matthew 9:29 – to the blind men.

Matthew 8:13 – centurion's faith – "as you have believed so let it be done"

Matthew 15:28 – "great is your faith... your desires be done."

We don't WORK UP faith though. God gives to each one a measure of faith. (Rom 12:3) Ask God to cast out all doubt any anxiety, and strengthen his presence in you, strengthen your faith. Ask God to make it strong inside you.

WHAT IS FAITH? Complete and total TRUST, belief and confidence God will do what he says, when He wants. It's being SURE of what we hope for (Heb 11:1 NIV). Abraham's example of faith in God's promise for a son which did not happen for 25 more years! Then God gave him Isaac – only to tell Abraham to sacrifice him! Abraham so trusted God that he proceeded to Moriah to do it, but knowing God does not lie, figured God must surely plan to resurrect Isaac! Read Heb 11:17-19 carefully.

Hebrews 11:17-19 NIV

“By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had received the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, 18 even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.”

19 Abraham reasoned that God could raise the dead, and figuratively speaking, he did receive Isaac back from death.”

Abraham even told the other men with him when he took Isaac up the mountain, that “we're going to go worship, and WE will return...” (**Genesis 22:5**).

Faith must always be in GOD, not in the minister praying for you. Not in the anointed cloth, but in GOD.

Faith focuses on trusting God – not fearing what we read in our doctor's reports or what WebMD says. We study, ponder, pray for and to GOD – not study and ponder what the medical report is, which could just create more anxiety.

FAITH RESTS in whatever God decides. “Thy will be done”. He MAY decide not to heal us, or to remove the trial, but to let us die. If you trust Him even if he decides to let you die – that's faith too.

And neither is God going to endlessly heal us even as we get ever older – 90's, 100's. It's given to men once to die, then the judgment. The death rate among us humans is ... 100%. Sooner or later we all have to die unless Christ returns first. But when God lets someone die, He has his reasons.

Psalm 116:15 – “Precious in the sight of YHVH is the death of his saints.”

**Isaiah 57:1 “The righteous perishes, And no man takes it to heart;
Merciful men are taken away, While no one considers
That the righteous is taken away from evil.”**

So faith also accepts even death – without doubting God.

Although, having said that, TWO men in scripture – one righteous and one evil – beseeched God for mercy and for more time to live when God told them they would die, and God *did* give each of them more time.

King Hezekiah – prayed with tears, and God told Isaiah to go back and give him the good news. *(**2 Kings 20:1-11**). The other one was **AHAB**. (**1 Kings 21:25-29**).

2. **RECOGNIZE and wake up to GOD'S POWER IN US: ACCEPT in faith the phenomenal power God put inside us. But its faith in God, though, not ourselves.**

Without God in us, we are nothing and can do nothing. **John 15:5**

But IN and through Christ, we can do ALL things -- **Phil. 4:13.**

What do I mean by saying we should accept phenomenal power?

John 14:23

Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and WE will come to him and make Our home with him."

Now God is inside us if we have His Spirit. We are now the temple of God!

Other scriptures make it clear God is IN US by their Spirit (1 John 3:24b; 4:13; Gal. 4:5-6).

This makes us the very temple of God (1 Cor. 3:16).

But the Spirit is not a 3rd person to pray to, but is the presence, power and nature of God and Christ sent into us. Trinity requires three equal "persons" but it's clear that the head of Christ is God (1 Cor. 11:3). They are NOT co-equal.

2 Peter 1:2-4 NKJV

"Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 3 as HIS DIVINE POWER has GIVEN TO US all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

4 BY WHICH have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these YOU may be PARTAKERS of the divine NATURE, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

WHAT could possibly LIMIT us if we fully believe this, that Christ and even God Most High RESIDE IN US by their spirit? Let this sink in!

Luke 6:19

"And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for POWER went out from Him and HEALED them ALL."

When Jesus was touched by the woman who was hemorrhaging blood, (Luke 8:41-48), He asked who touched him for he felt POWER go out from him.

