



The
HEALING
WATERS
still FLOW

by James Thompson

Dear Friends:

We receive hundreds of letters each month at Dove Broadcasting from people who have experienced the healing power of God.

We believe God heals today. We believe healing is for *anyone* who meets the conditions laid out in God's Word. We believe in instant, miraculous healings, in gradual healings, and in the ability of God to work through doctors and medicine. Healing is a gift from God to *all* who believe on Him.

I have always felt that a positive mental attitude and strong drive and determination to stay interested in life are tremendous influences in maintaining health and believing for healing.

We hope this booklet will assure you that God wants you well, and we also hope it will answer any questions you may have regarding healing. Most of all, we pray that this book will enable you to reach out by faith and receive what God has for you today - for your body and your spirit.

Write and let us know what God is doing for you. And if you desire prayer for salvation or healing, call our counselors. They will be happy to pray the prayer of faith with you today.

May God richly bless you and anoint your mind as you read this book.

Sincerely in Christ,
James Thompson

“And it shall come to pass, that every thing that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live:.. for they shall be healed; and every thing shall live whither the river cometh”
Ezekiel 47:9

The title of this book and the following song were inspired by the above scripture in Ezekiel. Wherever you are right now and whatever your condition, our prayer is that this book will enable you, by faith, to allow the healing waters to begin to flow within you today.

The Healing Waters
(L.L. Pickett copyright 1900)

(verses 1,3,4)

*O the joy if sins forgiv'n, O the the bliss the bloodwas'd know;
O the peace akin to heav'n, Where the healing waters flow.
O this precious perfect love! How it keeps the heart aglow,
Streaming from the fount above, Where the healing waters flow.
O to lean on Jesus' breast, While the tempests come and go!
Here is blessed peace and rest, Where the healing waters flow.
Where the healing waters flow, Where the joys celestial glow,
O there's peace and rest and love, Where the healing waters
flow!*

Introduction

Physical health and well-being are of major concern to every man. Survival is our number one instinct. This can be clearly observed in areas of famine today where those who are starving fight so hard and so valiantly to live.

Just how interested is God in our physical well-being during our earthy pilgrimage?

In the following pages I will share with you, from the Scriptures my heart felt beliefs regarding this question. While the greatest miracle of all is certainly our salvation through Jesus Christ, Scriptures also show that God is interested in our physical and material well-being. I personally believe it is pleasing to God for us to pray and believe for *all* our needs to be met.

Healing is the atonement. A great old hymn of the church entitled “Calvary Covers It all” beautifully conveys God's message and concern and provision for the whole person – mind, soul and body. Calvary *does* cover it *all*.

Not only was Calvary for our salvation, but it was also for our healing. 1 Peter 2:24 clearly states, “*Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: **by whose stripes ye were healed.***”

Just as salvation is a gift from God, so is healing. Healing is not something that is earned or deserved. It is a gift. The price for your healing has already been paid at Calvary, where Jesus was severely beaten with a whip of leather thongs to which sharp pieces of rock or metal had been attached. *Such agony!* And it was for your healing and mine!

Is healing for today?

To believe that healing was just for the believers of the early church is to belittle or deny the integrity and eternal power of what Jesus did on the cross. It is placing a question mark of the divinity of Jesus. *To deny healing is for today is to deny that salvation is for today.* Calvary covers both. The scriptures say so, and since Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8), healing is still for today!

Is healing for everyone?

Is salvation for everyone? YES, it is. And we believe the Scriptures teach that healing is for everyone.

A leper once told Jesus, “I know you *can* heal me, but do You *want* to?” And Jesus replied, “I *want* to heal you.” (See Matthew 8.)

It is God's wish, His will and His desire that you be well. The Bible says, “*Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth*” 3 John 2. God is interested in both your physical and spiritual well-being. As a child of God, it is your right and privilege to ask for healing.

