

Do You Believe? Jesus Has Power Over Sickness?

Mark 1:29-31

And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told Him about her. And He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

Jesus healed many but generally does not heal people today.

If you are not healed, due to a lack of faith. It is God's will for everyone to be healed.

1. Jesus has compassion over all kinds of physical suffering.

When He saw the crowds, He had compassion for them.

Mat. 9:36

He had compassion on them and healed their sick.

Matt. 14:24

... because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Matt. 9:36

- . Distressed
- . Alone
- . Without strength
- . Abandoned
- . Neglected
- . Lost

“Compassion” - pity; care; sympathy; mercy; empathy; to comfort; loving response.

Contrasting responses –

- . Critical
- . Judgmental
- . Harsh
- . Cold
- . Impatient
- . Insensitive

- . Indifferent
- . Unfeeling
- . Distant

Does Jesus Care?

Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has He in anger shut up His compassion? Ps. 77:9

Is He too busy?

Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. Matt:6:32

Is He distracted or aloof?

While He was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

Luke 15:20

Jesus has power over all kinds of physical problems.

- . Skin diseases – Matt. 8:2
- . Paralysis – Matt. 8:5
- . Fever – Matt. 8:14
- . Bleeding – Matt. 9:20
- . Blindness – matt. 9:27
- . Withered limb - Matt. 12:9
- . Deaf/mute – Mk. 7:31
- . Back Pain – Lk. 13:11

. 3. Jesus can still heal today.

And this is the confidence that we have toward Him.

1 Jn. 5:14

And this is the confidence that we have toward Him that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us. 1 Jn. 5:14

And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know we have the requests that we have asked of Him. (15)

How do I know God's will?

- . Based on the character of God. –
Ex. 20:7; Jn. 14:13-14
- . Based on the Word of God – Jn. 15:7
- . Based on the wisdom of God –
James 1:5
- . Based on the Spirit of God – Rom. 8:14

. Based on the purposed of God –
Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven .Matt.6:10

Is anyone among you suffering?
Let him pray. James 5:13

“What a Friend we have in Jesus
O what peace we often forfeit;
O what needless pain we bear.
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer.”

Linda argued, “No, I heard them. They were all speaking all at the same time, and there were hundreds of them, too. Some of them I knew; others I didn’t. But they were all around me. They were here!”

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. (14)

And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick and the Lord will raise him up. (15)

- Spiritually renewed
- Emotionally encouraged
- Physically healed

. 4. Jesus may allow sickness for a season and for other purposes.

. A season to draw closer
to the Lord.

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves
the crushed in spirit.

Ps. 34:18

Come to Me all who labor and are heavy-laden. Matt. 11:28

I arise today through God’s strength to pilot me;
God’s might to uphold me,
God’s wisdom to guide me.
God’s eye to look before me,
God’s ear to hear me,
God’s word to speak for me,
God’s hand to guard me.

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me. Christ on my right, Christ on my left,

Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise.
Christ in the heart of every one who thinks of me.

. An opportunity to know personally His power.
My grace is sufficient for you for my power is made perfect in weakness.
2 Cor. 12:9\

“Grace” (charis) - 155 times
in the N.T.

- dynamic power and favor from God
- Out of resources?
 - Out of strength?
 - Emotionally empty?
 - Spiritually dry?
 - Physically hurting?

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.
2 Cor. 4:7

. A platform for serving others.

Who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. 2 Cor. 1:4

His comfort IN us.
His comfort THROUGH us.

. A story to tell of His grace
in your life.

... if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. Acts 20:24

“I truly don’t know what God has planned... I could receive “healing” through whatever means, or I could continue to deteriorate. But life is about a lot more than physical health. It is measured by a lot more than medical tests and vital signs.

More important than the more particular aspects of God’s work with us... is God’s overall presence with us, nourishing, equipping, transforming, empowering, and sustaining us for whatever might be God’s call to my life today. TODAY, my call might be to learn something new about rest. TODAY, my call might be to encourage another in some very tangible way.

TODAY, my call might be to learn something new about patience, endurance, and the identification with those who suffer. TODAY, my call might be to mull through a new

insight about God's truth or character.”

Steve Hayner

President of Columbia seminary

Died of cancer Jan. 2015

“What is essential is the sense of God's presence during dark seasons of questioning. Our need for specific answers is dissolved in the greater issue of the Lordship of Christ over all questions, those that have answers and those that don't”

Ravi Zacharias