When God healed Michelle 25 years ago when I touched her for healing, SHE felt POWER course through her body head to toe. (Details in part 1).

John 15:5 Yeshua says when we abide in him like a BRANCH abides in the vine, and HE abides in us, we can bear much fruit, but without him we can do nothing. But WITH him - - there's no limit to what we can do.

So are you grasping how much power we have access to? In you and me is now the same power that resurrected Jesus from the dead. The power when God spoke and the universe was created—is now in us. Claim it. Use it. Don't let it lie dormant inside you.

GOD now dwells in you. WOW, talk about POWER. And WE dwell in GOD. 1 John 4:15-16 says if we believe in Jesus and abide in love, God abides in us and WE abide in God. WOW. We can abide in most Holy God Most High himself because we are now in Christ and he is now our life. Our lives are hidden now in Christ in God (Col. 3:3).

Colossians 3:3 – “For YOU died, and your life is hidden with Christ IN GOD.” Then verse 4 – “when Christ, who is our life appears...” What POWER we have access to! But do we realize it and use it?

SO GET THIS: now when you and I pray for something in Jesus’ name, we are unleashing all the power of the universe; the very power that created the universe! IF you believe. “He commanded and they were created” (Psalm 148:5b) Even if you’re not a minister, you can pray in that power of Jesus the Son of God.

Now when you pray, don’t just pray in your power – for you have NONE of yourself. Pray in the power of Jesus’ name! Even **Michael the archangel said “May the Lord REBUKE YOU, Satan”** – when they were contesting the body of Moses (**Jude 9**).

So NOW when we pray for healing, in Jesus’ mighty name, and rebuke an infirmity, that power that should be being unleashed at that moment is indescribable. It’s the same power that said “Let there be light” – and there was light.

But I believe many of you will struggle with really believing this.

Yeshua even ASKED the apostles, “Why aren’t you praying in my name?” When we pray in Jesus’ name, it activates HIMSELF in us and we’re asking by his power and authority. Now watch the wording here:

John 14:12-14

"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.

13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it."

John 16:23-24

"And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.

24 Until now you have asked nothing in My name. ASK, and you will RECEIVE, that your joy may be full."

Are you receiving this? Or have you fallen asleep? This is HUGE, HUGE! With God’s Spirit, the power of God Most High himself, working through Jesus Christ, is accessible to you and me.

So Pt 1 – LIVE BY FAITH and trust God, look to him, not how you feel or what the doctor’s reports say. Jesus often said healings were happening because of their FAITH and trust in him. **Rebuke all doubt, worry, anxiety or disbelief.**

Pt 2—receive and accept and CONFIDENTLY USE, and believe in the POWER of the Almighty inside of us now – and all the power of the universe inside of you by God Most High and God the Word inside of us.

So come BOLDLY before the throne of grace and receive your help in time of need (Hebrews 4:16). Come BOLDLY.

ACTS 3 healing of the lame man by Peter and John. Without hesitation, they proclaimed what they HAD. Understand this. They had Yeshua, they had JESUS. So do I. So do you. What more do we NEED?

Acts 3:2-7

“And a certain **man lame from his mother's womb** was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the Temple, which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; 3 who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, **asked for alms [notice he DIDN'T ask for healing].**

4 And fixing his eyes on him, with John, **Peter said, "Look at us."**

5 So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them.

6 **Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I DO HAVE I GIVE TO YOU: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."**

[notice what Peter does BEFORE his feet and bones were healed.]

7 And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.”

WE must come to believe that we TOO HAVE Jesus Christ IN US and with us and can proclaim healing IN the NAME OF Jesus, just like Peter did. You have that. Use the power of Jesus. BELIEVE and start using this power in His name.

The next few points will show ways that prove we have strong faith.

3. ASK, BELIEVING YOU WILL RECEIVE, AND HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED, WHAT YOU ASK FOR even long before you actually see it.