We all want to be well, and somehow I believe that we all feel God wants us well. Why else would we go to the doctor when we are sick? Therefore, it is much better to pray a positive prayer and, in a straightforward manner, nothing wavering (no wishy-washiness), ask to be healed. (See James 1:5-8).

The Scriptures declare over and over again that God desires health for us. Mark 16:18 states, in describing what believers can do through God's power, “*...they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.*” Not might, but *shall*!

We cannot expect anything if we come before God uncertain of our privileges through Christ.

Who is responsible for sickness?

God is not responsible for sickness. Satan is. It is difficult to believe God for healing if we feel the sickness *came* from Him – whether to chastise or teach. Disease is the *result* of man's fall into sin in the Garden of Eden. Where did Satan get the power to make us sick? It was “delivered” to him in the Garden through the sin of Adam and Eve. In disobeying God, Adam and Eve relinquished their power and authority into the hands of Satan.

In turn, Satan perverted this power and authority, and such perversion has brought on disease and all the evils that plague us today. And when we become involved in eating, drinking or thinking that is uncontrolled, unclean or unholy, we open our bodies and minds to invasion from Satan.

“Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him” James 5:14-15.

Notice the “any” in this Scripture. That means anyone. Anyone at all. Not the rich necessarily, nor the poor, nor any particular denomination. Nor even the saved, necessarily! This Scripture states that anyone can be healed. And if they have sinned, their sins will be forgiven! Isn't God good?

Sickness – cause and effect

As stated earlier, *Satan is the source of all sickness and evil in this world.* However, God *may permit* Satan to inflict sickness upon people at times, as brought out in the story of Job. He does this so that His Name may be glorified or greater good may be accomplished in the person's life. He says that He will try us in fire so that we may come forth as pure gold. (See Job 23:10.)

An example would be the believer who seems continually to lag behind or fall short in his walk with God. He lives in a perpetual state of misery – halfway committed to Christ. After we are saved, we are not perfect by any means, and we need to enter a time of learning and growth in Christ, using Jesus as our example. And unless we finally grow to a place of total commitment to Christ, we will find ourselves growing weary of the battle and slipping back.

However, some people never seem to want to truly die to self so that Christ might live in them. In order to bring about spiritual growth in such lives, God sometimes will allow adversities, such as illness, to come. The writings of the Psalmist David lend support to this when he writes,

“This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me....I have remembered thy judgments of old, O Lord; and have comforted myself.... Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.... It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes” Psalm 111:50, 52, 67, 71.

Another cause of sickness is demon oppression. Notice I said oppression, not possession. There is a difference. Oppression is somewhat like harassment by evil spirits in the life of one who, through a believer, does not yet know how to fight and rebuke Satan. (Possession is when a life is controlled by an evil spirit that actually dwells inside the body.)

Many times when Christ healed the sick, in fact, about one-third of the time, He first rebuked an evil spirit. Evil spirits do not accompany all diseases, but as we look at the ministry of Jesus, we can see that many times they do.

What hinders healing?

Sin! Unconfessed sin will stop the move of God in any life or church. Let's be more specific. What in particular hinders healing?

1. Greed or covetousness. Failing to pay tithes, for example, places us under a curse according to Malachi 3:9. Misusing the material blessings with which God has entrusted us is a very serious matter. I like what Isaiah 58:7-8 says about how we should handle our material blessings:

“Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? When thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy reward.”

If we reach out in compassion and genuine love to help those around us, we are promised health! To be selfish and greedy with God and others is to open ourselves to attack from Satan. To give freely to God and those in need brings health and spiritual prosperity.

2. Sexual sins and immoral behavior of all kinds cause sickness. Sexual sins carry their own special brand of diseases such as venereal diseases and AIDS. It's a proven fact: persons dabbling in immoral behavior and sexual perversion can *expect* terrible diseases to wrack their bodies. It goes with the territory. Repent and turn away from sexual sins; then ask and believe for healing.

