

HINDRANCES & FOUNDATIONS FOR HEALING PRAYER

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Connecting With God Thru Prayer, Part 11

“...these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name... they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.”

Mark 16:17-18

MAIN IDEA: You can effectively pray for healing... if you are willing to learn and step out in faith. Today, hindrances and foundations for sustained effective healing prayer.

WHY DON'T WE PRAY FOR HEALING?

1. The Chasm of MODELS.

2. The Fog of Our EXPERIENCES.

3. The Sand of Inadequate or Wrong THEOLOGY: *Cessationism...*

“Love never fails. But where there are *prophecies*, they will cease; where there are *tongues*, they will be *stilled*; where there is *knowledge*, it will *pass away*. For we know in *part* and we prophesy in *part*, but when completeness [*perfect*] comes, what is in *part disappears*. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For *now* we see only a reflection as in a mirror; *then* we shall see *face to face*. Now I know in *part*; then I shall know *fully*, even as I am fully known.” **1 Corinthians 13:8-12**

“Perfection-replacing-partial” 1 Cor. 15

4. The Blur of a WORLDVIEW that leaves out the Miraculous.

“He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.” **Mark 6:5-6**

“He did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.” **Matthew 13:58**

WHAT YOU BELIEVE MATTERS.

What you believe about God and healing will dictate what you do.

1. Sickness is redemptive SUFFERING.

“Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered” **Hebrews 5:8©**

“in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.” **2 Corinthians 12:7** (see v. 7-10; Gal. 4:13-15 “illness” “eye”)

2. Gambler's Prayer of DETERMINISM.

“In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will...” **Ephesians 1:11**

3. Healing is in the ATONEMENT.

“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” **1 Peter 2:24** (Isaiah 53:5)

4. The WORD OF FAITH formula.

“Then he touched their eyes and said, “According to your faith let it be done to you” **Matthew 9:29** (9:22)

“Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.” **Matthew 15:28** ESV

CONCLUSIONS