

Dear Friends:

God, who is the same yesterday, today and forever still works as He did in Bible times. He works in three different realms. In the divine realm, God in His sovereignty does His will, touching both converted and pre-converted people. In the supernatural realm, physical problems are cured by supernatural intervention and obedience (as happened with Naaman). The third realm is the natural realm. The Bible uses phrases like, "the sick need a physician". We are aware that proper nutrition, vitamins, inoculations and physicians treat our ailments and bless us tremendously.

In the supernatural, "charisma" gifts of grace (1 Cor. 12) are given by the Holy Spirit. For these gifts to flow through us, we need to deal with the things that limit God working through us. (Heb. 12:13) "straight paths".

In Jesus' ministry, we see that He rebuked the devil at times, and other times He rebuked the disease. Through the gifts of discernment and knowledge, we are often able to discern what we are dealing with, and have a clear direction for prayer.

Some people remain in their suffering because of their disobedience, while others suffer in the will of God - but God still works according to His eternal principles. It is folly on our part to think God will set His principles aside for us. His promises have an "if" attached, (example: "if My people who are called by My name..." 2 Chron. 7:14)

There are times when pain and suffering involve spiritual matters much greater than ourselves, as they did with Job, who Satan afflicted.

God gives grace to those who suffer in His will (as He did for Paul when afflicted with the thorn in his flesh.) Whether or not God heals you, He still loves you.

I would encourage you to prayerfully consider the Hindrances to Healing. If the Holy Spirit convicts you at any point, repent and renounce your sins then make things right with God.

May God increase your faith to believe in Him and all that He has in store for you.

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Suffering in the Will of God

*"And not only that, but we
also glory in tribulations,
knowing that tribulation pro-
duces perseverance; and
perseverance, character;
and character, hope."*

-Romans 5:3-4

*"... do not think it strange
concerning the fiery trial
which is to try you ..."*

-1 Peter 4:12

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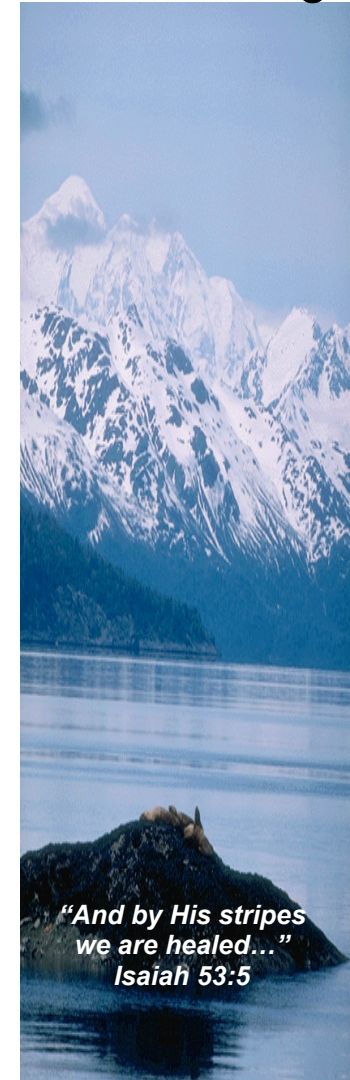
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Hindrances to Healing



*"And by His stripes
we are healed..."
Isaiah 53:5*

Scripture taken from the NKJV

Scriptural References for Hindrances to Healing...

(Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to your heart if any of the following are hindrances to your healing.)

SIN

SIN IN OUR LIVES

"... deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved ..." 1 Corinthians 5:5

SIN OF OUR PARENTS

"... the child also who is born to you shall surely die." 2 Samuel 12:14

JUDGMENT FOR SIN

"Therefore I will make you sick by striking you, by making you desolate because of your sins." Micah 6:13

UNCONFESED SIN & UNFORGIVENESS

"Confess your trespasses to one another... that you may be healed." James 5:16

DISOBEDIENCE

"... If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His sight ... and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you..." Ex. 15:26

REBELLION

After all this the Lord struck him in his intestines with an incurable disease." 2 Chron. 21:18

SPIRIT OF INFIRMITY

"...there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity..." Luke 13:11

FAILED TO DO...

FAILURE TO BE RECONCILED

"But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment... remember that your brother

something against you... first be reconciled to your brother..." Matt. 5:22-24

NOT TITHING

"You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me..." Malachi 3:8-10

NO CONCERN FOR THE POOR

"Blessed is he who considers the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble. The Lord will strengthen him on his bed of illness ..." Psalm 41:1-3

FAILURE TO CALL FOR HELP

"Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church..." James 5:14

NOT GIVING GOD GLORY

"Then immediately an angel of the Lord struck him, because he did not give glory to God. And he was eaten by worms and died." Acts 12:23

LACK OF FAITH

"... for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." Hebrews 11:6

ATTACK BY SATAN

DEMONIC POSSESSION

"And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour." Matt. 17:18

OPPRESSION BY THE DEVIL

"How God anointed Jesus ... who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil ..." Acts 10:38

NOT TAKING COMMUNION PROPERLY

"For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment ... for this reason many are weak and sick among you..." 1 Cor. 11:29-30

RELIANCE ONLY IN THE NATURAL REALM

"... a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years and had suffered many things from many physicians ... she heard about Jesus ... and

touched His garment." Mark 5:25-27

UNBELIEF IN THE CHURCH/ COMMUNITY

"Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. And He marveled because of their unbelief." Mark 6:5-6

NOT GOD'S TIMING

SUFFERING IN THE WILL OF GOD

"Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.'" John 9:3

ALLOTTED TIME TO DIE

"And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment." Hebrews 9:27

FOR GOD'S GLORY

"... Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him." John 9:1-3

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

"But the fruit of the Spirit is... longsuffering..." Galatians 5:22

THE PERSON PRAYING FOR THE SICK

FAILURE TO WALK STRAIGHT PATHS

"... make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed." Hebrews 12:13

LACK OF POWER OR AUTHORITY

"Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases." Luke 9:1

"Jesus, immediately knowing...that power had gone out of Him..." Mark 5:30

FAILURE TO FAST & PRAY

"However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting." Matt. 17:21