Sin of any kind removes one from God's protection and places one under His judgment. Sooner or later.

3. The words of our mouths can bring us sickness or health, according to the Bible. Judging others, insulting others, spreading rumors, predicting disaster or sickness – all this leads to trouble. A powerful statement on the power of the tongue lies in Proverbs 12:18: *“There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health.”* Also Proverbs 16:24: *“Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.”*

4. Unforgiveness is a great hindrance to healing. God will not listen to a prayer prayed by a person harboring a grudge.

James 5:9 states, “*Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door.*”

Many times we have witnessed how being able finally to *forgive* has set a person free and brought him healing. However, some people would rather hang on to the grudge, I'm afraid, than be well! So often we have seen that the *only* hindrance to healing seems to be unforgiveness on the part of the person who is sick. One great healing teacher has stated, “The healing power of the Lord Jesus Christ cannot penetrate through unforgiveness.”

Forgiveness is an act of your will. You have to *decide* to forgive. Once you have made a mental decision to forgive, pray for that person who hurt you and ask God to bless him with health, prosperity and spiritual abundance. At first you won't feel any different, perhaps, but just *keep praying until the prayer moves from your head to your heart*. Soon you will begin to feel the forgiveness flow through your being.

Another great teacher on God's power to heal has stated, “We have no right to ask God to break His spiritual laws because, for example, we do not want to give up a cherished resentment or grudge, our self-pity or pride.”

It is equally important that we go to those whom we have offended and ask for their forgiveness. James 5:16 tells us that we need to admit our faults and mistakes and pray for each other so we can be healed. If we have brought offense, we should not expect healing until apologies have been made.

And we have to go even further with forgiveness. Jesus shocked the religious world of His day by advancing a brand-new concept regarding forgiveness. He went “full circle” to say that not only should a person ask forgiveness of those he has wronged, but he should also go to those who have wronged him and ask their forgiveness.

In Matthew 5:23-24, Jesus says, “Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against

thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.”

“Why,” you might ask, “should I ask forgiveness from someone who has wronged me?”

It seems that Jesus is saying we must bring about peace and reconciliation at all costs, even if the only way is to ask forgiveness from those who have wronged us and who really should be apologizing to us. The reason? For our own sake – so that we will be in a position of unhampered access to God and what we need from Him.

It is necessary for the true Christlike spirit to take the blame for offense, on either side, assuming that somehow, perhaps just by being there, we in some way contributed to the offense. Perhaps in the course of our apology, we will receive an apology from the one who wronged us, and total reconciliation will be achieved.

As one Bible teacher stated, “We should ask forgiveness for having created the impression of having done someone wrong.”

In other words, we must be Christlike enough to say, “I’m sorry,” even if we are the one who has been wronged. Then, and only then, will God’s healing power begin to flow through us and our prayers be answered.

5. Having idols – anything that we put ahead of God – can open us to attack from Satan. We are repeatedly warned about this in Scripture.

“But we don’t have idols today!” you might say.

Not of wood and stone, maybe, but we do have idols – jobs, television, family material goods and fascination with trinkets of the occult such as horoscopes and Ouija boards.

1 John 5:21 warns, “Little children, keep yourselves from idols.”

6. Fear ties God’s hands. Job was a man of God, yet he admitted in Job 3:25, as sickness and loss settled over him, “The thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and

that which I was afraid of is come unto me.” Fear of sickness and calamity - “My mother died of cancer; I'm afraid I will too” - can kill. Fear leads to depression, depression to illness.

7. Obedience to parents. How you have treated and are treating your parents and children has a definite bearing on your health and length of life. Exodus 20:12 states, “Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land.”

God also takes note of how we teach, love and cherish our children. Matthew 18:6-7 clearly pronounces judgment on anyone who brings offense to a child. Such judgment can be and often is in form of sickness.

8. Exodus 20:5 states that the sins of parents can bring a curse upon children and grandchildren even down to three and four generations. Some troubles and sicknesses we suffer today could be the result of sin committed by our ancestors. But the power of God working in our lives can break this bondage and curse forever!