In Mark 11:12-14, Yeshua cursed a fruitless FIG tree. His *curse* “worked” *immediately* – but was not VISIBLE or evident immediately. Then the next day, when they came by, they noticed the tree was withered up by the roots. Look at the LESSON Yeshua gave about this:

Mark 11:20-24

“Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. 21 And Peter, remembering, said to Him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away."

22 So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in GOD [don't have faith in the minister or the anointed cloth].

23 For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' **and does NOT DOUBT in his heart**, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.

24 Therefore I say to you, *whatever* things you ask when you pray, BELIEVE that you receive them, and you will have them."

Or as the Holman Translation on verse 24 says: (also NLT, ESV, NASB, Berean and many more all say "HAVE received")

"Therefore, I tell you, *ALL the things you pray and ask for—BELIEVE that you HAVE received them, and you WILL have them.*"

WHAT WAS The CONTEXT? The fig tree. When did the fig tree DIE? At once. But it wasn't apparent at once. Sometimes God takes a while to answer or takes time for his work to be apparent – but ***we must believe we have already received what we asked for even when we can't see or feel the healing yet. If we're NOT doing this, this could be one big reason for no healing in us.***

When we speak healing through faith, believe that healing is already happening – like the fig tree that was dead but not evident til the next day.

Sometimes God heals at once. We love those. We prefer those.

Sometimes God heals over time, which tests our faith and also serves His purpose.

Discussed the story of Daniel the 3 weeks it took an angel to get through to him (Daniel 10:10-21). Daniel's three friends – even though they were already being cast into the hot furnace were still saved. (more in the video)

4. THANK GOD for answering even BEFORE you HAVE RECEIVED healing. This PROVES you believe God is answering. Thanking God for something you have not seen yet – PROVES your faith.

SERMON on this topic of thanking God even BEFORE you see His answer:

<https://lightontherock.org/index.php/sermons/message/praising-yhvh-our-father-before-we-see-his-answer>

Jesus THANKED GOD for hearing him about Lazarus BEFORE Lazarus came out (John 11:41). He was still very dead in the tomb.

John 11:41-44

"Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You HAVE HEARD Me.

42 And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me."

43 Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!"

44 And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go."

Jesus thanked God while Lazarus was still very dead.

Paul and Silas, after being beaten with rods, chained in prison, began to praise at midnight... "and when they began to

Acts 16:23-27

And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. 24 Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

25 But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

26 Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed."

Jesus thanked God for the food he had -- *before* it had all multiplied to feed the 5,000 men. (Luke 9:16)

This is a CRUCIAL POINT OF FAITH – you feel so strongly about your faith that you're thanking God for having already healed you before you see it! Let's all start doing this and if we do, I believe we'll see more healings. If we don't do it, we'll continue to see few healings. Let's start doing it.

Philippians 4:6-7

"Be anxious for *nothing*, but IN EVERYTHING by prayer and supplication, with THANKSGIVING, let your requests be made known to God;

7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus"

We must refuse to be anxious even when we're told we have stage 4 cancer. THEN, we add thanksgiving IN everything going on.... Give thanks IN AND FOR all our conditions – our cancer, our diabetes, our pain. ALL of it. Let's start practicing this so we can see more healings taking place. Thank God IN and FOR all things (also Eph 5:20).

5. BE PERSISTENT if you're not healed at once. KEEP asking God to heal.

Somehow we got in our head that we can only ask God three times for healing – maybe because Paul prayed 3x. But HE got an answer. Get anointed – and prayed over – but then pray for your condition over and over. You don't need to get anointed by a minister over and over -- but be sure YOU pray over and over.

Sure, instant answers are great. But sometimes God likes to see how much faith we have by seeing if are persistent – or are we quitters. Read Luke 18:6 – God often "bears long" with his saints.

Luke 18:1-8 – the story of the persistent widow. Verse 8 – "but will the Son of Man find faith on the earth when He returns." The context for that is faith to keep on praying about something and not giving up when we're not healed right away.

