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Introduction

I am a cancer survivor of more than fifteen years. I am here today only because of God's grace and by His supernatural healing power. One of my main goals in life is to tell others that God offers physical healing for cancer and all other disease and sickness.

The material in this book is based on God's written Words—researched, learned, used in my own health struggle, and then written down to help others perhaps in similar situations. I applied the principles that I learned from God's Words to the sickness that Satan's kingdom tried to impose on my physical body. It was not an easy fight: there were obstacles and decisions, discouragements and triumphs. Through numerous spiritual battles, God led the way to victory. I found out a lot of Biblical truths that I had not known before and which, unfortunately, are not taught in many mainline Christian churches: One is that God wants us to triumph in this life (2 Corinthians 2:14a) and not wait to get to Heaven to be healed from disease. Heaven is a place of perfection, and there is no sickness there anyway!

As I researched God's divine, supernatural healing, I learned to fight against the cancer that attacked me. I found supernatural physical healing to be a dominant theme in the Bible. This theme is in numerous stories, in both the Old and New Testaments. It also is found in the meanings of frequent, indirect references to physical healing through Hebrew and Greek words associated with "salvation." My conclusion is that God wants to be active in healing us and keeping us well while we are on this earth. Jesus never changes (Hebrews 13:8), and the same divine, physical healing mentioned in His written Words of long ago is for us today.

Jesus' Atonement on the cross redeemed mankind from the "curse of the law" (Galatians 3:13). This curse in Old Testament times conveyed with it sin and ultimately death. Deuteronomy 28:15–62 and other Biblical verses reveal such manifestations of sin as

“consumption” (tuberculosis), “itch,” “madness,” and “blindness,” to name a few, plus “every sickness and every plague” (Deuteronomy 28:61). Disease is part of the curse of sin, and the Atonement provided for those who accept the Son of God as their Savior with healing from sin—spiritually, mentally, and physically.

If God’s supernatural physical healing is part of Christianity, and if Christianity is timeless, then Jesus heals today. Because of an underemphasis on the physical aspects of what God offers to us in His salvation, many Believers today are unaware that Jesus the Christ’s redemptive work includes supernatural physical healing as well as forgiveness of sins. Romans 5:12 states that sin came into the world through one man, and that death came by sin.

The remedy for death, including illness and disease, could be brought about only by the redemptive power of Jesus, the Son of God, who came to save the whole person, not just the human spirit. His Church’s lack of knowledge of its complete inheritance through Jesus’ total redemption has cost His followers unnecessary, crippling sickness and disease. To not resist Satan’s plan to steal, to kill, and to destroy (John 10:10) is to play right into his hands. Satan has been stealing health and life from mankind for millennia, and he has been getting away with murder!

Jesus Heals Today presents Biblical principles about the inheritance of God’s children, including their authority through Jesus over Satan, the author of all evil, which includes disease. This book emphasizes the resources of physical healing available through our Creator and Savior, Jesus.

The Hebrew word equivalent to Jesus’ name is *yeshuwah* (#3444), meaning “deliverance, health,...salvation,...saving (health).”¹ As part of the Godhead, Jesus has accomplished His redemptive work for our total deliverance, including physical healing (Isaiah 53:4–5).

Key to other Biblical references:

AMP The Amplified Bible

KJV King James Bible

NASB New American Standard Bible

NKJV New King James Bible

REB Rotherham Emphasized Bible

YLT Young's Literal Translation of the Bible

WT Weymouth Translation

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Chapter 2

My Freedom from Cancer

In 1989, without warning, I was attacked by breast cancer. I was shocked that this had happened to me, because I always had tried to be careful about my health, trying to exercise and to be careful of what I ate.

At the time of the attack, I did not know very much about God's divine physical healing and how it applied to me. Being aware of some Biblical principles of healing, such as James 5:14–15 or the prayer of faith, I requested that some of the elders of my church pray for me, and they did so.

My confidence was in God's healing and His supernatural wisdom. I asked Him for direction regarding treatment alternatives, and He directed me to a highly regarded teaching hospital, a lumpectomy, and follow-up radiation. Consulting with the Lord, I rejected some other doctor recommendations for further follow-up.

After surgery and at my church, I received more prayer. Hands were laid on me for God's supernatural power to heal my body. I received by faith Jesus' divine healing power conveyed to me by those who prayed for me. My desire was that my future experience be victorious evidence that Jesus still heals today.

I also went to an M.D. who gave me nutritional advice, and I changed my diet.

I began to see the importance of meditating on God's promises with faith and of learning more about what Believers receive through Jesus' provision of salvation. I intensified my study and memorization of His promises, particularly those dealing with physical healing. During the day, I would quote out loud and to myself these memorized verses to demonstrate my faith in God for His healing in my life. Expressing God's words of power and life, I began to realize the

extreme importance of God’s Words: “they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh” (Proverbs 4:22). I meditated on passages like 2 Peter 1:3 and 4: “His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness,...[We have] exceedingly great and precious promises [and, therefore, we can become] partakers of the divine nature.” I realized that in partaking of His nature, we can escape the corruption that is in the world through lust. We can escape from weakness—we can escape from frailties—we can escape from sickness.

I was building up my spirit and renewing my mind by memorizing God’s written Word. I also received spiritual support from many people, especially from my husband and my mother. [My father already was experiencing God’s Heavenly glory since his death in 1981.] My husband and I were working together, using spiritual warfare against the Enemy Satan. Everything seemed to be going smoothly.

In the spring of 1990, a friend at church told me, “My daughter had a dream about you.” I did not know her daughter very well. The mother said that, in the dream, I was standing before my church congregation, telling everyone that God had healed me. I appreciated her telling me this. I assumed that the dream related to my experience of the previous fall’s healing after surgery. But I did not understand the other information—that I had told the entire church congregation of the supernatural, physical miracle in my life.

In the fall of 1990, almost a year to the day from my first finding out about the cancer, I went again for a routine mammogram. After the mammogram, the radiologist instructed me to bring the x-rays to the doctor’s for my appointment that same day. I noticed an “X” with a circle on one of the x-rays, as I brought them to my surgeon’s office. He was chairman of the department of surgery of a prestigious Chicago teaching hospital. He ominously declared, “You’ve got the same thing on your right side as you had on your left!” I couldn’t believe it!

The doctor’s face revealed a sentence of death for me. What previously had been a positive attitude on his part now was being replaced by fear. All my doctor knew to help me was to do what he had done before—cutting by surgery and recommending burning by radiation. It wasn’t

that he didn't want to help me; he had seen too many devastating endings to this often-fatal disease.

Within fifteen minutes the doctor's receptionist had set up an appointment for me at the hospital for another lumpectomy, another lymph node dissection—and something new, a stereotactic procedure. The doctor also mentioned radiation after the surgery. I thought with terror, “Oh, no, here we go again!”

On the way home, my mind started to hear fear-filled lies from Satan's kingdom: “See, God didn't heal you. All those words you were learning in the Bible—they didn't help you; they are meaningless! That diet you went on—all that healthful food—it didn't do a bit of good. You are going to die. God did this to you.” Hearing these words, I knew they were coming from Satan's kingdom. I began to reject these lies by using Jesus' authority against them.