9. Some people actually like to be sick and of course such an attitude hinders healing. A part wants to be well and a part wants to be sick. Why?

Sickness is a good way to “cop out” and avoid situations that we would otherwise feel helpless to control. Some people find sickness is a great way to manipulate others and get things basically to go their way. Sickness is such a good excuse! It might also seem a good way to get love and attention that a person feels would otherwise be denied them.

2. Such an attitude is an oppression from Satan. God cannot or will not heal one who consciously or subconsciously wants to be sick, for whatever reason.

Receiving your healing

All healing comes from God, whether through miracles, gradual improvement, diet or exercise, medicine and doctors, climate or all the above together. The Good News is – God heals and He wants you well.

The late great Methodist evangelist John Wesley prayed for the sick and many were healed. In fact, he believed in God's healing power so much that is recorded he even prayed for his horse! The horse was healed too!

In order to receive healing a person should first of all make things right between himself and God. Repent, confess sins, ask forgiveness and accept Jesus as Saviour, Lord and Healer. (Call our counselors if you need to be saved, and ask for our book for new and growing Christians, First Steps.)

Second, settle in your mind and heart that God wants you well and that He heals today. It is His desire and will that you be well. If conditions for healing have been met in your heart and life, you can be healed.

Third, realize sickness comes from Satan and as a child of God you have the power and privilege to rebuke Satan in the Name of Jesus. James 4:7 states, “Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

Satan at least knows when he is licked. At the Name of Jesus, he tucks tail and runs for cover. In other words, he is a big chicken when faced with God's Word and power.

You yourself can rebuke Satan and sickness from your life. Over and over again, every day if necessary, take your stand against sickness and Satan in Jesus' Name. “I rebuke you, Satan, and I command this sickness to leave my body in the Name of Jesus.” Pray every hour if necessary.

Fourth, remember the stripes and the beating that Jesus took for you – for your health. Close your eyes right now and picture the scene at Calvary. See His back, chopped to a bloody pulp for your healing. Say aloud, “By His stripes, I am healed!”

Fifth, check your life. Are there any sinful hindrances such as

those we listed earlier in this book? Are you being obedient to God's Word? Do you have your priorities in order – who or what is number one with you?

Are you settled in your life with Christ? In other words, is it forever settled in your mind that come what may, Jesus is “ENOUGH” for you? The three Hebrew children, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, as they faced certain death in a furnace of fire after refusing to worship an idol, declared, “Our God is able to deliver us, but even if He doesn't, we will not serve any other God” (Daniel 3:16-18, paraphrased).

Anyone seeking help and blessing from God must reach such a place of love and devotion to Him that even if certain death lies ahead, he is not swayed in his faith – that just being a child of God is enough. When our Christian life becomes that focused, uncluttered, and clear cut, God can really move. And He knows when He is truly ENOUGH for us. Job said, as he lay covered in sores and his whole life's work spread in ruins about him, “Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him...” (Job 13:15).

Sixth, defile not your body. Your body is the temple in which the Spirit of God dwells if you are saved. This temple must be clean and cared for. Even a Christian cannot disobey natural laws regarding health and safety – laws which God has set in motion – and still live and do well.

For example, one cannot continue to drive a car when tired and sleepy without endangering his life and the lives of others. Nor can one take off on a plane trip in bad weather, ill equipped and ill prepared, and expect to arrive safely. Likewise, a person cannot abuse his body with improper diet, rest and care, and then expect God to wave a magic wand to keep sickness away. God requires us to use wisdom and care at all times regarding our health and physical well-being. For example, there is no point in asking God to heal emphysema if a person plans to continue smoking. As Christians, we must obey God's natural laws in order to stay alive even as everyone

else must.