James 5:14-18

"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 sick, and the Lord will raise him up. *And if he has*

committed sins, he will be forgive. 16 Confess your trespasses to one another, **and pray for one another, that you may be healed.**

The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

[Tremendous power is released by the heartfelt passionate prayer of the godly believer!]

17 **Elijah** was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. 18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.”

James 5:17-18 –Elijah **actually** prayed 7x before rain resumed and drought stopped. (1 Kings 18:41-46).

Naaman had to dip seven times in the Jordan River to be healed. 2 Kings 5:10-15. Elisha prayed three times before the dead boy was resurrected (1 Kings 17:19-22).

And also KEEP praying “**for one another that you may be healed.**” Earnestly, fervently. Don’t just pray for your own healing, but for all those needing healing.

And if we can have a good conscience as we pray, our prayers will also be more effective.

I also tell those I’m praying for, to pray also for others like themselves. So during the prayer for healing, I mention others who also need healing, as there are so many. If you’re not doing that, start! Include others in your prayer. And keep asking. Don’t stop asking.

My plantar fasciitis was so bad I wasn’t supposed to ever freely walk again unless I used a walker or crutches So I kept rebuking it, speaking to it, and kept praying for healing, and then a few weeks later, one day I was totally healed. One day I stepped out of bed and for the first time in weeks, all the pain was totally gone. NO more pain!

This next point is not being taught much in the sabbath-keeping world, to my knowledge.

6. HAVE THE SAME LEVEL OF FAITH FOR HEALING THAT YOU HAVE FOR FAITH FOR SALVATION.

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But even then, sometimes I wonder if we all really believe we’ve been saved or not. Ephesians 2:8-9 says you **have been saved** by grace by faith in Jesus!

But now realize that the SAME ONE who saves us, who takes our sins on himself, **also wants to take your infirmities on himself.**

The TWO ARE TIED TOGETHER. Pray to God about this and ask him to help you understand it. We all know 1 Pet 2:24 how Jesus’ stripes from scourging heals us – but I’m talking about how Jesus also **takes our pains and infirmities upon himself**, not just our sins.

Matthew 8:16-17

“When evening had come, they brought **to Him** many who were demon-possessed. And **HE** cast out the spirits with a word, **and healed all** who were sick,

17 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:
“**HE Himself TOOK our infirmities And **BORE our sicknesses.**”**

This is teaching us something not often preached... after saying Jesus healed them all, it says THAT – the healings – FULFILLED something else – that He took upon HIMSELF all our infirmities and sicknesses.

That says that **JUST AS Christ takes our SINS upon himself – now get this – He ALSO takes on himself our infirmities and sicknesses. (re-read v 17). In the same way he takes your sins, he also takes your sicknesses. (Matthew 8:16-17)**

1 Peter 2:23-24

“who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;
24 **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.**”

AGAIN – tie it in to **Matthew 8:16-17** – that Jesus cast out any demons causing illness and healed them all – “*He Himself took our infirmities and BORE our sicknesses.*”

DON'T miss this point. Start claiming it. Have as much faith in Jesus as HEALER as you do in him as Savior. They go hand in glove together.

NOW when I pray for healing for someone, I ask Yeshua to “Please, master, take the pains and suffering of this person OFF of them and we ask you now **that YOU carry away their sickness, pain and suffering.** You take it on yourself, just like you took her sins off of her, NOW take her illness off of her. Yeshua, YOU carry it. You take it. We cast all this care upon you, for you care for us.” (1 Peter 5:7)

1 Peter 5:6-7

“Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,
7 **casting all your care upon Him,** for He cares for you.”

Healing and forgiving us our sins are put in the same category. BOTH happen. That's why there's a fair amount about confessing, forgiving, repenting – as well as being healed.

If we believe He took our SINS upon himself, now believe he also takes our INFIRMITIES (illnesses, aches, pains, cancers) upon himself. They're tied together.