To counteract this attack, I asked God for help and He started bringing to my mind some of His promises regarding physical healing:

...I am the Lord who heals you. (Exodus 15:26)

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And forget not all His benefits:
Who forgives all your iniquities,
Who heals all your diseases,
Who redeems your life from destruction,
Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, (Psalm 103:2–4)

During this time of anguish, God gave me Psalm 103:2–3 as His *rhema* or my spiritual sword (Ephesians 6:17), which I began to use and still use against the Enemy in spiritual warfare.

These and other verses started ministering “life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh” (Proverbs 4:22). They were giving me hope and they were giving me faith in God's healing power.

When I got back home and told my husband the news, we pursued intense spiritual warfare. It was a tough and exhausting battle. Every time my husband would notice me weaken, he would

declare, “You’re healed by the stripes of Jesus Christ” (Isaiah 53:5b) and “by whose stripes you were healed” (1 Peter 2:24).

At home and by myself, I would often make vocal declarations of resistance against Satan, such as: “You can’t do this to me. Jesus created me and paid for my whole being on the cross. By His stripes I was healed. You can’t have my body. You can’t kill me. I refuse to accept your attacks and lies. My body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. Jesus came to bring me life, and that means abundant life.”

2 Corinthians 7:1 indicates that we need to “cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.” With this verse heavy on my heart, one evening I got down on my face before God on the family room floor and cried out to my Heavenly Father, “There must be some reason why the cancer returned. If there is anything wrong in my life, perhaps something that I don’t even know about, would you please reveal it to me now?” In answer to my question, He did reveal some things to me that were ways in which Satan had gained footholds in my life and in my health (Ephesians 4:27). I realized that these areas from the past, not consciously known to me before, were keeping me from God’s total protection. I quickly confessed them to Him.

The major problem God revealed to me that evening was that I had a stronghold of grief in my life. My obsession with grief especially was related to my father’s death about nine years previously. I realized that, because of this overwhelming grief, I had allowed Satan’s kingdom to access my life and body and to play havoc with my health. Over the past nine years, I had grieved over the death of my father, often crying and revealing oppression to my husband at the very mention of my father’s name. In the ninth year, when I grieved over my father’s death, it was as if my father had just died!

I confessed all of this to my Heavenly Father, and, as I entered the kitchen, my husband had just finished a phone conversation with an out-of-state ministry to cancer victims. He had not called them regarding my crisis, but had asked them to send information to someone else who had cancer. He began to share with me information that he had learned from that phone call,

information about five underlying conditions generally accompanying cancer patients: anger, lust, unforgiveness, grief, and ancestral curses. He pointed to the word “grief” in the notes that he had been writing and said, “That’s you!” He said this without knowing anything about my experience of a few minutes before that in the other room. I shared with him what had just happened to me. His statement was confirmation to me that I had heard correctly from God.

There wasn’t much time between the sentence-of-death look of the surgeon and my hospital appointment. I went to my church on Wednesday morning to speak to a counselor who knew of my first cancer problem, and to have her agree with me by faith that God would turn this situation around for my complete healing. She was about ready to start the women’s Bible study. I said to her, “The same condition that was on my left side is on my right. They say the right side has changed.” The comment made by the counselor stunned me: She stuck her face into mine and said with much determination, “But God hasn’t changed.” Everyone there laid hands on me and asked God to release His healing power into my body.

After the women’s prayers, I got into my car and started driving home. What I felt next was not my imagination: God’s powerful presence came down upon me in the form of electric waves of love, from my head to my waist and back up again to my head. This calming healing sensation lasted about fifteen minutes. I sensed great peace. I had faith in God, that He had touched me and that He would take care of the problem.

At my church’s midweek service, still others prayed for me. Thankful for their ministry, I especially appreciated one friend’s advice that I should go step by step through the planned medical procedures—following God’s leading. She believed that God would reveal what I should do as I took each step. I again sensed more peace.

The night before surgery was an exception to my usual difficulty in falling asleep. I had a good night’s sleep. But my husband woke up at about 2:00 A.M., hearing these words: Confound or “put to shame the wise.” Before driving me to the hospital, he read to me the 1 Corinthians 1:27 passage: “But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise” [KJV].

We went with that verse to the hospital, asking Jesus to go before us as our warrior in the battle and as the “confounder” of doctors’ wisdom.

At the hospital, we met with two doctors. The first one was my surgeon, and the second doctor was to give a stereotactic procedure or needle biopsy. I had understood that the biopsy results were going to be made available to us before the scheduled lumpectomy. However, we found out that this was not the case. Rather, the needle procedure was scheduled to be immediately followed by surgery, where I was to have a repeat of the same procedure as the previous year. My husband and I objected to this, stating that we would like to know the pathologists’ report, so that then we could decide what to do. My surgeon did not like the confrontation at first, as we had interrupted his busy schedule. But the specialist in the stereotactic procedure agreed to our slower, step-by-step process.

After the needle procedure, and while we were waiting for results from the Pathology Department, my husband prayed with me that the surgeon would become a robot of the Holy Spirit.

My husband left the area, and shortly thereafter, the surgeon appeared. He was like a different person; he had changed from being impatient and had become cooperative and personable. He sat down and said, “It’s highly suggestive, highly suggestive [of cancer]. If you were my wife, I would want you to have a biopsy.”

The surgeon had changed his terminology from “lumpectomy” and now was talking about a “biopsy”! I thought, “As we take one step forward in the Lord, the Enemy is retreating!” I sensed that the Lord was going ahead of us in the battle. He was leading, while we were watching Satan and his hosts retreat in defeat. I began looking for the next step toward God’s victory.

I then said to the surgeon, “You told me that I had to stay in the hospital two days.”

He answered, “No, you can go home today.”

I added, “But I thought you were going to test the lymph nodes.”

“No, not now. Probably next week.”

I finally agreed to the biopsy, but I told the surgeon that I would like a local anesthetic, so that I could be awake during the surgery. [I wanted to pray during that time.]

He replied, “No, you need a general anesthetic, so that it will be easier for you and me.” He said, “With this biopsy, we will be 100 percent sure, but remember: It’s highly suggestive.” He left the curtained area with his ominous words.

A few minutes later, the anesthesiologist appeared. She said, “Hi, I’m here to give you a local anesthetic. You’ll be awake during the surgery.”

While I was waiting to be taken to surgery, I heard the same surgeon talking in another enclosure to a woman that I had seen earlier. In fact, I had previously seen her in the surgeon’s office. She was being told that she would soon be taken to surgery for another lumpectomy. The doctor was commenting on how, when one side of the breast area was affected by cancer, the other side usually becomes affected later. The woman was agreeable to the surgery.

The surgeon had told me that we could know the results that night, but he suggested allowing one more day for thorough study of pathology results by several doctors. I was released from the hospital after the biopsy, and my husband took me home. That was Friday afternoon, and the surgeon gave me instructions to call him Saturday night at his home. It was difficult to wait until then.