Seventh, ask and believe. You must ask for your healing, even as someone else prays with you, because, in asking, you are saying to God, “I surrender this problem to You, and I believe You can handle it in the way that is best for me.” In James 4:2, we are told that we have not, because we ask not. So ask! God longs to give us good gifts. Matthew 7:9, 11 states, “Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?...If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?”

At this point, return to a Scripture we quoted earlier: “Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him” (James 5:14-15).

The prayer of faith is heard by God. Ask fellow believers, people of God, to lay hands on you and anoint you with oil; believe with them that you are healed. Mark 16:18 states, “...they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.” In Luke 4:40, Jesus “laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them.”

(The anointing with oil is symbolic of the anointing of the Holy Spirit. All through the Bible, oil typifies or symbolizes the presence of the Holy Spirit.)

I want to point out here that the laying on of hands is not always necessary for healing. Although that is the method Jesus seems to have used most often in the Bible (and I certainly recommend it if at all possible), prayer for healing can take place over a phone, over great distances. In fact, I know of people who were healed at the exact moment someone else, miles away, was praying for them. And although, the sick person did not know of the prayer being offered in his behalf at the time, he later discovered that healing came to him at

that exact moment.

In Matthew 15:21-28, Jesus healed the daughter of the Canaanite woman due to the mother's faith, not the daughter's. The daughter was at home sick but the faith of the mother was enough to bring about healing.

“...If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is heaven” (Matthew 18:19).

That is why so many, many times in this ministry, people are healed as they pray with our counselors by phone.

Eighth – after asking, believe you have received. “And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive” (Matthew 21:22).

One way to encourage belief is through thanksgiving. In advance, thank God for your healing. This boosts your faith and causes you to “expect” the healing to take place.

Expect it! And even though the healing may be instantaneous, it will come if you believe. Some healings take place gradually over a long period of time. However, if all hindrances have been cleared from your life and you have followed the preceding steps, then believe that you are improving.

Stay in the Word of God and speak Scriptures on healing over and over again, aloud or to yourself. Even if the symptoms reappear or seem to grow worse, continue to believe that God has heard and answered prayer. Rebuke the smoke screen that Satan will put up to try to destroy your faith. God's Word is your weapon against Satan. By faith say, “I am healed.” It has been said that God is touched by the feeling of our infirmities (Hebrews 4:15), but He is moved to action by our faith.

Sometimes healing is delayed for the reasons only God know, but one can assume that God, in His wisdom, has a perfect plan for such a person and that He is working in that life to bring about the ultimate good. Great spiritual growth can take place in times of

stress, sickness and crisis. Just remember and believe that God's timing is perfect.

Does God “always” heal?

A man of God who has faithfully served the Lord as an evangelist and pastor for over thirty years suffers with cancer for a whole year and then quietly dies with a smile on his face as he steps into eternity and meets his Saviour face to face.

This was a man who had himself prayed for people and they had been miraculously healed. Cancerous growths had fallen off in his hand as he prayed.

Why wasn't he healed? Was it because of some flaw in his spiritual character? He certainly had faith to believe. He Knew and claimed God's promises for healing in His Word. He knew God could heal him. But at age fifty-six, at the height of his ministry, he was called Home to be with God.

While I am in total agreement with those who say it is God's will to heal everyone, I am still aware that there are times when God doesn't heal – at least not before death. Even when all conditions for healing have seemingly been met, sometimes God calls a person Home – where, of course, he will receive total healing and restoration in his new life.

When this happens, so many times the faith of those left behind is destroyed. Having been told so often that it is God's will to always heal and that when conditions are met, He will always heal, they are unprepared to deal with death when it comes despite all prayers and efforts.

Some people have given up on God completely when healing did not come in the manner they expected. That is why I feel I must discuss this most difficult and theologically controversial area in this book.

Some times God chooses to call one of His children Home – Home to where they belong; Home to a complete and final healing;

Home to total health and rest in Him.

