

Healing

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A. Causes of sickness

1. Match the following by putting the group number by the correct description:

Group 1: Genesis 48:1, 10

Group 2: Exodus 15:26; 2 Samuel 12:15; 2 Chronicles 21:18, 19; 26:16-20; Acts 13:11;
1 Corinthians 11:28-32

Group 3: 2 Samuel 12:13-15

Group 4: Job 2:7; Luke 13:16; 2 Corinthians 12:7

Group 5: John 5:14

Group 6: John 9:3

Group 7: Acts 12:20-23

- _____ a. Satan
- _____ b. God
- _____ c. God's angel
- _____ d. Old age
- _____ e. personal sin
- _____ f. parental sin
- _____ g. to show God's works

2. Exodus 4:11 – Who is responsible for people being born handicapped or being born normal? – multiple choice:

- a. Satan
- b. God
- c. the parents
- d. none of the above

B. Response to sickness

1. Prayer of faith

a. Matthew 8:2, 3 – When the leper asked Jesus to heal him if He, i.e. Jesus, was willing – multiple choice:

- (1) Jesus soundly rebuked him for his lack of faith
- (2) Jesus mildly rebuked him for his lack of faith
- (3) Jesus stated that to ask in that manner was really to doubt God's promises.
- (4) Jesus honored the man's faith and healed him.

b. Matthew 9:28 – In response to the two blind men requesting healing, Jesus asked them – multiple choice:

- (1) Jesus asked them to believe in His will to heal them
- (2) Jesus asked them to believe in His ability or power to heal them
- (3) both (1) and (2)
- (4) faith was not an issue

- c. Mark 9:22b, 23 (Use this translation to answer the question) – “‘But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us.’ ‘If you can?’” said Jesus. “‘Everything is possible for him who believes.’”

Question: Jesus’ response to the father of the demon-possessed boy, shows that Jesus was addressing – multiple choice:

- (1) The father’s doubts concerned whether it was Jesus’ will to heal.
- (2) The father’s doubts concerned whether Jesus had the ability or power to heal.
- (3) both (1) and (2)
- (4) that faith was not an issue

2. James 5:14-16 – Calling for the elders of the church

- a. The words translated “restore” in the NAS and “make well” in the NIV are correctly translated “save” in the NKJV and KJV. This speaks of salvation from – multiple choice:

- (1) the penalty of sin, i.e. the second death which is the lake of fire.
- (2) the power of sin in the Christian’s daily life
- (3) the presence of sin at Christ’s return
- (4) physical death as a result of the illness

- b. The word “save” in the previous question implies that – multiple choice:

- (1) the illness is definitely caused by sin
- (2) the illness is of a spiritual nature rather than a physical nature
- (3) the illness is serious and at least potentially life-threatening
- (4) the illness is not serious

- c. In order for the elders to do this – multiple choice:

- (1) the sick person needs to take responsibility to call for or have someone call for the elders of the church.
- (2) the elders need to take the initiative and go the sick person.
- (3) the elders need to ask the sick person if they want them to do this for him or her.
- (4) the pastor should take care of this because he should be visiting the sick anyway.

- d. The elders are responsible to – multiple choice:

- (1) lay their hands on the sick person and pray for him or her
- (2) live a practically righteous life
- (3) anoint with oil, pray for the sick person
- (4) exercise faith as they pray
- (5) both (1) and (3)
- (6) the following: (2), (3) and (4)
- (7) both (3) and (4)

- e. In addition to calling for the elders of the church, the sick person must – multiple choice

- (1) confess any unconfessed sins to the elders
- (2) have enough faith to be healed
- (3) must understand that sin caused his illness

- f. The words “may be healed” in James 5:16 show that – multiple choice:
- (1) healing is guaranteed if this procedure is followed
 - (2) there is a possibility for healing that would not otherwise exist
 - (3) there is no possible healing and there is no guaranteed healing as a result of following this procedure.
- g. If sins that the sick person committed are confessed to one another, i.e. the elders,– multiple choice:
- (1) the promise is that the sins will definitely be forgiven
 - (2) there is a possibility that the sins would be forgiven but not a promise.
 - (3) there is no promise that the sins will be forgiven and there is no possibility that the sins will be forgiven.

C. Is physical healing in the atonement

Note: Some believe that physical healing may be claimed by faith in the same way as salvation based on Isaiah 53:4, 5

1. Matthew 8:16, 17 quotes Isaiah 53:4. According to Matthew 8:16, 17 – multiple choice:
 - a. This was fulfilled during Christ’s earthly ministry
 - b. This was fulfilled by Christ’s death on the cross
 - c. This will be fulfilled at Christ’s second coming.

