

## **16-C** Healing By the Promise of God

**God's healing generally can be ministered in one of two ways:**

- I. By faith in His Word, i.e. **the PROMISE OF GOD**, which **ANY** believer can exercise for himself or others:
  1. **PSA 107:20** **He sent forth HIS WORD and healed them**; he rescued them from the grave.
  2. **PRO 4:20** My son, pay attention to what I say; **listen closely to my words**. 21 Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; 22 **for they are life to those who find them and health to a man's whole body**.
- II. By a special healing **POWER** or **GRACE** anointing or **GIFT** of the Holy Spirit, i.e. **the ANOINTING OF GOD**, given to an individual to minister healing to others:
  3. **ACT 10:38** how **God ANOINTED Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and POWER**, and **how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil**, because God was with him.
  4. **LUK 4:14** **Jesus returned to Galilee in the POWER of the Spirit**, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. 15 He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. 16 He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. 17 The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: 18 **"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has ANOINTED me** to preach good news to the poor. **He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed**, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." 20 Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, 21 and **he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."**
  5. **1CO 12:4** **There are different kinds of GIFTS, but the same Spirit**. 5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6 There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. 7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8 To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, **to another GIFTS OF HEALING by that one Spirit**, 10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines. 30 **Do all have GIFTS OF HEALING? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?**

In this study, we will concentrate on # 1, **healing received by FAITH in the Promise or Word of God**.

**ANY** believer can exercise faith in God's Word for healing, both for themselves and for others. You may not always have an anointed minister of God to minister healing when emergencies arise. **EVERY** believer can and should learn to stand on the Promise of God's Word for healing. Healing is as much a part of the Gospel as is Salvation from sin.

If you tabulate all the **healing miracles** Jesus did in the Gospels, you will find that there are 19 such miracles listed. Of course, some are repeated, so we often have a sense that there are more. In 12 of the 19 gospel healing stories, Jesus tells the recipient of the healing something like, **"Your faith has healed you."** But, where did they get the faith for healing from? If it is Jesus power that heals, why should the recipient have to have faith? What is the balance between Jesus' power to heal, and the recipient's faith for healing? Why are both necessary? Are both always necessary? **First We will look at the Faith question:**

1. **MAT 4:23** **Jesus went throughout Galilee, TEACHING in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and HEALING every disease and sickness among the people**. 24 News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him **ALL who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed, and HE HEALED THEM**.
2. **ROM 10:17** So then **faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God**.
3. **MAR 2:1** And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house. 2 Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And **He preached the WORD to them**. 3 Then **they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men**. 4 And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. 5 **When JESUS SAW THEIR FAITH, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you."** 6 And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, 7 "Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" 8 But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, "Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? 9 "Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk'? 10 "But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—**He said to the paralytic, 11 "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."** 12 **Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed** and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"
4. **MAR 10:46** Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaheus, sat by the road begging. 47 And **when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, SON OF DAVID, have mercy on me!"** 48 Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" 49 So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called. Then they called the blind man, saying to him, "Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you." 50 And **throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus**. 51 So **Jesus answered and said to him, "What do you**

want Me to do for you?” The blind man said to Him, “Rabboni, that I may receive my sight.” 52 Then Jesus said to him, “Go your way; YOUR FAITH HAS MADE YOU WELL.” And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.

5. **MAT 15:22** And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed.” 23 But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, “Send her away, for she cries out after us.” 24 But He answered and said, “I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” 25 Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, “Lord, help me!” 26 But He answered and said, “It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs.” 27 And she said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.” 28 Then **Jesus answered and said to her, “O WOMAN, GREAT IS YOUR FAITH! LET IT BE TO YOU AS YOU DESIRE.”** And her daughter was healed from that very hour.
6. **Acts 14:5** And when a violent attempt was made by both the Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to abuse and stone them (Paul and Barnabus), 6 they became aware of it and fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the surrounding region. 7 And **they were preaching the gospel there.** 8 And in **Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother’s womb,** who had never walked. 9 **This man heard Paul speaking.** Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, 10 said with a loud voice, “Stand up straight on your feet!” And he leaped and walked.

