

## **Significant: Your Healing Is A Work of God**

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[Jhn 9:1-7 NASB95] 1 As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. 2 And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?" 3 Jesus answered, "[It was] neither [that] this man sinned, nor his parents; but [it was] so that the works of God might be displayed in him. 4 " the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work. 5 "While I am in the world, I am the Light of the world." 6 When He had said this, He spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and applied the clay to his eyes, 7 and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went away and washed, and came [back] seeing.

- This miracle was significant.
- This is one of the "seven sign miracles" according to Stephen Kim.

**Why is this healing in John 9 significant to us?**

**The healing in John 9 is significant because it deals with God's doctrine and interaction with us.**

### **I. Divine healing deals with significant doctrine about God.**

#### **a. God is not the cause of sickness.**

- i. "who sinned"?
- ii. [Luk 13:1-5 NASB95] 1 Now on the same occasion there were some present who reported to Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. 2 And Jesus said to them, "Do you suppose that these Galileans were [greater] sinners than all [other] Galileans because they suffered this [fate?]" 3 "I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. 4 "Or do you suppose that those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them were [worse] culprits than all the men who live in Jerusalem?" 5 "I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."
- iii. SFLB note: the thought was that "individual suffering" was the result of "individual sin."
- iv. Sin is the cause. Nihimola, "Adam's original sin." Calvin, "sickness was inflicted as a punishment of sin."
- v. Schmit: since the results of sin are an open door for sickness, then righteousness provided by Jesus' atonement results in the availability of healing.
- vi. EC – God did not cause it, but He did cure it.

#### **b. God is working to alleviate the suffering of the sick.**

- i. "works of Him"
- ii. The physical and spiritual healing of the blind man was the work(s) of the Father.
- iii. [Isa 53:4-5 NASB95] 4 Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted. 5 But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being [fell] upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.
- iv. [Mat 8:16-17 NASB95] 16 When evening came, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed; and He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were ill. 17 [This was] to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet: "HE HIMSELF TOOK OUR INFIRMITIES AND CARRIED AWAY OUR DISEASES."

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- v. God does not deal only one part of us. It is a false Platonic idea (inner person is good while the outer person is bad.)
- c. **God has commissioned us to help humanity.**
  - i. "We must work"
  - ii. NKJV – "I must work..." NASB – "We must work..."
  - iii. Significant in understanding the mission of healing.
  - iv. Howard Ervin – prayer and anointing with oil is an ongoing ministry of the Church. "Command" and "promise" of healing in Mark 16.
  - v. The blind man was commanded to go to the pool of Siloam (sent).
  - vi. Jesus was sent to the blind man. Then the blind man was sent.

## **II. Divine healing demonstrates God's significant interaction with us.**

### **a. God is concerned and active in our body.**

- i. [Psa 139:13 NASB95] 13 For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb.
- ii. [1Th 5:23 NASB95] 23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- iii. [Gen 2:7 NASB95] 7 Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

### **b. God wants to recreate us according to His original plan.**

- i. Picture of creation. Some commentators believe that Jesus packed the eye socket with mud or created an eyeball with the mud.
- ii. Irenaeus – picture of recreation of man.
- iii. He wants to restore us to His original plan for us.
- iv. Jesus healed by the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:38) Who was present at Creation (Gen 1:2).

### **c. God uses many methods to heal us and through us.**

- i. Gen 2:7 – ground (natural) and breath (divine)
- ii. Millard – medicine and faith produce healing.
- iii. Oral Roberts praying hands is a picture of the interaction of medicine and faith.

- The healing of your body is significant to God and His mission.
  - Work by faith (pray, confession, meditate, seek all roads of healing) for your healing as His Will for you because of the atonement Jesus provided.
  - Make it a point to preach and pray for healing of other people in this world as being commissioned by God.