

Acts Part 12 Jesus Heals You

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- **“Other than your Sunday and Wednesday messages, study on nothing but healing.”
The word of God to me January 2006.**
- **It was during that time that I realized the difference between real faith for healing and just “kind of” believing in healing.**
- **God wants us to learn healing doctrine, but more importantly how to receive healing by faith.**
- **These two stories have similarities that will teach us how divine physical healing is received.**

What can we learn about divine healing from these two stories?

Here are three important aspects of divine healing. (Maybe a fourth bonus at the end.)

I. The condition surrounded the healings were similar.

- a. [Act 9:33, 37 NASB95] 33 There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years, for he was paralyzed. ... 37 And it happened at that time that she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her body, they laid it in an upper room.
- b. Time
- c. Effect
- d. These two things must become inconsequential.
- e. Jesus is too _____ (everything).

II. The transmission surrounded the healings were similar.

- a. [Act 9:34, 40 NASB95] 34 Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; get up and make your bed." Immediately he got up. ... 40 But Peter sent them all out and knelt down and prayed, and turning to the body, he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up.
- b. There was a declaration and a focus that Jesus is the source healing.
- c. Faith was released through action. They were told to act healed. NOTE: None of these acts were dangerous.
- d. [Jas 5:14-15 NASB95] 14 Is anyone among you sick? [Then] he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; 15 and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him.
- e. This is not a time to pray, "If it be Thy Will." Why? The Will of God is known concerning healing.
 - i. Word of God - [Pro 4:20-22 NASB95] 20 My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. 21 Do not let them depart from your sight; Keep them in the midst of your heart. 22 For they are life to those who find them And health to all their body.
 - ii. Jesus – He is the embodiment of the Will of God. [Act 10:38 NASB95] 38 "[You know of] Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and [how] He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.
 - iii. Atonement –
 1. [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

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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.

2. [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."
- f. Faith begins where the Will of God is known. [1Jo 5:14-15 NASB95] 14 This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us [in] whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.
- g. Why is everyone not healed? Is God's Will always done? Do you ever not act like Jesus?

III. The conclusion after the healing were similar.

- a. [Act 9:34-35 NASB95] 34 Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; get up and make your bed." Immediately he got up. 35 And all who lived at Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord.
 - b. [Act 9:40-43 NASB95] 40 But Peter sent them all out and knelt down and prayed, and turning to the body, he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. 41 And he gave her his hand and raised her up; and calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. 42 It became known all over Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. 43 And Peter stayed many days in Joppa with a tanner [named] Simon.
 - c. Healing occurred. Believe that you will receive your healing.
 - d. Faith was increased. Both in the person and those who heard about it. (NOTE: one way to help your faith is to listen to the healing testimonies of others.)
 - e. Whatever level of healing that has occurred let it spur your faith onward. Where are the "size of a man's hand" kind of faith people? [1Ki 18:44-46 NASB95] 44 It came about at the seventh [time,] that he said, "Behold, a cloud as small as a man's hand is coming up from the sea." And he said, "Go up, say to Ahab, 'Prepare [your chariot] and go down, so that the [heavy] shower does not stop you.'" 45 In a little while the sky grew black with clouds and wind, and there was a heavy shower. And Ahab rode and went to Jezreel. 46 Then the hand of the LORD was on Elijah, and he girded up his loins and outran Ahab to Jezreel.
- **This really could be a 4th point: In both cases, sickness and disease was not acceptable. There was a desire to challenge the sickness. This is an imperative to receive healing.**
 - **Jesus heals you regardless of how long or how bad your condition as you look to Jesus as the source of the transmission of healing while expecting healing to occur and faith to be increased.**