

I WILL LIVE

INTRODUCTION

Last Sunday morning as we were praising and worshiping God, we were singing the song "In Jesus Name" written by Darlene Zschech. The words go like this:

"God is fighting for us, God is on our side, He has overcome, Yes He has overcome, We will not be shaken, We will not be moved, Jesus You are here."

- Who believes that Jesus is here this morning?

"Carrying our burdens, Covering our shame, He has overcome, Yes He has overcome."

- Who believes that Jesus has overcome?

"We will not be shaken, We will not be moved, Jesus You are here."

Today is a day for us to declare: "We will not be shaken, We will not be moved"

Then we sang these powerful words:

"I will live, I will not die, The resurrection power of Christ, Alive in me and I am free in Jesus' Name, I will live, I will not die I will declare and lift You high Christ revealed and I am healed in Jesus' Name".

These words were inspired by **Psalm 118:17** (NLT) I will not die; instead, I will live to tell what the Lord has done.

And

Romans 8:11 (NLT) The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, He will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.

This led to me calling for a healing service this morning. I believe God is in this, and people are going to receive a touch of healing from Him this morning.

MESSAGE

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT HEALING?

Let's first answer the question: Does God want us healed or sick? The answer is an obvious yes!

There are two "healing covenants" promised by God in the Bible. One in the Old Testament and one in the New Testament.

1. **Exodus 15:26** "If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the Lord who heals you."
2. **James 5:14-15** Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 Such a prayer offered in faith will heal (save) the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven.

From these two scriptures, we can see that our God loves us, He is not only there to forgive our sins, but He is our Healer – He is Jehovah Rapha, our divine physician. He wants to see us healed!

Jesus ministry is further proof of God's intention regarding sickness:

Luke 4:16-19 So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. 17 And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: 18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; 19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

Jesus quoted Isaiah 61 which was a prophecy about Him. It pretty much summarises what Jesus did when he walked on the earth.

- He preached the Gospel.
- He healed the sick (physically & emotionally).
- He delivered those held captive and oppressed by demons and circumstances.

Let's have a look at some more scriptures regarding God's intention to heal His people:

Exodus 23:25 "So you shall serve the Lord your God, and He will bless your bread and your water. And I will take sickness away from the midst of you.

Deuteronomy 7:15 And the Lord will take away from you all sickness, and will afflict you with none of the terrible diseases of Egypt which you have known, but will lay them on all those who hate you.

IS GOD'S INTENTION TO HEAL IN ANY WAY LIMITED?

Psalms 103:2-3 Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: 3 Who forgives **all** your iniquities, Who heals **all** your diseases.

Matthew 8:16 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.

Jesus cast out spirits and healed **ALL who were sick!**

Matthew 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

Jesus healed **ALL kinds of sickness and disease!**

- Jesus didn't only bear some of our sins, He bore them all
- He didn't only carry some of our sicknesses (sorrows), He carried them all.

There is nothing and no-one that God can't heal!

DEALING WITH MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT HEALING

Before we reach the point of praying for those who need healing, we need to deal with some misconceptions:

1. God chooses who to heal - this blames God if someone doesn't get healed.
2. God has already healed everyone through the cross and those with enough faith can receive healing - this blames people.

But blame comes from the devil.

- The answer is that we live in a fallen world.
- Jesus said "in this world you will have trouble". Even in Jesus ministry some people didn't get healed.
 - When people don't get healed, there could be a number of reasons so we are in no position to judge, nor should we give up praying and trusting God for healing.
 - Naaman had to get in and out of the Jordan 7 times before he was healed.
 - Esus had to pray more than once for the blind man who after the first prayer, could only see people as trees.
- 3. God doesn't heal today – what a lie! **Hebrews 13:8** Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. If He healed then, He still heals now!

BUILDING FAITH

At the same time that Jesus broke the power of sin, He broke the power of sickness.

We have enough faith to believe God for our salvation (ask how many believe they are born again).

- **Isaiah 53:4-5** Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.
- **Psalms 103:2-3** Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: 3 Who forgives **all** your iniquities, Who heals **all** your diseases.

Can you see the link between forgiveness and healing? Jesus paid for both at the same time.

- If we have faith enough for salvation, then we have faith enough to receive our healing.

EMOTIONAL HEALING

CONCLUSION

God wants to heal us, both physically and emotionally.

Jesus paid on full, both for our sins, and our healing.

There is no-one and no sickness excluded from God's ability and desire to heal.

What happens if we don't receive our healing today? We must understand we live in a fallen world, but we must not stop believing, our breakthrough can come at any time.