Finally, Saturday night came. When I nervously called him, he said, “No, I don’t have the report yet; call me Sunday at noon.” On Sunday, I called him at noon and again he told me, “No, I don’t have the report yet, but if you don’t hear from me within the hour, call me back.” So I tried again after an hour. He said, “No, I still don’t have the report. Monday, I’ll have the written report in my hands. Call me at my office Monday at 10:00 A.M.” [Later we realized that the unusual delay was due to the fact that the results were so different from what the surgeon had expected. He wanted more time for the pathologists to go over the biopsy results.] During this time, my husband and my mother kept encouraging me. I remember my mother in particular saying, “There’s nothing there. I know that there’s nothing there!”

Around 8:50 A.M. on Monday, Paul was at home, downstairs, and I was upstairs. The phone rang. Paul answered it in the kitchen. Before long I heard an unusual noise downstairs. It sounded like laughing and crying at the same time. It was Paul; he was shouting as he ran upstairs, “Marcia, Marcia, the test results are in. There’s no cancer—one hundred per cent certainty of no cancer! No cancer!”

“No cancer!” The words still echo in my head. Since all of this has happened to me, I can’t stop telling people how gracious, loving, and powerful God is and how He wants to heal them. He wants to heal you, too. He wants to provide for all of your needs. As Believers, we have all of God’s provisions available to us. Sometimes we do not receive them, because of our unbelief. Sometimes we make ourselves too busy to take time to understand and receive them. Let’s not wait until someone in our family, or one of our friends, is sick or dying of a dread disease. Let’s not wait until there’s no food on the table. Let’s not wait until there’s no job. Let’s start memorizing God’s promises. Let’s start applying those verses. Let’s start having faith in God’s promises and in God Himself, that He will accomplish what He promises!

I took advantage of an opportunity to fulfill the dream of my friend’s daughter by publicly telling this story of my healing before my church’s congregation one Sunday evening. My testimony closed with Psalm 118:17:

I shall not die, but live,
And declare the works of the Lord.

Since the 1990 victory, all follow-up tests to this present date have revealed no cancer. The surgeon, now retired, used to see me every three months. Each time for several years after the 1990 incident, he would shake his head in bewilderment, stating, “When you’re eighty years old, we’ll still be talking about this.” I would always respond with a smile and, “Jesus healed me!”

In October of 1994, after five years of mammograms and examinations, I was declared “medically clean,” with no reoccurrence of the cancer that attacked me in 1989. Thanks, Jesus, for Your healing power! To You be all glory and honor!

This is the year 2007, the seventeenth anniversary of God’s miracle in my life. The Lord has been faithful, and my way of glorifying God for His healing has been my determination to tell this story and to reveal what I have learned about His supernatural healing power, made available through Jesus’ Atonement. God has led me to tell my story to countless numbers of people in many different places, including the Dominican Republic.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. (Hebrews 13:8)

Chapter 5

Salvation: More Than You Realize

The first-century Jewish concept of salvation, based on Scripture, was one of complete wholeness for the individual:

...our view of sickness is different from that of Jesus and his contemporaries.
...Today we distinguish between body and soul, the ancient Hebrews did not. Jesus and his hearers correlated salvation with the physical, as well as the spiritual. Saving the whole person constituted deliverance from the dominion of sin and Satan....In Scripture, the forgiveness of sin, eternal life, deliverance from spiritual bondage and healing are bound up into one comprehensive salvation.²

In Psalm 3:8, “salvation” in Hebrew is *yasha* (3467), a primary root verb with the meaning of “...free...deliver(-er), help, preserve,...save(-iour), get victory.” *Yeshuwah* (3444), derived from *yasha*, lists health as a primary part of deliverance and is the all-encompassing Hebrew word of *salvation*, the quality belonging to the God of David’s Psalm 3:

Salvation [total deliverance] belongs to the Lord.
Your blessing is upon Your people.

God the Father’s names in Hebrew include *Jehovah-rapha* or “God the Healer” (Physician) and *Jehovah-shalom* or “God our Peace and Good Health”. God Himself states in Exodus 15:26 that He is the Healer: “For I am the Lord who heals you.”

Isaac Lesser, recognized Bible translator and scholar, translated the title of Jesus as “for I the Lord am thy physician.”³

Jesus’ redemptive work provided a new and better covenant. (Hebrews 8:6–13) When He paid the penalty for all of mankind’s sins, the price also included consequences of this world’s sins such as sickness and disease, including mental incapacities. The old covenant revealed God the Father’s provision of physical healing and health if man would obey His laws. The new covenant focuses on God the Son, the one offering physical healing as one of the components of salvation.

The need for supernatural physical healing, as well as spiritual deliverance, relates to the origin of sin in this world—when Adam and Eve transferred the human race and this whole world from God’s hands into Satan’s. Sin, including sickness and death, was the result of the earth’s first couple’s disobedience toward God through Satan’s successful temptation. In sinning, they betrayed God by obeying Satan, giving the Devil the rulership of this world.

We know that Satan received such a rulership because in Luke 4:5–6 he first showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the earth and declared:

All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.

The word “delivered” is the Greek *paradidomi* (3860) with the basic meaning of “to surrender...betray....” Physical sickness, as well as mental illness and consequences for sin, is a part of the results of Adam and Eve’s yielding to Satan’s arguments. The Devil has been given the right to rule over earthly kingdoms. Jesus mentioned in John 12:31 that the “ruler of this world will be cast out.” Then in verse 32, He referred to Himself as being distinct from this world’s ruler. We know that positionally “The earth is the Lord’s, and all its fullness” (Psalm 24:1).

Jesus was sent by His Father to pay the total penalty for sin and its many curses. His main purpose for coming to earth was to destroy the “works of the devil” (1 John 3:8). These “works” include sickness and disease. Jesus has provided total healing—spiritual, mental and physical—for all those who will receive Him as their Savior.

Physical Healing Included in Salvation

Physical healing is an important part of Biblical Christianity.

Dr. C. I. Scofield, well-known theologian and editor of the *Scofield Bible*, included healing as an element of the Hebrew and Greek words for salvation.

The Heb. and Gr. words for salvation imply the ideas of deliverance, safety, preservation, healing, and soundness. Salvation is the great inclusive word of the Gospel, gathering into itself all the redemptive acts and processes.⁴

Isaiah wrote of sickness and pain as being part of Jesus' redemptive work on the cross. A number of major Bible versions have reference notes indicating that the words *sorrows* and *grief(s)* in Isaiah 53:3–4 literally are *sicknesses* and *pains*.

3 He is despised and rejected by men,
a Man of sorrows [NKJV marginal note: "Lit. pains"]
and acquainted with grief [NKJV marginal note: "Lit. sickness"].
And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him;
He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.
4 Surely He has borne our griefs [NKJV marginal note: "Lit. sicknesses"]
And carried our sorrows [NKJV marginal note: "Lit. pains"]
Yet we esteemed Him stricken,
Smitten by God, and afflicted.

