



WHY AM I NOT HEALED?

"I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined unto me, and heard my cry" - Psalm 40:1. The question above arises in the mind of many seekers for healing. We may not be able to give every reason for the delay, nor the particular cause of the delay in your case. But the following reflections doubtless cover the ground. If the answer to your question is not given herein, you may read it between the lines.

1. Have you seen that healing is a gift from God, independent of your merit? God does not owe you anything; neither can you do anything by which to bring Him into your debt. Perhaps you think that because you have lived so good, have done so much for God, suffered so much in His service, given so much of your time and means, that He owes you immediate and complete healing. Not so. You will never get deliverance in such a state of mind. The Centurion put it right. "Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed" - Matthew 8:8.

2. "I have found a ransom (an atonement)," said Job (33:24). Have you? Have you seen that Christ Jesus is the deserving One, because "He hath borne our griefs (pains), and carried our sorrows (sicknesses)"? - Isaiah 53:4 and Matthew 8:17. "With His stripes we are healed," not with our own merits. God owes everything to His dear Son. If we honor His Son, He will honor us for His sake. Our attitude to Christ Jesus always determines the Father's attitude to us. Hallelujah! That is no small item. It is tremendous. Sin is the mother of sickness. Christ "put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself" on the tree. He put away sickness at the same time and in the same manner. He dealt the same way with mother and daughter. Just take Him by faith, for deliverance from both.

3. Have you observed the Divine prescription? - James 5:14. A latent pride or independence, keeps saints from calling in the elders for prayer. Or, maybe the patient, or impatient, does not like one of the elders. Most likely in that case the trouble is not with the elder, but with the sick one; who often is sick because he has been judging others instead of himself. See I Corinthians 11:30-32. "For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep," or die prematurely. "The prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up" - James 5:15. Having taken this remedy according to scriptural directions, you are safe in doing as you used to do when taking man's medicine - trust the Physician's Word, and count that at least you are beginning to mend. Give the Lord half as much chance and confidence as you formerly did to men - usually sinners, unbelievers - and see if you do not recover.

4. Are you resting your case on the prayers of God's servants, or on God's immutable Word alone? This is not contradicting the preceding point. It is His plan to have others pray for us; but our faith must not be in their faith, nor prayers, but in God Himself. When someone writes me that he has written to California, to New York, and to this and that one who is supposed to have the gift of healing; I know at once that he is not looking directly to the Great Physician Himself. And I have no faith for the healing of that party. "Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him" - Psalm 37:7.

5. Are you seeking the will of God for His glory alone, or are you seeking healing for



your comfort? Pain is terrible; but we had better suffer pain in God' s will, than be free from it out of His will. If pain is pleasure to Thee; then full of pain I' ll be. Here is where suffering ones often fail: because God does not come immediately to their aid, they seek "not to the Lord, but to the physicians. And Asa ... died," is usually the sad consequence. (II Chron. 116:12,13). It is evident that they are not willing for the perfect will of God. He seeks by every means to work in us "both to will and to do of His good pleasure" - Philippians 2:13. He uses sickness too. Seek the Lord - seek His will though it prove heroic rather than sweet. Do not fear the will of God. Many attempt to shun suffering, by shunning the will of God; but instead they run into it. There is no unnecessary pain or suffering, in the perfect will of God. His Name be praised! Seek His will then. Seek His glory. Be willing to die in the will of God, rather than live out of His will. "Whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord' s - Romans 14:8.

6. Are you rejoicing in the Lord, rejoicing in hope of His glory to be revealed in your deliverance? Begin to praise the Lord for past healings, for His unfailing Word and faithfulness, and especially for the Gift of His Son, in whom we are blessed "with all spiritual blessings in the heavenlies" - Eph. 1:3. "Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise Him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God" - Psalm 42:11.

7. Have you learned the sweetest secret of all? David learned it - "The Lord is the strength of my life" - Psalm 27:1. The healing touch is good; but, if we stop here, it may have to be repeated for the same trouble. To be strengthened by the Lord after being healed, is still better. However, it is far better to learn to take Christ for our life and strength continually. Study John 6:53-69. Jesus said, "As the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me." By believing the Word, we feed on Him. The disciples said, "We believe and are sure."