Is death ever defeat for a believer? When God calls one of His own back to Him before the age of seventy, should this be viewed as defeat or ultimate victory? Is reality here on earth or is it in the eternal realm with our God?

Have we become so wrapped up in claiming promises, success and victory here and now on earth that we forget where “Home” is? We are pilgrims and strangers here on earth. Our true Home is with God. Our souls cry out to return to their Maker and to “be” with Him.

Do we *long* for Heaven and Home? Is that where our sights are really set? Is our main goal to one day be with God or is it just to be victorious and successful down here?

God is God. He doesn't see us or our lives the way we do. His ultimate goal in dealing with us is to prepare us for Heaven and for usefulness in the life to come. Down here He works with us and moves for us according to that which will best enable us to reach *His* goal for us. Jesus said in Matthew 20:15, “*Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own?...*”

God's ultimate aim is to prepare us to fulfill our eternal roles. (See Revelation 5:10.)

The families of those who die an early death should not be made to feel that something was spiritually wrong in their lives. The burden of grief is enough. They do not also need to have to bear a burden of guilt and confusion.

A great healing evangelist has stated that she has been called to the bedside of someone who was dying and as she began to pray for his healing, the Lord would speak to her and tell her that He was going to take that person Home – that his healing would not take place here but rather in Heaven.

We need to realize, fully and totally, that the ultimate kingdom is not on earth – it is in Heaven. Jesus Himself told Pilate in John 18:36, “*My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this*

world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.”

If we believe that *all* must be healed and restored to life on earth, we are failing to see the eternal picture. I have had beautiful Christians come to me and say, “We have read all the books on healing, listened to all the tapes and claimed all the Scriptures, but it hasn't worked. What's wrong?”

Again, God is God and He can do with His own as He will. Also, there can be *no pat formulas* with God. Each healing is as unique as each person.

Evangelist William Branham was killed in a car wreck by a drunk driver. He was probably the greatest healing evangelist of all time. Did the devil win? No. Braiham is now Home with the Father. So where do we put the blame? Where is belongs – on the alcohol and on those who drank it and sold it. Matthew 10:28 states, “*And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.*”

An eighteen-year-old Christina boy goes swimming with school friends, some of whom end up getting high on beer. On the way back home, the driver miscalculates a curve, they become airborne and the only one in the car who is killed is the Christian who was not drinking. Who to blame? While the youth should not have ridden with a drinking driver, the guilt lies with the alcohol, those who sold it and those who drank it. And what do we know? God may have looked down through time and seen something ahead that caused Him to take the youth on Home. He does as He wills with His own.

God is God and He doesn't have to explain everything He does or allows. Deuteronomy 29:29 states, “*The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.*”

Let's not put people or their families on the spot who do not get healed her and now and make them feel like they have done

something wrong or that they need to explain. *Between two eternities is a space called time and that time is a period of preparation.* We only have so much time on earth. It is not the way God originally had it planned, but when the devil caused Adam and Eve to sin, a Death sentence was passed on all of us, and Jesus Christ is our only way of escape.

But through Jesus, *paradise will be restored.* Stand back and look at the whole picture as much as is humanly possible and compare the present with what we know about eternity with God. You will see that the *main* question is “Are you prepared for eternity?”

If it is God's time to take one of His children Home, how can we question such a great promotion? What greater miracle than to go Home to be with Jesus?

However, we do thank God that *there is healing* in this space and time. Let's discuss how we “keep” a healing, once we have received it.

Keeping your healing

Did you know it is possible to “lose” your healing ? Doubting that you were really touched by God's healing power opens the way for Satan to attack you again either with the same illness or something worse.

When doubts arise, *and they will,* rebuke them in the Name of Jesus. If Satan tries to bring the symptoms back on you, stand firm in your faith and declare, “By His stripes, I *am* healed.” Rest in the *certainty* that God wants you well. It is your privilege to be well. Continue to thank God for your healing.