Other verses in Isaiah 53 elaborate on Jesus' work on the cross for us:

5 But He was wounded [NKJV marginal note: "pierced through"] for our
transgressions,
He was bruised [NKJV marginal note: "crushed"] for our iniquities;
The chastisement for our peace was upon Him,
And by His stripes [NKJV marginal note: "Blows that cut in"] we are healed.

Isaac Leeser translated these same verses as follows:

3 He was despised and shunned by men;
a man of pains, and acquainted with disease;
and as one who hid his face from us was he despised,
and we esteemed him not.
4 But only our diseases did he bear himself,
and our pains he carried;
while we indeed esteemed him stricken,
smitten of God, and afflicted.
5 Yet he was wounded for our transgressions,
he was bruised for our iniquities:

the chastisement for our peace was upon him;
and through his bruises was healing granted to us.

10 But the Lord was pleased to crush him through disease...⁵

Robert Young, another of Christianity's revered Bible scholars, translated these Isaiah 53 verses as follows:

3 He is despised, and left of men,
A man of pains, and acquainted with sickness,
And as one hiding the face from us,
He is despised, and we esteemed him not.

4 Surely our sicknesses he hath borne,
And our pains—he hath carried them,
And we—we have esteemed him plagued,
Smitten of God, and afflicted.

5 And he is pierced for our transgressions,
Bruised for our iniquities,
The chastisement of our peace is on him,
And by his bruise there is healing for us.

10 And Jehovah hath delighted to bruise him.
He hath made him sick...⁶

Two New Testament Writers' Interpretation of Isaiah 53

The Bible states in Deuteronomy 19:15 that “by the mouth of two or three witnesses the matter shall be established.” The Apostle Paul considered it important to quote this verse in 2 Corinthians 13:1. Listed are two Biblical witnesses who saw Jesus crucified, who witnessed the fact that He rose from the death, and who knew the Hebrew of the original Old Testament Isaiah verses of Chapter 53. These two New Testament Apostles, Matthew and Peter.

Matthew in 8:16–17 narrates a scene from Jesus' physical healing ministry. The disciple clearly confirmed Isaiah 53:4, with its meaning that Jesus took our sicknesses upon Himself through His redemptive work:

When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:

‘He Himself took our infirmities
And bore our sicknesses.’ [quoting from Isaiah 53:4a]

“Infirmities” is the Greek word *astheneia* (769). This word is used twenty-four times in the New Testament, eight times in the Gospels and Acts and sixteen times in the Epistles. In the Epistles, it is used to convey both physical sickness and a more general meaning suggesting weakness. The first use of this word in the Gospels refers back to Isaiah 53:4. The other seven uses of this word in the Gospels and Acts clearly refer to physical sickness—and these uses most directly apply to the Isaiah passage, because they are historical narrative texts that deal with the same events prophesied by Isaiah.

The word “sicknesses” in the Greek is *nosos* (3554), used twelve times in the New Testament. *Nosos* always refers to infirmity, disease, or sickness.

In 1 Peter 2:24, Peter wrote his interpretation of Isaiah 53:5:

...who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes [NKJV marginal note: “wounds”] you were healed. (1 Peter 2:24)

Peter chose the Greek *iaomai* (2390) for “...heal, make whole” and placed the meaning in the past tense, “were healed.” In twenty-six of the twenty-eight times that this word appears in the New Testament, the meaning is physical healing. The exceptions are Hebrews 12:13 (a figurative use of physical healing) and Luke 4:18 (describing emotional healing). The only other New Testament words for “healed” are *therapeia* (2323) and *sozo* (4982) or “saved,” both of which have the meaning of physical, not spiritual healing.

The Apostle Peter was convinced that Jesus’ beatings and wounds (Matthew 27:26–30) removed physical sicknesses—retroactively, as indicated by the shift from Isaiah’s present tense “are healed” to Peter’s past tense “were healed.”

God in Isaiah 45:19 indicates: “I the Lord speak righteousness, I declare things that are right.” God does not lie; He speaks the truth. His Son’s salvation does include healing from sickness.

“Save” or “Saved”—Includes Physical Healing

The 105 New Testament *sozo* (4982) references for “save” or “saved” [often used in King James Versions] include numerous cases where the context clearly is physical. Some of these involve physical healings; others involve physical deliverance. [The following verses are from same Blackaby Study Bible (New King James Version) throughout this book.]. The English translation of *sozo* in these verses has been bolded by the author for emphasis.]

- Physical healing
 - “Your faith has **made** you **well**.”—Jesus’ response to the woman healed of the blood problem (Matthew 9:22).
 - “Come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be **healed**, and she will live.”—Jairus’s plea for Jesus to come to his home to heal his sick daughter (Mark 5:23).
 - “Receive your sight; your faith has made you **well**.”--Jesus’ words to the blind man near Jericho (Luke 18:42).
 - “And the prayer of faith will **save** the sick, and the Lord will raise him up.”— James’ instruction to the Church regarding physical healing (James 5:15).
- Physical deliverance
 - “Lord, **save** me!”—Peter’s cry for physical deliverance from the high waves (Matthew 14:30).
 - “**Save** Yourself, and come down from the cross!”—Blasphemers taunting Jesus to physically come down from the cross (Mark 15:30).
 - “Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to **save** life or to destroy it?”—Jesus’ response to the scribes and Pharisees’ denunciation for His Sabbath healing of the man

with the withered hand (Luke 6:9). **Save** is often used in the Bible as an all-inclusive word meaning spiritual, mental, and physical deliverance or healing.

God's desire is for all mankind to be "saved" [completely delivered spiritually, mentally and spiritually]:

...who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.
(1 Timothy 2:4)

"Salvation"—Includes Physical Healing

The principal Hebrew word meaning "salvation," *yeshuwah* (3444), includes health.

The Greek noun *soteria* (4991) or "...deliver, health, salvation. save, saving" and *soterion* (4992) or "...salvation" are derived from *soter* (4990) or "...deliverer, i.e. God or Christ:—saviour." *Soter* comes from the previously discussed *sozo* or "save," which includes healing and wholeness.

Acts 4:12 is an outstanding example of a verse containing both the Greek words "salvation" and "saved" in a physical healing context. In chapter 3, Peter, accompanied by John and through God's power, miraculously healed a lame beggar. In the context of this passage and in answer to the Council's question that challenged his and John's and his authority to heal, Peter actually was stating:

Nor is there healing [4991-*soteria*: ...deliver, health, salvation, save....] in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be healed [4982-*sozo*: ...heal, preserve, save (self), do well, be (make) whole].

Jesus' Name—Includes Physical Healing

The name *Jesus* or *Iesous* (2424) is the Greek form of the Hebrew proper name *Joshua*, i.e. *Jehoshua* (with several variations, including the Hebrew *Yehowshuwa* [3091]). *Joshua* is derived from a name for God, *Yehovah* or *Jehovah* (3068), and *yasha* (3467), meaning "...defend, deliver (-er), help, preserve, rescue, be safe, bring (having) salvation, save (-iour), get victory." *Yasha* is

also the root of the noun *yeshuwah* (3444), meaning “salvation” and “health.” Jesus’ name is linguistically related to health and specifically suggests God’s freedom and deliverance. When we use Jesus’ name, we are referring to God’s complete salvation. And since the Hebrew concept of salvation is one of total deliverance, we are stating that His name signifies spiritual, mental, and physical wholeness.