I'm not hearing that preached much in many circles. *Christ takes our infirmities (Matt 8:17).* NOTE THAT. PONDER THAT. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN to you? *If he TAKES your infirmities upon himself, that should mean you shouldn't have to carry them on yourself anymore!*

Jesus himself often tied healing with forgiving sins – as one and the same

“your sins are forgiven” or “stand up and walk”

James 5:16 – “and if they had committed sins...”

MY POINT IS – is it possible we’ve been missing this level of promise, tied to healing, that not only has Yeshua taken our SINS upon himself, but also agreed to take off and carry our INFIRMITIES upon HIMSELF? Start claiming this.

That’s even BEYOND just saying “by his stripes you are healed.”

Matthew 8:16-17

16 When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, 17 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:

**"He Himself TOOK our infirmities,
And BORE OUR SICKNESSES."**

I’m just saying – when you pray for healing, also ask Yeshua the Son of God to not just HEAL you, BUT carry away your infirmity and disease.

7. SPEAK LIFE AND HEALING to your painful parts, your issues. REBUKE.

Jesus REBUKED Peter’s mother in law’s fever (Luke 4:39). He spoke to the fever.

Luke 4:38-39

“Now He arose from the synagogue and entered Simon's house. But Simon's wife's mother was sick with a high fever, and they made request of Him concerning her. 39 So He stood over her and REBUKED the fever, and it left her. And immediately she arose and served them.”

Have you ever verbally, audibly, rebuked your pains and problems, in Jesus name, and ordered it OUT of your body?

YOU should command - in Yeshua’s name – for the pain or lump or cancer or whatever you have – be HEALED, IN Jesus name. SPEAK out loud to your pain and your issues, just as Jesus rebuked the fever. REBUKE your infirmity, your pain. Sometimes it must be rebuked more than once – over and over, over days and weeks even. I did exactly this with my plantar fasciitis. And 2 weeks later – it was gone!

REMEMBER – GOD’S presence IS IN YOU. GOD SPEAKS, AND THINGS happen. YOU have no power except IN Jesus’ NAME. So speak it! Don’t let it lie dormant.

There is power in your tongue – for life or death. SPEAK LIFE to your body.

Proverbs 18:21

**“Death and life are in the power of the tongue,
And those who love it will eat its fruit”**

Story of my college friend and her broken leg and ankle... “Speak LIFE to them.”

This next point is also seldom if ever done nowadays in sabbath-keeping churches of God.

8. REBUKE, in Jesus' name, even "SPIRITS OF INFIRMITY".

Especially in cases where the infirmity just goes on and on forever, maybe there's more going on. Could there be spirits of infirmity involved?

WHY are we reluctant to do that? We're not saying the person is possessed, but has just been *afflicted* by unclean evil Spirit. There are SO many examples of this in scripture. SO many. Here are a few to make the point that this is a huge point in healing.

Jesus and the apostles healed AND cast out demons that were causing infirmities. Jesus gave them power OVER unclean spirits. Remember also Point 6 – Carrying our infirmities (Read also Matthew 8:17, but start in 16 – where demon-inflicted disease is mentioned too).

Luke 6:17-18

"And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases, 18 as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed."

Matthew 10:1-2

"And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, AND to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease."

Acts 10:38

"how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with POWER, who went about doing good and HEALING ALL who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him."

Why would we think any of this has changed in the 21st century? As I read this, it seems more people than we want to admit are oppressed with sickness by the devil! Again, it's not saying at all that they're possessed – just afflicted.

Jesus spoke of the crippled woman bowed over for 18 years as being 'BOUND by Satan.' We're sent by God to LOOSEN bonds, unbind the power of Satan and his demons. You can have this power too. Remember even the disciples healed many and cast out many demons while still only disciples, and not officially ordained yet.

