

3. There is no set pattern for healing in the Bible. Sometimes Jesus came to the sick, at other times they came to Him; sometimes He just sent His word. One method of healing given to the church is found in *Jam 5:14,15*.
 - a. The sick person is to call for _____
 - b. They are to _____ anointing him with oil in the Name of the Lord.
 - c. The prayer of faith shall _____
 - d. And the Lord _____
4. How many sicknesses did Jesus heal? *Mat 4:23* _____
5. Jesus' power was given to His disciples to meet not only the spiritual, but also the physical needs of man. What two things did He send His disciples to do? *Lk 9:1,2*.
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
6. Complete what Jesus said to His disciples about the healing ministry of the church in *Mk 16:18*; "They shall lay hands on the sick _____",

In relation to the healing of the body, we suggest that you meditate on the following passage:

"Whosoever shall say to this mountain, 'Be removed, and be cast into the sea;' and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he says will come to pass; **he shall have whatsoever he says**. Therefore I say to you, 'Whatsoever things you desire, when you pray, **believe that you receive them, and you shall have them.**' " *Mk 11:23,24*.

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Study Sixteen: Healing

It will come as a surprise to some Christians to know that God desires to heal all our sicknesses as well as forgive our sins because of what Jesus has done for us on Calvary. We trust that through doing this study you will come to the point of knowing that you can trust God for physical healing.

GOD'S ORIGINAL CREATION

How did God create mankind? *Gen 1:27* _____

Although the "image of God" primarily refers to the triune nature of man, as well as his capacity for the spiritual, we may extend it to include the absence of physical disease. Seven times, (the number of perfection), in *Gen 1*, we are told that God's creation was "good" – conveying the picture of a world contented and flowing in blessing, of a society righteous and pure, of a universe free of any hurtful thing, including sickness. There was no sickness in the human race before the fall of man!

SICKNESS AND THE FALL

Sickness entered the human race as a result of the fall, for man fell body, soul and spirit from the position in which God had created him. The fall put man at the mercy of the devil! *1Jn 5:19*.

SOME CAUSES OF SICKNESS

1. **All** sickness is indirectly the work of satan and affects man because of sin in the human race.

- a. What kind of people are we told in *Ac 10:38* received their healing from Jesus? _____
- b. Note that the results of parents' sins may affect their children to the third and fourth generations.
Ex 20:5; 34:7; Num 14:18; Deut 5:9.
2. **Some** sickness is directly caused by personal intervention of satan, *Job 2:7*.
3. **Some** sickness is caused by the activity of demons and evil spirits (spiritual beings in satan's kingdom), *Mat 12:22; Mat 9:32,33; Lk 13:11,16*.
4. **Some** sickness is caused directly by sin. Write out the rest of what Jesus said to the man in *Jn 5:14*, "Sin no more _____"
Jesus here implies that further sin would result in a more grievous affliction.
5. **Some** sickness is due to physical breakdown through overwork (even in the Lord's service). Read what Paul says about Epaphroditus in *Phil 2:25-30*.
6. **Some** people are sick because they fail to discern the Lord's Body. Read *1Cor 11:29,30*. What do you think this means?

7. Often, sickness is caused by not treating the body properly, and abusing it. Note that our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit, *1Cor 6:19*.

PHYSICAL HEALING IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

1. God told the children of Israel that He would bless their bread and water if they would serve Him. What promise did He give them in regard to sickness? *Ex 23:25,26*.

2. In the story of Hezekiah, what did God do for the people when they got right with Him? *2Chr 30:20*. _____
3. What did God say about Himself in relation to sickness in *Ex 15:26*? "For I am _____"
4. What conditions did Israel have to meet in order that none of the diseases of the Egyptians be put on them? *Ex 15:26*.
a. _____
b. _____
c. _____
d. _____
5. *Ps 103:3* reveals the Lord as the Saviour from sin and the healer of diseases.
a. How many sins does He forgive? _____
b. How many diseases does He heal? _____
6. *Ps 107:20* tells us that the Lord healed the people by His _____

PHYSICAL HEALING IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

1. *Is 53:4* says, "Surely He (Jesus) has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows"and v5 "by His stripes we are healed." Literally, the word for "griefs" is "sicknesses"; and the word for "sorrows" is "pains." Read *Mat 8:16,17*, and see that Jesus applied this verse to His healing ministry. According to v16, what did Jesus do for:
a. Those possessed with demons? _____
b. Those who were sick? _____
2. In *Mk 2:1-12* salvation and healing seem to be related. For the man to be healed Jesus could say one of two things
a. "Your sins _____" or
b. "Arise _____"