Prototypes of Jesus’ Work—Atonement for Sickness and Disease

Some examples of how the Israelites were trained to look for the One who was to bring back restoration of soul and body are as follows:

The bronze serpent on a pole of the Old Testament (Numbers 21:8) was a type of Jesus and His saving, healing atonement on the cross. God told Moses that “‘everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it shall live.’ . . .and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived” (verse 9).

Another example of the concept of Atonement is found in Leviticus 14:18, where the priest made atonement for the cleansed leper. One man took the place of God the Father and made atonement for sickness. In an infinite way, Jesus has made atonement for us as individuals--our sins and our sicknesses.

God’s Willingness to Provide Healing for All

Physical healing, an integral part of salvation, is for all. If it is not supposed to be God’s will to heal everyone, then it logically follows that the sovereign God wants some to remain ill. If that were true, then our efforts to combat sickness would be in opposition to Him.

The New Testament records the will of God’s son to heal all who were sick.

And He cast out spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick. (Matthew 8:16)

Other examples of the scope of His healing are: Matthew 12:15 (“healed them all”), Luke 6:19 (“for power went out from Him and healed them all”), and Luke 4:40 (“He laid his hands on

every one of them and healed them”). Verses with the implied meaning of Jesus’ willingness to heal “all” are Matthew 4:23 (“healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease”), Matthew 8:3 (“I am willing; be cleansed.”), Luke 4:40–41 (“all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him...He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them.”), Matthew 9:35 (“Jesus...healing every sickness and every disease among the people”), and Acts 10:38 (“Jesus...who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil”).

Only once was Jesus’ ministry blocked and incomplete, because of His hometown’s lack of faith.

Now He could do no mighty work, 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).

Today’s Physical Healing for Believers

For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation [including physical healing] through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep [live or die], we should live together with Him. (1 Thessalonians 5:9–10)

Jesus is just as much in the healing business today as He was in the past, and He always will be, as He is “the same yesterday, today, and forever” (Hebrews 13:8).

The context of Isaiah 53:10 is that God the Father allowed Jesus or God the Son to be made sick. Is it God’s will for Believers to be sick and continue to carry illnesses in their bodies when, two thousand years ago, His Son Jesus took upon Himself all of mankind’s sins and sicknesses when He died on the cross?

Since health is a part of salvation, God’s failure to provide physical healing to mankind would be a breach of His divine purpose. He sent His Son to totally deliver mankind from Satan’s evil works (1 John 3:8).

When did our salvation begin? The moment we personally committed our lives to Jesus as our Savior and Lord. When did we receive provision for complete regeneration—for forgiveness of sin and for healing? At the same moment.

It is God's desire that His children throughout the ages should triumph on earth through Jesus, not live defeated lives by being sickly:

For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ. (Romans 5:17)

2 Corinthians 2:14 indicates that God is the one who leads us in victory (and in this life).

Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.

God the Father's complete divine healing, supplied through Jesus His Son's redemption, applies to us during our lifetime. We can appropriate it here on earth and we do not have to wait until we get to Heaven. The notion that our physical healing will come upon our death and subsequent arrival in Heaven—or when Jesus comes for us at the end of the Age—is inconsistent with the entire process of God's provision of total salvation or deliverance. Why would salvation's physical and mental healing portion be reserved for Heaven, where everything is perfect, while forgiveness of sins is for now? Does God provide partial salvation or salvation by degrees?

To say that physical healing is only found in Heaven is like saying that we must be already there, for God is healing many thousands of people today!

According to the Bible, total deliverance with physical healing is available now:

...behold, now is the day of salvation [*soteria*—including health or physical healing]. (2 Corinthians 6:2b)

God's willingness to heal all sickness is not limited in scope:

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
And forget not all His benefits:

Who forgives all your iniquities,
Who heals all your diseases, (Psalm 103:2–3)

Psalm 91:5–6 gives assurance that the Believer who abides in God’s presence on earth will be delivered from danger and disease here:

You shall not be afraid of the terror by night,
Nor of the arrow that flies by day,
Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness,
Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.

Assuming that Jesus’ return was imminent, Paul’s prayer was that the Thessalonians might be purified and perfected in every area—spiritually, mentally, and physically.

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thessalonians 5:23)

Jesus definitely is coming back for a triumphant bride, not a weak, sickly one. Paul’s prayer was that Believers be preserved or kept without flaw—spiritually, mentally and physically—for the Bridegroom.

Fulfillment of Life Span

Believing that supernatural physical healing is available for us on earth does not mean that God’s children will never die. Exodus 23:25–26 indicates a fulfillment of lifespan:

‘So you shall serve the Lord your God, and He will bless your bread and your water. And I will take sickness away from the midst of you....I will fulfill the number of your days.’

God’s written Word places a limit on human life. Ecclesiastes 3:2 states that He knows the extent of our lives:

A time to be born,
And a time to die....

Job 14:5 confirms God-ordained life limits:

Since his [man's] days are determined,
The number of his months is with You;
You have appointed his limits,
so that he cannot pass.

As Believers, we positionally have received forgiveness for our sins. The Bible states that there is deliverance from sin in salvation. We positionally have received physical healing because God, in His written Word, states that there is healing in salvation. However, this does not mean that we will never sin (and need God's forgiveness), nor does it mean that we will never get sick (and need God's healing).

The Reaping of Consequences of One's Own Decisions

Premature Death

God sometimes allows death to come early through a Believer's...

Sin and Disobedience

Death can be hastened by sin, including committed sinful acts, as well as the harboring of unforgiveness, bitterness, anger, etc.

Do not be overly righteous,
Nor be overly wise:
Why should you destroy yourself?
Do not be overly wicked,
Nor be foolish:
Why should you die before your time? (Ecclesiastes 7:16–17)

He made a path for His anger;
He did not spare their soul from death,
But gave their life over to the plague,
And destroyed all the firstborn in Egypt, (Psalm 78:50–51)

Blasphemy or Lying Regarding the Holy Spirit

‘And anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but to him who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven.’
(Luke 12:10)

But Peter said ‘Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit...?’ Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. So great fear came upon all those who heard these things. (Acts 5:3, 5)

Improper Discernment of the Lord’s Body

Jesus’ broken body provided a long, healthful life for Believers. 1 Corinthians 11:30 implies that healthy Christians should be the norm, except for those not “discerning the Lord’s body” during the commemoration of the Lord’s Supper:

For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep.

Paul warned the Corinthian Believers that the reason many in their church were weak and sick, and even died, was that they had not discerned the Lord’s body properly while partaking of communion. In verse 29, Paul stated that eating and drinking in “an unworthy manner” reaps judgment from God. Discernment of the Lord’s body includes realization of Jesus’ total redemptive work: His blood shed for our sins, and His body beaten and wounded for our sicknesses.

