

Divine Healing

Acts 3:1-10

Introduction

“For by people of strange lips and with a foreign tongue the Lord will speak to this people.” Isaiah 28:11-12

The gift of divine healing was also given as a *sign* to authenticate who they were as God’s messengers.

“Tongues,” “healings,” are not an end in themselves, but the “signs of a true apostle” (2 Corinthians 12:12).

The apostle Paul “left Trophimus ill at Miletus” (2 Tm. 4:20).

So filled was Peter with the Spirit-illuminated Truth and depth of understanding that he could not but “speak the truth in love” (Eph. 4:15) unrestrained.

“For we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.” Acts 4:20

“he fixed his attention on them” (v5).

Peter was *beaming* with the love of Christ, his heart *teeming* with generosity toward the lost.

“Empty pockets may go along with *true* wealth” (Maclaren).

Peter was full. Filled with the Holy Spirit and the blessed assurance of his own salvation he spoke up with bold confidence and freely offered the lame man what he himself did possess: *The Living Christ!*

“In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!” v6.

There is divine healing power in the *Name above all names* “Jesus Christ,” and that can be dangerous.

Acts 4:14-18

The apostles pray to speak for God boldly while He makes His Son known through healing.

Acts 4:29-31

“and entered the temple with them”

Now, having been healed by Jesus, “by faith in his name” (v16), he entered inside the holy place for the very first time!

When God heals, He heals powerfully, He heals instantly, He heals completely. He heals publicly.

“the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all” (v16).

All were praising God!

"And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles" (2:43).

Jesus is the One who heals.

He is Jehovah Rapha, "for I am the Lord, your healer." Exodus 15:25-26

"For he wounds, but he binds up; he shatters, but his hands heal." Job 5:18

"See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god beside me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand." Deuteronomy 32:39

"Come, let us return to the Lord; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up." Hosea 6:1

Hosea reveals God's objective for afflicting His people:

"I will return again to my place, until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face, and in their distress earnestly seek me." Hosea 5:15

The pain and suffering as a consequence of our sin is effectively used of God to bring about our contrition and repentance.

Crying out to God because of our pain-inflicted guilt is our sole/soul means of healing.

Psalm 57:1-2

Psalm 138:7-8

Crying out to God for help should not be viewed as an anomaly, an unexpected, unwelcome intrusion, but normative for a Christian living in a fallen world.

"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." Psalm 147:3

Psalm 103:2-4