By examining this story carefully, we can see that **Paul did three things, and the man did three things, for him to be healed:**

<b>Paul:</b>	1. Preached the Gospel 2. Perceived the man had faith to be healed 3. Told the man to rise and walk	<b>The Man:</b>	1. Heard the Gospel 2. Developed faith to be healed 3. Leaped and walked (was healed)
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7. **JAM 2:26** For as the body without the spirit is dead, so **faith without works (corresponding action) is dead** also.
8. **MAR 16:15** 15 And He said to them, **“Go into all the world and PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE.** 16 “He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. 17 “And **these signs will follow those who believe:** In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 “they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; **they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”** 19 So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. 20 And **they went out and preached everywhere, THE LORD WORKING WITH THEM AND CONFIRMING THE WORD through the accompanying signs.** Amen.

**Faith is the KEY to healing by the WORD OF GOD, the PROMISE OF GOD:**

9. **HEB 11:1** Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 6 But **without FAITH it is IMPOSSIBLE to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.**
10. **ROM 4:16** Therefore, **the promise comes by FAITH, so that it may be by GRACE and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham.** He is the father of us all. 17 As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—**the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were.**
11. **ROM 5:1** Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom **we have gained access by FAITH into this GRACE in which we now stand.** And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.
12. **EPH 2:8** For **it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves,** it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

But wait a minute! I thought Jesus power healed these people! What does Jesus mean when He says, “YOUR faith has healed you”? Which is more important here, **POWER (GRACE)** from Jesus or **FAITH** in the recipient? The answer is that EVERYTHING we receive from God can be looked at from this dual perspective: **His Power or Grace does the work, but our Faith is required to receive.**

*We could summarize this concept as follows:*

For it is **by GRACE** you are saved, **through FAITH**—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.....  
 For it is **by GRACE** you are healed, **through FAITH**—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.....  
 For it is **by GRACE** you are sanctified, **through FAITH**—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.....  
 For it is **by GRACE** your financial needs are met, **through FAITH**—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.....  
 For it is **by GRACE** you are FILL IN THE BLANK, **through FAITH**—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.....

See the principle? A parallel with electricity helps me understand this concept better. Electricity is like God’s Grace or Power, while the wire that carries it is like your or my faith. If I have a wire, but no electricity flows, nothing happens. However, if electricity is available, but there is no wire to carry it, nothing happens. Both are necessary for the electric POWER to do what it can do. So, also, God’s Power or Grace cannot flow unless we provide the “wire” of faith. **The POWER is the ANOINTING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.** The Word itself is anointed with Power.

13. **ACT 1:8** But **you will receive POWER when the Holy Spirit comes on you;** and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

14. **JOH 6:63** “It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.
15. **1TH 1:4** For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because **our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction.** You know how we lived among you for your sake.
16. **1CO 1:17** For Christ did not send me to baptize, **but to preach the gospel—not with words of human wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its POWER.** 18 For **the message of the cross** is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it **is the POWER of God.**
17. **ROM 1:16** I am not ashamed of **the gospel**, because it **is the POWER of God for the salvation of everyone who BELIEVES:** first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

There are spiritual laws just like there are natural laws, such as the Law of Gravity. Spiritual laws are just as reliable and real as any natural law, and have principles involved in their application. They can be understood and predicted just as much as any natural law.

18. **ROM 8:1** There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. 2 For **the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.**

Everything we receive from God is based on His Word, His Promises, or the Gospel. God has made many promises to man in His Word, but they can be grouped into two types: (1) Unconditional Promises, and (2) Conditional Promises. Most of His Promises to His People are Conditional Promises. These have the general pattern of “If you do this, then I (God) will do thus”. That is, if we fulfil the condition, He will fulfil the Promise. Our part is obedience through Faith. The result is always His Power or Grace that fulfils the Promise. The promises are all LEGALLY ours now in Christ in the Spiritual realm. Faith, prayer, and obedience are necessary before God’s Power can cause the Promise to manifest into the natural realm, when they become VITALLY ours. Prayer plays its part when we ask God to fulfil His promise in us, and He begins to CHANGE us so that He can fulfil the Promise in us. Prayer changes US, not God. A Good **definition of Prayer** is: **“Finding the Will of God and agreeing with it.”** Note the PAST TENSE of these Promises:

19. **2PE 1:2** Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. 3 **His divine power HAS GIVEN us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him** who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Through these **he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.**
20. **JOS 23:14** “Now I am about to go the way of all the earth. **You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the LORD your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed.**
21. **2CO 1:18** But as surely as God is faithful, our message to you is not “Yes” and “No.” 19 For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by me and Silas and Timothy, was not “Yes” and “No,” but in him it has always been “Yes.” 20 For **no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God.**
22. **EPH 1:2** Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 3 **Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.** 4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love 5 he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—

