
Words of Truth

This Is What Real Miracles Are Like (Part 2)

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Today, people have convinced themselves that God heals through prayer with the aid of doctors. Often, I have heard people pray for God to be with the doctors that are operating on or diagnosing them. When the doctor does a good job those people think that God made that doctor do a good job. When the doctor fails, then those people say it must not have been God's will that they be healed.

We all need to understand that God is not going to have us live healthy lives without any difficulties (II Corinthians 12:6-10). Nor is God going to keep us from dying (Hebrews 9:27). As we noted in part one of this series of studies, time and chance happens to all of us (Ecclesiastes 9:11). (If you have not read part one of this series, please back up and do so as I will not recover all the significant points made in that article.)

We are blessed in that God has provided us the means to deal with many health and medically related issues (Genesis 50:1-2, Isaiah 1:6, Ezekiel 47:12, and Colossians 4:14). When it came to praying for healing, God working directly to heal, etc.; there was no need for doctors, medicines, healing times, questions of survival rates, etc. When God healed, men and women were healed. It wasn't a wait and see scenario. If God were healing like that today, such would be the same. Thus, to put to silence the ignorance of foolish people, let's notice how healings often occurred in the Scriptures.

God Didn't Need Doctors Or Time To Heal

"And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave it unto Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away: and she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba. And the water was spent in the bottle, and she cast the child under one of the shrubs. And she went, and sat her down over against him a good way off, as it were a bowshot: for she said, Let me not see the death of the child. And she sat over against him, and lift up her voice, and wept. And God heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not; for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he is. Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand; for I will make him a great nation. And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink" (Genesis 21:14-19).

"And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment: For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole. But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour" (Matthew 9:20-22).

“And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me. And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me. And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee. And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus. And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way” (Mark 10:46-52).

“So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judaea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death. Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe. The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die. Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way. And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth. Then enquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him. So the father knew that it was at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house” (John 4:46-53).

“And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand. And when the barbarians saw the venomous beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live. And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm. Howbeit they looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but after they had looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god. In the same quarters were possessions of the chief man of the island, whose name was Publius; who received us, and lodged us three days courteously. And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him. So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed” (Acts 28:3-9).

Conclusion

The above examples are just a small sample of many that could be cited. Both the Old and New Testaments are full of times wherein God healed the sick, blind, deaf, possessed, etc. immediately. An honest person should be able to see, even the few examples we've listed, that there is a difference between getting better today and God healing someone as He did in the past. For those who still might think that God works miraculously just as He did in the first century, our next article will examine how that would include raising the dead. Furthermore, we shall establish that if healings were still being accomplished that would necessitate that raising the dead and casting out of demons are happening as well. Be honest, just that fact alone shows things have changed.