Improper Care of One’s Body

Abuse of our bodies through sleep deprivation, addiction to drugs and alcohol, eating disorders, and other self-abuse may lead to physical harm. Suppression of the immune system allows opportunity for disease to enter our bodies and to gain ground, often leading to physical disabilities and possible death.

Long Life

God sometimes allows long life, because of a Believer’s...

Obedience

Honor your father and mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you. (Exodus 20:12 and Deuteronomy 5:16; see Ephesians 6:1–3.)

Come, you children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is the man who desires life,
And lives many days, that he may see good? (Psalm 34:11–12)

Resting in the Lord

He who dwells in the secret place of the most High
Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty...
With long life I will satisfy him,
And show him My salvation. (Psalm 91:16)

Keeping God's Words

My son, do not forget my law,
But let your heart keep my commands;
For length of days and long life
And peace they will add to you. (Proverbs 3:1–2)

Hear, my son, and receive my sayings,
And the years of your life will be many. (Proverbs 4:10)

A Prolonged Life Given by God

God sometimes prolongs life, because of a Believer's...

Submission to Him and Application of His Knowledge

‘That you may fear the Lord your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged.’ (Deuteronomy 6:2)

‘The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

For by me [God's wisdom] your days will be multiplied,
And years of life will be added to you.' (Proverbs 9:10–11)

The fear of the Lord prolongs days,
But the years of the wicked will be shortened. (Proverbs 10:27)

Obedience to God's Commands

'that you may fear the Lord your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged.' (Deuteronomy 6:2)

'So if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.' (1 Kings 3:14)

Fairness and Justice in Business Dealings

'You shall have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure, that your days may be lengthened in the land which the Lord your God is giving you.'
(Deuteronomy 25:15)

God's Mercy

Hezekiah was dying when Isaiah visited him with a personal, prophetic word that the Lord would heal him, and extend his life for fifteen years.

'...I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will heal you....And I will add to your days fifteen years....' (2 Kings 20:5–6)

***The Fallacy of Death through Sickness*⁷**

The main themes of the Bible support the concept that we are to live healthy lives until it is time to leave this world. We do not need to die sick. At times of death we often hear something like "What did he or she die of?" This kind of statement is evidence that people expect sickness to be the norm as the primary cause of death.

But the normal pattern should be for Believers to die in good health—to fall asleep and wake up in the presence of the Lord. As an example of health and strength at the end of life, Deuteronomy 34:7 describes Moses before his death at age one hundred twenty years: “His eyes were not dim nor his natural vigor diminished.” At eighty-five, Caleb was “as strong this day as I was on the day that Moses sent me; just as my strength was then, so now is my strength for war, both for going out and for coming in” (Joshua 14:11).

There is no Biblical basis for the notion that an individual must be weak and ill at the end of life. There is a total absence of any Scripture teaching that God intends for physical death, separation of the human spirit and soul from the body, to be caused by physical sickness. Most Biblical references to illness leading to death either explicitly or implicitly suggest that this is not the norm.

On the other hand, there is substantial Biblical support for the conviction that sickness resulting in death is abnormal. That support includes the following nine Scripture passages:

1. Exodus 23:25–26 directly links removal of sickness with fulfillment of lifespans:

‘So you shall serve the Lord your God, and He will bless your bread and your water. And I will take sickness away from the midst of you. No one shall suffer miscarriage or be barren in your land; I will fulfill the number of your days.’

2. 2 Chronicles 16:12–13 narrates the illness and death of Asa, Judah’s third ruler. He was a reform king who later in his life did not rely on God. The record notes that he did not seek the Lord in his illness:

And in the thirty-ninth year of his reign, Asa became diseased in his feet, and his malady was very severe; yet in his disease he did not seek the Lord, but the physicians. So Asa rested with his fathers; he died in the forty-first year of his reign.

3. Job 5:17–27 tells of the man who receives both the correction and protection of God. He submits to the correction, since the context depicts him as happy. Job 5:26 speaks to such a man, predicting the circumstances of the end of his life:

You shall come to the grave at a full age,
As a sheaf of grain ripens in its season.

This verse's word picture of the harvest scene suggests maturity, beauty, and the peak of fruitfulness—not decline of vigor or disease. The New American Standard Bible's reference to full vigor is particularly inconsistent with sickness:

You will come to the grave in full vigor,
Like the stacking of grain in its season.

4. In contrast to today's norm of expecting sickness to end long lives, Psalm 91:16 links long life and healing:

With long life I will I satisfy him,
And show him My salvation.

The Hebrew word translated as “salvation” means “deliverance,” including physical healing.

5. Psalm 103:1–5 is a multi-faceted passage with interrelated topics:

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
And all that is within me, bless His holy name!
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And forget not all His benefits:
Who forgives all your iniquities,
Who heals all your diseases,
Who redeems your life from destruction,
Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,
Who satisfies your mouth with good things,
So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

One of God's benefits is the healing of literally all our diseases. For those who commit to receive the promise of healing of “all your diseases,” the unambiguous word *all* does not leave room for an uncured illness at the end of life. In other words, God's healing power is capable of conquering a last illness which would otherwise prove fatal. Verses 3–5 include references to the Lord's forgiveness, healing, and renewal of youth to those no longer young.

The promised renewal of youth produces greater strength and better health, to counter the weakness and sickness often associated with the last decades of life.

6. King Solomon, giving his counsel to his son in Proverbs 3:1–2, stated that keeping his “commands” (rightly based on the fear of the Lord—Proverbs 1:7) will add years and will bring peace:

My son, do not forget my law,
But let your heart keep my commands;
For length of days and long life
And peace they will add to you.

7. Solomon, confirming the lengthening of days in Proverbs 10:27:

The fear of the Lord prolongs days,....

8. Paul, writer of much of the New Testament, addressed destruction of the flesh (apparently, death through sickness) as judgment for sin in 1 Corinthians 5:5:

...deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

9. The Apostle Paul also wrote of sickness leading to death as the result of judgment in 1 Corinthians 11:29–30:

For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body. For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep.

The Lifespan Fallacy⁸

The fallacy of death from sickness is closely related to another false concept—that the normal human lifespan is around seventy or eighty years. One basis for this fallacy is a misconception of the words “seventy years; And if by reason of strength they are eighty years” in Psalm 90:10.

These words often are misunderstood to refer to normal lifespans. The Amplified Bible footnote to this passage helps clarify the meaning from the historical context:

This Psalm is credited to Moses, who is interceding with God to remove the curse which made it necessary for every Israelite over twenty years of age (when they rebelled against God at Kadesh-barnea) to die before reaching the Promised Land (Num. 14:26–35). Moses says most of them are dying at seventy years. This number has often been mistaken as a set span of life for all mankind. It was not intended to refer to any one except those Israelites under the curse during that particular forty years. Seventy years never has been the average span of life for humanity. When Jacob, the father of the twelve tribes, had reached 130 years (Gen 47:9), he complained that he had not attained to the years of his immediate ancestors. In fact, Moses himself lived to be 120, Aaron 123, Miriam several years older, and Joshua 110; while in the Millennium a person dying at 100 will still be a child (Isaiah 65:20).