### What are some Scripture promises on Healing?

23. **EXO 15:22** So Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea; then they went out into the Wilderness of Shur. And they went three days in the wilderness and found no water. 23 Now when they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they were bitter. Therefore **the name of it was called Marah.** 24 And the people complained against Moses, saying, “What shall we drink?” 25 So he cried out to the Lord, and **the Lord showed him A TREE. When he cast it into the waters, the waters were made sweet.** There He made a statute and an ordinance for them. And there He tested them, 26 and said, **“If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the Lord (JEHOVAH RAPHA) who heals you.”**
24. **GAL 3:13** **Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us** (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on **A TREE**”), 14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, **that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through FAITH.**
25. **1PE 2:24** **He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,** so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; **by his wounds you have been healed.**
26. **MAT 8:17** This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: **“He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases.”**
27. **3JO 1:2** Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.
28. **PSA 103:2** **Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits— 3 who forgives all your sins and HEALS ALL YOUR DISEASES,** 4 who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, 5 who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

29. **ISA 53:4** Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows (diseases), yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.
30. **MAR 6:13** And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them.
31. **JAM 5:14** Is anyone among you sick? 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. 15 And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

To receive healing based on God's Promises (Word), you first firmly entrench in your heart and mind that healing is God's will for you, and that He clearly promises healing and deliverance in His Word. This requires a period of speaking the Word and meditation on the Word, which causes faith to rise up in your spirit. Then pray and thank God for His healing power, and repeat God's promises for healing back to Him. Then, take a vigorous stand against any symptoms, by speaking and commanding symptoms to GO in Jesus Name! Continue in your stand, despite any persistent symptoms, thanking God continuously for your healing. Do NOT relent in your stand against Satan and his symptoms!! The Power of God is always present for healing, especially where the Word of the Lord is preached, confessed, prayed, and believed on.

Or, after preparing yourself with the Word and prayer, then go to or call for the elders for prayer for healing. Remember that healing may not manifest immediately.

32. **PSA 139:7** Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? 8 If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. 9 If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, 10 Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me.
33. **LUK 5:17** Now it happened on a certain day, as He was TEACHING, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was present to heal them.
34. **1CO 2:4** And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.
35. **MAR 16:20** And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

#### What are some reasons for not receiving healing when I pray and stand on God's Healing Promises?

- The first reason is a **lack of faith**:
  - MAR 6:2** And when the Sabbath had come, He began to TEACH in the synagogue. And many hearing Him were astonished, saying, "Where did this Man get these things? And what wisdom is this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands! 3 "Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" And they were offended at Him. 4 But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house." 5 Now HE COULD DO NO MIGHTY WORK THERE, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. 6 And He marveled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, TEACHING.
- Traditions of men**, such as teaching that God doesn't do healing anymore:
  - HEB 13:8** Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.
  - MAL 3:6** "I the LORD do not change. So you, O descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed.
- Healing is a cooperative effort between minister and recipient**. You must do your part to receive.
- You must prepare your heart with the Word. **What promise are you standing on?**
- Come EXPECTING an miracle. A double-minded person does not receive from God**. "I hope so" vs. "Yes, I will receive". (R.W. Shambach experience, or scripture story of woman with hemorrhage for 12 years. Say it, Do it, Receive it, Tell it.)
- Sometimes, it is better to WAIT, and get more teaching, study the scriptures, etc. before going for prayer**.
- You should have corresponding action, speech, etc**. Get the "whine" out of your voice!
- Don't come for healing to "see what will happen" or "to see if this stuff works".
- NEVER let lying symptoms cause your faith to waiver**. T.L. Osborn stated that many people keep praying for what God has already GIVEN. If you SAY, "I guess the prayer didn't work", that is like giving the Devil a receipt for a sickness you have accepted.
- Unforgiveness, unrepented sin, etc. can block the sick from receiving healing from God**. Story of John G. Lake--\$5,000.
- Take a FIRM STAND against the devil and his symptoms**: (Story of Smith Wigglesworth at the trolley station)
  - 1TI 6:12** FIGHT the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.
  - MAT 11:12** "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force."
  - JUDE 3** Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.