2. The last part of 1 Peter 2:24 refers to Isaiah 53:5. Peter stated that Christ - multiple choice:
 - a. died so that we might die to sickness and live to health
 - b. died so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness
 - c. died so that we might die to sickness and live to righteousness
 - d. died so that we might die to sin and live to health

3. The last part of 1 Peter 2:24 is taken from Isaiah 53:5 and clarifies the first part of 1 Peter 2:24 which specifically stated that Christ died for or bore – multiple choice:
 - a. our sins
 - b. our sicknesses
 - c. our righteousness
 - d. both our sins and our sicknesses

Note: When the word healing is used in the prophets in the Old Testament, spiritual rather than physical healing is most generally in view. A good example is Isaiah 6:9, 10 as quoted by Jesus in Matthew 13:14, 15

4. Romans 8:23 – The future healing that believers will experience is called the _____ of their bodies. This will occur when the _____ of God are revealed or manifested according to Romans 8:19. According to Colossians 3:4 this will occur when Christ _____.

5. Isaiah 35:5, 6 – Healing during Christ’s thousand year kingdom will include the opening of the eyes of the _____ and the unstopping of the ears of the _____, the _____ will leap and the _____ tongue will shout for joy

6. Revelation 21:3, 4 – Following Christ’s 1000 year reign, there will be no more _____, mourning, crying or _____ during the eternal state. Revelation 22:3 states there will be no more _____.

D. Some questions

1. 3 John 1:2 – This is – multiple choice:

- a. a promise for good health
- b. a provision for good health
- c. a prayer for good health
- d. nothing to do with health

2. 1 Corinthians 12:9 – Which spiritual gift in this verse deals with sickness?

Note: Having the gift of healing does not guarantee that everyone the person ministers to will always be healed. The gift of teaching does not mean that everyone who hears will learn. The gift of evangelism does not mean that everyone approached will be won to Christ. Having the gift of leadership does not mean that everyone will follow or obey.

3. Acts 5:15, 16; 19:11, 12 – During the very early church age, healing was – multiple choice:

- a. very widespread and almost unlimited
- b. very limited
- c. not present since Jesus had ascended and gone back to heaven

4. 1 Timothy 5:23; 2 Timothy 4:20 - A few decades after this healing was – multiple choice:

- a. very widespread and almost unlimited
- b. obviously limited
- c. totally unlimited

Note: God healing or not healing a person in the above two questions obviously has to do with His sovereignty and not with the giftedness or yieldedness of the healer. No one could have been found who was more gifted or yielded than the Apostle Paul.

5. Isn't it wrong to claim that God works differently from one period of time to another period of time? After all Hebrews 13:8 states that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever."

- a. Read Genesis chapter 5. People during the time before the flood lived – multiple choice:
 - (1) past 700, 800 and 900 years in many cases
 - (2) about 30-35 years
 - (3) 70 to 80 years
- b. Psalm 90:9, 10 – Many centuries later during the time of Moses, the life span of people was – multiple choice:
 - (1) past 700, 800 and 900 years in many cases
 - (2) about 30-35 years
 - (3) 70 to 80 years

Note: Looking at question 5 and question 4, it is obvious that the people involved were not any more or less godly or believing from one period of time to another. However, it is very obvious that while Christ does not change according to Hebrews 13:8, that what He sovereignly gives or withholds does change.

6. Is it wrong to use means other than praying to God? Match the following by putting the correct scripture reference with the statement:

- 2 Chronicles 16:12, 13;
- Mark 5:25, 26
- 1 Timothy 5:23
- James 4:2

- _____ a. Sometimes physicians cannot help.
- _____ b. To seek the physicians and not God is wrong.
- _____ c. It is all right to use human medical remedies.
- _____ d. However, we must remember, "we have not because we ask not."

Note: Both prayer and medicine are given by God. So it is not a case of "either...or" but "both...and". We must remember that it is God who heals not some but all of our diseases (Psalm 103:3).

7. John 14:12 – Christ stated that the one who places their faith in Him – multiple choice:
- a. will do the same works as Christ did.
 - b. will do greater works than Christ did
 - c. will not do the same works nor greater works than Christ did
 - d. both a and b

Note: The greater works are believed by many to be the bringing of people to eternal life by sharing the gospel. The question is when will we do the same works as Christ. Jesus showed John the Baptist in Matthew 11:2-5 that He was the promised king who would do the healings of Isaiah 35:5, 6. The early Christians had tasted or experienced the

powers (literally “miracles”) of the age to come(Hebrews 6:5). These miracles were done by Christ and the Apostles (Hebrews 2:3, 4). Since we will rule with Christ on the earth (Revelation 5:10), there is reason to believe that we will do the same works at that time if we do not do them in this life.