There are many Biblical passages that accurately can be used for comfort at times of physical death of Believers in Jesus. Orators sometimes try to use the words of Psalm 90:10 in this way. To do so is to distort their basic meaning, which, from the context of the previous verses of Psalm 90, involves iniquities and God’s wrath.

God did cut short the lives of the younger adult Israelites. If their typical lifespan had been only seventy to eighty years, there would have been about sixty years of wilderness meandering rather than about forty. It would have taken sixty years for a twenty-year-old to reach the age of eighty. However, God’s judgment was more dramatic than that, since the natural course of lifespans would have taken about 100 years before the Israelites could enter Canaan. It would have taken about 100 years for a twenty-year-old to reach the age of 120. God’s judgment to the older generations was mercy to the youngest generation—reducing the time of their wilderness living.

Interpretation of the lifespan references of Psalm 90:10, as referring to God’s judgment, is reinforced by a footnote to this verse in *The Companion Bible*. Here is part of that footnote:

threescore years and ten. This refers to the length of life in the wilderness in the time of Moses, which must have been shortened specially, so that the adults died off within the forty years. The ‘days’ were, and could thus be, actually ‘numbered’, as stated in v. 12; and in a way they could not have been since then.⁹

This same reference Bible's "Notes on the Structure of the Fourth Book" of the Psalms (page 809), includes the following:

Psalm 90 and 91 are evidently one Psalm in two parts, written by Moses at the beginning of the thirty-eight years of penal wanderings in the wilderness (in 1490 B.C.), which are the subject of this Fourth Book.

Psalm 90 is suggested by, and occupied with, the sorrows of the vast multitude (associated with the 603,550 "men of war") in the wilderness, numbered, and sentenced to death; all from 20 years old and upward (Num. 14. 29).

It is of these that verses 9 and 10 speak.

If a man was 20 when he was numbered (for the war) he died at or before 60.

[If a man was] 30 [when he was numbered (for the war) he died at or before] 70.

[If a man was] 40 [when he was numbered (for the war) he died at or before] 80.¹⁰

Other Biblical evidence for a normal 120-year lifespan is the Genesis 6:3 record of God's edict at the time of Noah that specified the (normal) human lifespan as 120 years. There is no record of this edict of God being repealed or amended. The words of the edict are applicable to mankind. There is no indication that they were intended to be limited to Noah's generation. An alternate interpretation of Genesis 6:3 is that it refers to the length of time required for Noah to build the ark, but there are at least two substantial problems with that view:

1. It is not consistent with the sequence of the text. The Genesis 6:3 passage precedes the genealogical information given in Genesis 6:9, as well as God's instructions quoted in Genesis 6:13–21 regarding the building of the ark. It seems that the Genesis 6:3 edict would have been placed after Genesis 6:21, if the 120 years referred to the period of time before the flood.
2. The alternate interpretation does not give the writer of Genesis credit for mathematical precision. The last verse of the fifth chapter (5:32) refers to Noah's age as 500 years prior to the flood. The next two verses, Genesis 6:1–2, set the stage for God's edict of verse 3. Genesis 7:11, by contrast, informs us that the flood began in the 600th year of Noah's life. Subtracting 500 from 600 (or 599) years results in a difference of 100 (or 99) years, not 120.

[If Noah had been only about 480 years old (600 years – 120 years) at the time of God’s edict, the previous reference to his age as 500 years would be both chronologically out of sequence and confusing.]

Misunderstanding of the meaning of the Biblical “threescore years and ten” is one of the reasons that people in their sixties, seventies, eighties, and nineties erroneously think they are necessarily approaching the end of life. In many cases, their morbid thoughts become self-fulfilling, as the individuals do not apply principles of good health and God’s supernatural healing. Their misunderstanding becomes a misconception that causes them literally to retire from life.

Appendix A

Bible Promises for Health and Deliverance

The following verses are for your use in overcoming Satan's attack of sickness and disease. Read them over each day. Memorize them. Meditate on them day and night. Receive health, life, peace, and strength from God's promises, because they are filled with His power to give you both deliverance from illness—and good health.

Exodus 15:26

'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 who heals you.'

Exodus 23:25–26

'So you shall serve the Lord your God, and He will bless your bread and your water. And I will take sickness away from the midst of you. No one shall suffer miscarriage or be barren in your land; I will fulfill the number of your days.'

Numbers 21:7–9

Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, 'We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord that He take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live.' So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

Deuteronomy 7:15

‘And the Lord will take away from you all sickness, and will afflict you with none of the terrible diseases of Egypt which you have known, but will lay them on all those who hate you.’

Deuteronomy 30:19

‘I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and you descendants may live.’

Deuteronomy 31:8

‘And the Lord, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed.’

2 Kings 20:5

‘Return and tell Hezekiah the leader of My people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of David your father: ‘I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of the Lord.’”’

Psalm 20:5

We will rejoice in your salvation,
And in the name of our God we will set up our banners!
May the Lord fulfill all your petitions.

Psalm 22:3–4

But You are holy,
Who inhabit the praises of Israel.
Our fathers trusted in You;
They trusted, and You delivered them.

Psalm 25:10

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth,
To such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.

Psalm 27:1

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life;
Of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalm 30:2

O Lord my God, I cried out to You,
And You have healed me.

Psalm 32:10–11

Many sorrows shall be to the wicked;
But he who trusts in the Lord, mercy shall surround him.
Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you righteous;
And shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

Psalm 33:20

Our soul waits for the Lord;
He is our help and our shield.

Psalm 34:7

The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him,
And delivers them.

Psalm 34:10

The young lions lack and suffer hunger;
But those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing.

Psalm 34:19

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
But the Lord delivers him out of them all.

Psalm 37:4–5

Delight yourself also in the Lord,
And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord,
Trust also in Him,
And He shall bring it to pass.

Psalm 37:23–24

The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord,
And He delights in his way.
Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down;
For the Lord upholds him with His hand.

Psalm 42:11

Why are you cast down, O my soul?
And why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God;
For I shall yet praise Him,
The help of my countenance and my God.

Psalm 46:1–2

God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear,
Though the earth be removed,
And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

Psalm 50:14–15

‘Offer to God thanksgiving,
And pay your vows to the Most High.
Call upon Me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.’

Psalm 55:22

Cast your burden on the Lord,
And He shall sustain you;
He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.

Psalm 56:4

In God (I will praise His word),
In God I have put my trust;
I will not fear.
What can flesh do to me?

Psalm 62:5–6

My soul, wait silently for God alone,
For my expectation is from Him.
He only is my rock and my salvation;
He is my defense;
I shall not be moved.

Psalm 66:8–9

Oh, bless our God, you peoples!
And make the voice of His praise to be heard,
Who keeps our soul among the living,
And does not allow our feet to be moved.

Psalm 68:19

Blessed be the Lord,
Who daily loads us with benefits,
The God of our salvation!

Psalm 84:11

For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
The Lord will give grace and glory;
No good thing will He withhold
From those who walk uprightly.