Luke 13:10-13

"Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. 11 And behold, there was a woman who had A SPIRIT OF INFIRMITY eighteen years, and *was bent over and could in no way raise herself up.* 12 But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity.**"**

13 And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God."

Let's pick up in verse 15; the local leader was upset that He healed her on sabbath.

Luke 13:15-17

"The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it?"

16 **So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom SATAN HAD BOUND** — think of it — for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?"

Luke 10:18-20

And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19 **Behold, I give you the AUTHORITY to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy,** and nothing shall by any means hurt you. 20 Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that **the SPIRITS are subject to you,** but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

So rebuke any possible involvement from evil unclean spirits. Jesus sure did.

Perhaps some of us aren't being healed – because we're missing this key element! Rebuke unclean spirits of infirmities, in Jesus' name.

Luke 8:1-3

"Now it came to pass, afterward, that He went through every city and village, preaching and bringing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with Him,

2 and certain **WOMEN [plural] who had been healed of EVIL SPIRITS and infirmities** — Mary called Magdalene, out of whom had come seven demons, 3 and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others who provided for Him from their substance."

You've heard of "anointed cloths"? Ministers pray over and anoint these cloths for healing and mail or hand them out when the pastor can't himself be with the sick person. But notice they were effective even for evil spirits! **Remember: the power is not in the cloth, but in God.**

Acts 19:11-12

"Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, 12 so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and **the diseases left them AND the EVIL SPIRITS went out of them.**"

The apostles and even the deacon Philip sure cast out demonic involvement.

Acts 5:14-16

"And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, 15 so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that **at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them.**

16 Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and **those who were tormented by UNCLEAR SPIRITS,** and they WERE **ALL HEALED.**"

Acts 8:6-7

“And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. 7 For unclean SPIRITS, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed.”

So you see there are plenty of examples of this in scripture. There are many more I didn't include. Don't be afraid to do this. Don't assume we don't have any problem TODAY with unclean spirits causing infirmities. I'm sure we do! Here are more scriptures of demons and unclean spirits thrown out: **Mark 1:23-28; 3:10-12; Mark 5:1-17; 6:31-37.**

- **WHO is in US? GOD MOST HIGH and Yeshua through the Holy Spirit, which is the very presence of GOD and Christ in us. And it's power. 2 Peter 1:2-4**
- **DO it in Jesus' NAME. FOR HE WHO IS IN US IS GREATER than HE who is in the world 1 John 4:4**

So let's wrap it up.

I believe if we truly, truly would use all EIGHT of these points, we will see NEW BEGINNINGS of more healings in the Body of Christ. There are more points too for more healings – like ESTEEMING the body of Christ, high regard for the brothers and sisters in the Body... as 1 Cor. 11 says.

I recommend you all listen to this whole sermon two or three times to really absorb it all, as many of these points just aren't being taught or done by everyone. Let's use these keys and start seeing many, many more healings, in Jesus' name. Glory totally to God!

But today we covered:

- 1. Our FAITH IN GOD MUST HOLD STRONG no matter what. Like Abraham – who kept believing God would keep his word.**
- 2. RECOGNIZE, BELIEVE AND ACCEPT the power of the Universe - of GOD Most High and Jesus Christ – now inside us. Be willing to USE that power in Jesus' NAME.**
- 3. BELIEVE YOU'VE ALREADY RECEIVED what you asked for**
- 4. THEREFORE, THANK GOD for what you prayed for, even before we see the answer. That proves your faith.**
- 5. DON'T GIVE UP. Be persistent and keep asking, and asking.**
- 6. CONNECT YOUR HEALING with Christ's salvation and ask him to TAKE OFF your infirmities and to carry them himself.**
- 7. SPEAK LIFE or even rebuke and healing to your health, infirmities, etc. God's power is in you for you to do this.**
- 8. REBUKE any foul spirits of infirmity that may be causing the problems. There are endless scriptural examples of this.**

I really believe if we start doing these 8 points, we will start seeing many more healings to God's glory.

CLOSING PRAYER.