Live a life that lines up with the Bible. Let Jesus be your example. God tells us in Proverbs 4:20-22 “*My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them no depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.*” (We have

included a list of Scriptures at the end of this book for you to read daily and believe.)

Be careful what you say. Don't be confessing your healing in one breath and complaining in the next. "... the tongue of the wise is health" (Proverbs 12:18). Always be careful to praise God for what He has done and what He is going to do. "*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits; Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases*" (Psalm 103:2-3). Bless the Lord!

Soak up the Word of God like a sponge. It will bring life and health to your body and your spirit. "*He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions*" (Psalm 107:20)

If you fill your mind with God's Word and His promises, your thinking will be clear and right. Some doctors feel that a majority of illnesses is triggered by negative thoughts and emotions. If this be so, how much more can God's Word bring health!

Maintain a forgiving attitude and avoid ever thinking that this healing which God has so mercifully bestowed was because of any goodness or merit on your part. Healing is God's gift to all. He is no respecter of persons – He has no pets.

Who is the healer?

The reason I am devoting a whole section to this question, even though I have already touched on it, is that so many people seem to watch people or preachers and look to them for things that they should be looking only to God for.

GOD IS THE HEALER. He is the *only* one we can truly look to for what we need.

Where do your confidence and faith lie? If it is in one person, ministry or evangelist, you are headed for certain disappointment. *God is the Healer.* Not man. Man is only, *at best*, an instrument through which the power of God can flow to bring healing to the *prepared* heart. Notice I said the prepared heart.

“And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep

his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight” (1 John 3:22).

Praise God today for your healing, believing Him to manifest it in you life from this day forth. Add if you cannot ask spiritual leaders from your church to pray with you, call our counselors. (864-244-1616) They will be happy to agree and believe with you for healing.

Read the Scriptures at the end of this book each day, perhaps many times a day. Memorize them and use them to fight sickness and to fight Satan.

One of America's healing evangelists tells this story that vividly shows just how important and powerful God's Word is in Healing.

She states, “I prayed for a man dying with cancer who had to be held up in the healing line. He was skin and bones and in terrible pain. After I prayed, I told him, 'Go in faith, believing, and remember that the Word says, “They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover.” if you go believing and don't doubt, you will be healed.'

“He looked right at me and said, 'I believe it!'

“Right away someone asked him, 'Are you feeling better?' I waited to hear his reply because I knew I could find out what was going to happen to hem by the way he answered.”

“And that man , feeble as he was, smiled and said, 'She said they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover. She laid hands on me and I'll recover.'

“He left, and I knew in my heart God would heal him.

:I kept calling his pastor to see how he was. Four days later they put him back in the hospital. He was very sick. I called the pastor again in ten days and he said, 'You missed it this time. The man is dying. He is so weak, he can only whisper.'

“I asked, 'but what does he whisper?’”

“He answered, 'they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover.'

Three days later the pastor called me. 'The most miraculous thing happened!' he cried. 'The morning following the night doctors said he would die, he woke up and said, "I'm hungry," and since then has made a complete recovery!"

Scriptures on healing

These Scriptures will boost your faith and enable you to believe. Unless your healing is instantaneous, you will need the strength and power of God's Word to carry you through to complete healing and victory.

Exodus 15:26

Psalms 30:2, 91:9-10, 42:11, 6:2, 41:4, 103:2-3

Proverbs 4:20-22, 3:7-8

Isaiah 52:4-5

Jeremiah 17:14

Malachi 4:2

Matthew 7:7, 7:11, 8:7, 8:13, 8:17, 9:29, 9:35, 14:14, 15:30, 17:20-21, 19:2, 4:23-24

Mark 1:34, 5:34, 10:52, 9:23, 11:22-24

Luke 6:19

John 14:13-14, 10:10

Acts 10:38

Romans 10:17

Galatians 3:13

Hebrews 13:8

James 5:15

1 Peter 2:24

1 John 4:4.

3 John 2