

BIBLICAL FAITH FOR HEALING

Many times, people are trying to “get more faith”, thinking that if they just believe they will be healed, Then it will happen.

Faith is not simply believing that something will happen before it does. Faith is knowing that the provisions have been made for that healing, then TRUSTING GOD to manifest it on your behalf.

Here is a myth that is often believed:

“Isn’t everything that takes place here on earth the Will of God?”

First, if everything that happened was God’s Will, then apparently we wouldn’t have a free will of our own, because we would be forced to always do His Will. Every day murders, rapes, human sacrifices, etc. are taking place.

Would we dare say that such things Glorify God? Right now a little boy or girl is about to be sacrificed, his or her body burned before an altar to Satan, and the blood drank by somebody. Do you believe that God is glorified by that? (God is glorified when we are healed! And not when we remain sick)

We need to reconsider our faulty belief that everything which happens on earth is the Will of God. Does this bring Him glory?

Another Myth is that: “If God doesn’t heal somebody, it must have not been His Will for them.”

Matthew 9:20-22 Jesus said to the woman with the issue of blood, “Thy Faith hath made thee whole.”

What if the woman with the issue of blood didn’t have faith to be healed? Would that have made it God’s Will for her to live with such a terrible sickness?

Absolutely not! But if she didn’t have faith in Jesus, she may have died in her sickness and who knows, she may have died long before her time.

Apparently her FAITH and BELIEVING GOD had something to do with receiving God’s Will for her, HEALING!

In Matthew 17:14-20 the disciples were unable to cast out the stubborn demon because of their Unbelief. It does not mean that it was God’s Will for the boy to be epileptic.

The Term of Faith Defined

Perhaps the best verse in the Bible to define faith is in Hebrews. Let's consider the depth of this passage.

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."
Hebrews 11:1

According to New Testament Greek, the word "substance" here, is referring to assurance or confidence. To have faith means that we can confidently know that what we hope for will take place. When we place our faith in Christ for the forgiveness of sins, we can know that those sins are indeed forgiven.

If we read on in this chapter in Hebrews, we find many examples of faith being exercised throughout the Bible. Basically what is taking place is that God promises something, and men of God believe Him and take what He said seriously. They acted upon the promises of God, and as a result, they were known as great men of faith in the Bible today.

The New Living Translation says, "By faith these people overthrew kingdoms, ruled with justice, and received what God had promised them...Hebrews 11:33

Genuine faith is simply knowing the promises of God, the provisions of the work of Christ on the Cross, and the Word of God, and then accepting and believing that what God says concerning those provisions is undoubtedly true. Abraham was said to be a man of Faith, and if we take a closer look at his faith, it was simply believing what God said was true.

"He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracle among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, of by the hearing of faith? Even as Abraham believed God, and I was accounted to him for righteousness.
Galatians 3:5-6

As I just said, Christian faith is merely knowing the Will of God, which is found in His Word, and believing it. Lack of faith is present when (a) We don't know the Will of God or (b) We don't really believe that it is true. This is why the Bible tells us that faith comes by hearing the Word of God:

"So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God."
Romans 10:17

If Jesus said that your healing was paid for when Jesus was whipped and shed His blood, do you really believe it? Isaiah 53:4, 5. By His stripes we are healed. Jesus asked Peter, "Why did you doubt me? Why do you think Jesus did that? Because Peter questioned the integrity of Jesus command to "Come." Instead

he let his fear take precedence over his faith that Jesus' power would take care of him.

Matthew 14:28-31 Jesus said, "O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?"

In other words, Jesus was saying, "Peter, didn't you believe me?" This is why it is so important to know what God is saying to us and get in His Word, and believe it. FEAR questions, casts doubt upon, and calls God's Word a liar! The Bible tells us that without faith, it is impossible to please Him.

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."
Hebrews 11:6

The KEY is to get yourself to the point where you know the Word of God, then simply believe what it says...THEN you will have real genuine faith!

True and genuine Christian faith is nothing more than simply knowing what God has said, and believing it!

Faith and Divine Healing

Today, so many are "hoping" that it is God's Will for them to be healed, when it says so in their Bible. The problem is we need to be "childlike" in our faith, and simply believe that what God says is true. Jesus said that unless we come to Him with the trusting mind of a child, we will not experience the kingdom of God. (Which includes healing)

The mind of an adult is naturally full of reason and wants an intelligent answer, but the mind of a child believes and accepts what he or she is told. That is why Jesus said that we must have faith such as a little child.

Do you know that just as Jesus made provision for the forgiveness of our sins, He also did the same for our physical and mental healing which He received stripes and shed His precious blood for?

He demonstrated this in all His earthly ministry. He healed ALL that were sick! If we read the accounts of divine healing in Jesus' ministry, we come across people who believe in Him and knew that it is his desire to heal them, and they received their healing through faith. Jesus made it clear that it was their TRUST in Him that allowed them to receive their healing.

Matthew 9:22, Mark 10:52, Luke 17:19

The truth is that even in Jesus' ministry, people were healed because of their faith. Faith has a lot to do with receiving the promises of God, including Salvation and the forgiveness of sins. When Jesus would say, "according to your

faith.” what He was really saying was, “According to your belief in My Word and My provision to heal you, be healed”

In two great passages in the Bible where a person was raised from the dead, in both cases, Jesus told the people to believe, or have faith in God.(Him)
In Mark 5:35-42 He said “Be not afraid, ONLY believe.