Psalm 86:7

In the day of my trouble I will call upon You,
For You will answer me.

Psalm 91

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High
Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress;
My God, in Him I will trust.'
Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler
And from the perilous pestilence.
He shall cover you with His feathers,
And under His wings you shall take refuge;
His truth shall be your shield and buckler.
You shall not be afraid of the terror by night,
Nor of the arrow that flies by day,
Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness,
Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.
A thousand may fall at your side,
And ten thousand at your right hand;
But it shall not come near you.
Only with your eyes shall you look,
And see the reward of the wicked.
Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge,
Even the Most High, your dwelling place,
No evil shall befall you,
Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;
For He shall give His angels charge over you,
To keep you in all your ways.
In their hands, they shall bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.
You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra,
The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.
'Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him;
I will set him on high, because he has known My name.
He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble;
I will deliver him and honor him.

With long life I will satisfy him,
And show him My salvation.'

Psalm 92:1–2

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;
To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning,
And Your faithfulness every night,

Psalm 98:1–2

Oh, sing to the Lord a new song!
For He has done marvelous things;
His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory.
The Lord has made known His salvation;
His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations.

Psalm 100

Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands!
Serve the Lord with gladness;
Come before His presence with singing.
Know that the Lord, He is God;
It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;
We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.
Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
And into His courts with praise.
Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.
For the Lord is good;
His mercy is everlasting,
And His truth endures to all generations.

Psalm 103:2–4

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And forget not all His benefits:
Who forgives all your iniquities,
Who heals all your diseases,

Who redeems your life from destruction,
Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,

Psalm 104:33

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

Psalm 105:3

Glory in His holy name;
Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the Lord!
Seek the Lord and His strength;
Seek His face evermore!

Psalm 107:1

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!

For His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 107:8–9

Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness,
And for His wonderful works to the children of men!
For He satisfies the longing soul,
And fills the hungry soul with goodness.

Psalm 107:20

He sent His word and healed them,
And delivered them from their destructions.

Psalm 116:10a

I believed, therefore I spoke.

Psalm 118:6

The Lord is on my side;
I will not fear.
What can man do to me?

Psalm 118:14

The Lord is my strength and song,
And He has become my salvation.

Psalm 118:17

I shall not die, but live,
And declare the works of the Lord.

Psalm 119:130

The entrance of Your words gives light;
It gives understanding to the simple.

Psalm 128:1–2

Blessed is every one who fears the Lord,
Who walks in His ways.
When you eat the labor of your hands,
You shall be happy, and it shall be well with you.

Proverbs 4:20–22

‘My son, give attention to my words;
Incline your ear to my sayings.
Do not let them depart from your eyes;
Keep them in the midst of your heart;
For they are life to those who find them,
And health to all their flesh.’

Proverbs 12:18

There is one who speaks like the piercings of a sword,
But the tongue of the wise promotes health.

Proverbs 16:24

Pleasant words are like a honeycomb,
Sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.

Proverbs 18:21

Death and life are in the power of the tongue,
And those who love it [AMP: *They who indulge it*] will eat its fruit.

Isaiah 41:10

'Fear not, for I am with you;
Be not dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you,
Yes, I will help you,
I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'

Isaiah 46:4

'Even to your old age, I am He,
And even to gray hairs I will carry you!
I have made, and I will bear;
Even I will carry, and will deliver you.'
Isaiah 53:3–5 (with KJV marginal notes as part of text)
He is despised and rejected by men,
A Man of pains and acquainted with grief. [Lit. *sickness*]
And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him;
He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.
Surely He has borne our griefs [Lit. *sicknesses*]
And carried our sorrows; [Lit. *pains*]
Yet we reckoned Him stricken,
Struck down by God, and afflicted.
But He was pierced through for our transgressions,
He was crushed for our iniquities;
The chastisement for our peace was upon Him,
And by His blows that cut in we are healed.

Isaiah 54:17

'No weapon formed against you shall prosper,
And every tongue which rises against you in judgment
You shall condemn.

This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord,
And their righteousness is from Me,' says the Lord.

Isaiah 57:18

'I have seen his ways,
and will heal him;
I will also lead him,
And restore comforts to him
And to his mourners.'

Isaiah 58:8

Then your light shall break forth like the morning,
Your healing shall spring forth speedily,
And your righteousness shall go before you;
The glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

Jeremiah 17:14

Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed;
Save me, and I shall be saved,
For You are my praise.

Jeremiah 30:17a

'For I will restore health to you
And heal you of your wounds,' says the Lord.

Jeremiah 33:6

'Behold, I will bring it (city of Jerusalem) health and healing;
I will heal them and reveal to them the abundance of peace and truth.'

Malachi 3:10–11

'Bring all the tithes into the storehouse,
That there may be food in My house,
And try Me now in this,'
Says the Lord of hosts,
'If I will not open for you the windows of heaven
And pour out for you such blessing

That there will not be room enough to receive it.
And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes,
So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground,
Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,'
Says the Lord of hosts;

Malachi 4:2a

'But to you who fear My name
The Sun of Righteousness shall arise
With healing in His wings;'

Matthew 8:2–3

And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, 'Lord, if You are willing,
You can make me clean.' Then Jesus put out His Hand and touched him, saying,
'I am willing; be cleansed.' And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

Matthew 8:16–17

When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed.
And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, that it
might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:
'He Himself took our infirmities
And bore our sicknesses.' (Isaiah 53:4)

Matthew 9:22

But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, 'Be of good cheer,
daughter; your faith has made you well.' And the woman was made well from
that hour.

Matthew 19:26

But Jesus looked at them and said to them, 'With men this is impossible, but with
God all things are possible.'

Mark 5:34

And He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be
healed of your affliction.'

Mark 16:17–18

‘And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 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.’

Luke 4:18–19

[Jesus said,] ‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,
Because He has anointed Me
To preach the gospel to the poor;
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim deliverance to the captives
And recovery of sight to the blind,
To set at liberty those who are oppressed;
To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.’

Luke 10:19

‘Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.’

Luke 13:11–13

And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, ‘Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity.’ And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

Luke 13:16

‘So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound—think of it—for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?’

John 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.’

John 14:27

‘Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.’

Acts 3:16

‘And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.’

Acts 4:12

‘Nor is there salvation [physical healing in the context of this chapter] in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved [physically healed].’

Acts 10:38

‘...how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.’

Romans 8:32

He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

Romans 10:9–10

...that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Ephesians 4:27

...nor give place to the devil.

Philippians 2:13

...for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

Colossians 1:13–14

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 2:15

Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

1 Thessalonians 5:23

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Timothy 2:3–4

For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Hebrews 13:5b

For He Himself has said, ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you.’

Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

James 1:13

Let no one say when he is tempted, ‘I am tempted by God’; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.

James 4:7

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

James 5:14–15

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. 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.

1 Peter 2:24

...who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.

1 Peter 5:8–9

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

2 Peter 1:3–4

...as His [Jesus'] divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

1 John 3:8

He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

1 John 5:14–15

Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

3 John 2

Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

Endnotes

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