In John 11:39-44 He said, “If thou wouldst believe, thou shall see the Glory of God.” (which was Lazarus being raised from the dead)

It is by faith that we receive the promises of God, including the forgiveness of sins and healing.

The prayer of Faith

“Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church (any Christian can anoint with oil, any kind of oil for this to work) and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the Name of the Lord: And prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he hath committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.” James 5:14, 15

Notice that it says that it says that the prayer of faith WILL save the sick. When the KJ says “shall”, it means “will”—as in John 3:16. It also calls it a prayer of FAITH, which is very important! This is the type of prayer where you stand on something that God has PROMISED or made provision for, and if this verse calls it a prayer of faith, then it is obviously something that there is provision for.

Matthew 8:16-17 “When evening was come, they brought unto Him many that were possessed with devils: and He cast out the spirits with His Word, and healed ALL that were sick.”

“That is might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses!”

Most of the time when a person goes before the Lord in prayer for a healing, they simply HOPE that they will receive their healing. They call it FAITH, but its' just hope. They can HOPE really hard, and build up lots and lots of HOPE, and walk away disappointed because it doesn't happen. Then they go on in life suffering and worse yet, they go around telling other children of God that He wants them to suffer! That's so against the loving nature of God!

What is the difference between a prayer of faith and hope? As I mentioned earlier, faith involves assurance but hope does not. A prayer of faith can only be prayed for something that is promised, or made provision for us by God. The

forgiveness of sins is a prayer of faith, and according to the Word of God, so is the prayer for our physical healing.

“But let him ask, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think he shall receive any thing of the Lord.” James 1:6-7

The problem is that most people just Hope that God will heal them when they are prayed over, but hope is NOT faith!

Sometimes, you have to curse the disease and tell it to die and to be rooted up and cast into the sea, in Jesus Name which, is telling that mountain of affliction to MOVE! If we believe it, we will have whatever we say as the verse says.
Mark 11:23

The devil wants to kill you any way he can! With diseases and all kinds of afflictions.

“For the thief cometh, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have Life, and they they might have it ABUNDANTLY, Jesus said.
John 10:10

It has been noted that many doctors see a demon in the X-rays of people who have Cancer.

You Have to Know God

You have to know somebody before you can really put your faith in Him or her. That is why it is important to spend quality time with Jesus, just as you would your wife, children, and friends. You need to KNOW Him, so that you can put your confidence in Him. It's helps greatly if you have what is called The Baptism of the Holy Spirit with evidence of speaking in tongues. You will have much closer communion with Him if you have that precious infilling! I couldn't stand to live without it. He gives you joy unspeakable and He, the Holy Spirit is your comforter, your prayer partner, your teacher, counselor, encourager and everything you need!

How do you come to know God? You spend time in His Word. The Bible has a lot to say about the nature of God, and how you can trust Him. If you read one account after another of a compassionate and loving Jesus that wants us to heal, deliver and bless us, then its' hard not to begin to trust Him with our lives as well.

Imagine the Truth of your Healing

Satan will often build FEAR in people by constantly injecting “what if” thinking into your mind. They meditate on the fearful possibilities, and strongholds quickly

begin to form in their minds. The devil will try to get a person to imagine the worst in a situation; because that is KEY to breaking down their faith. So let's turn this around and use our imagination for the Glory of God. Let's imagine ourselves HEALED. Let's begin to imagine what it will be like to RECEIVE healing! I'm telling you, this tactic is dynamic and it works.

Satan's Next Tactic against Faith

If Satan can't blind you to the truth about healing and how Jesus paid a steep price for your healing, then he will attempt to make you feel like you are UNWORTHY to take hold of this in the Word of God. He will attempt to get you in a religious mindset, and begin to pull up your past failures as an excuse or reason to why you are not healed.

Once you (a) Know the Will of God and (b) believe it is true, the next thing Satan will attempt to do is make you feel unworthy to receive or act upon God's Word in that situation.

The Holy Spirit shared this with someone, "You need to know that you're clean...your faith depends upon it." The problem is that even though you may have all the provisions, If you feel unworthy to receive those provisions, then you will not reach out with confidence (faith) and RECEIVE it. While by our own efforts we are not made worthy, but by the precious blood of the Lamb we are made worthy to enter the holy of holies. If we go on to claim that we are unworthy, after He has made us worthy, this is denying the work that Christ has accomplished for us on the Cross! It has nothing to do with OUR righteousness; it's all about the righteousness of Christ that is upon us!

"Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus. Hebrews 10:19

"For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." 2 Corinthians 5:21

Biblical Faith in a Nutshell

If we could wrap Biblical faith up in three simple requirements, these would be them:

1. You must know the Word of God, the promises of God, His Will, and so forth. This is why spending time daily in the Word and dwelling in it, is so important!
2. You need to know that the Word of God applies to you. You must accept the truth in the Word concerning your position with Christ, and who you really are. You need to accept the truth about being washed clean from your sins, and feel clean because of what Christ has done for you.

This is important to stand against Satan when he tries to remind you of your past failures, and say, "You aren't worthy to receive those promises and provisions of God!" Friend, if the Blood has made you worthy, let no demon in hell tell you otherwise!

3. You must accept the Word of God as Truth! If it tells you that Jesus paid the price for your healing, then you need to accept it as truth with childlike faith. Simply believe what God has said is TRUE. This is true Christian faith. It's merely believing what God says is true!