



## Is NOW the Time for Divine Healing?

**Isaiah 53:5:** (NASB) *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.*



Sickness and death have always played a significant role in our world as two of the things we spend lots of time and money avoiding. When Jesus was here on earth, he healed many of their diseases. When the Apostles were here after Jesus, they also healed. So, if we are Christians, are we supposed to be carrying the banner of healing as well? Is the healing of disease a Christian responsibility today, or was it for a long-ended time? If we are NOT supposed to heal, then what changed? If we are supposed to heal, then shouldn't we be making news doing so? Stay with us - this should be good!

### First, how about some history on the whole faith healing phenomena?

(Source: Funk & Wagnalls New Encyclopedia, 2006 World Almanac Education Group)  
History of Faith Healing: Faith healing was known among the ancient Greeks and Romans, who believed that Asclepius, the god of medicine, might appear in the dreams of sick people who slept in the temples devoted to his worship, and that the god then cured them or prescribed a regimen of treatment for them to follow. In contrast, the Old Testament has few references to faith healing...In the New Testament Gospels, however, are perhaps the most famous faith healing stories of all time. In the stories of Jesus' miracles of healing, illness is regarded as the sign of the presence of evil spirits, and Jesus' power to heal is proclaimed as evidence that God's kingdom has come in his person.

The Role of Faith: Although the faith of a believer is generally regarded as the channel of cure, Christian theology insists that the actual agent in healing is God's Spirit. Thus, faith, in the sense of trust and expectancy—rather than in the sense of subscription to orthodox doctrine—is the prerequisite to healing. The association between sin and disease is traditional in Christian theology (see James 5:14-16), and in Christian practice the confession of sin has usually preceded the anointing of the sick, the laying on of hands, and the prayers that constitute the Christian liturgy of healing.

### Benny Hinn Responds, ABC Nightline

- *He is perhaps the biggest televangelist in the world. Benny Hinn has preached to tens of millions of people all over the planet. His television show airs in 200 countries every day. The core of his appeal? His claim that God uses him to miraculously heal the sick.*

(Source: [www.skeptdic.com](http://www.skeptdic.com)) Stories of miraculous cures by healers are found in most, if not all, cultures. As James Randi (1989: 13) notes: most religions have a tradition of miraculous cures brought about by the touch of prominent individuals, contact with a sacred relic, amulet, or place, anointing with sanctified oil or water...As with all magic, this is an attempt by man to control nature by means of spells, incantations, or rituals. Its effectiveness has been a matter of discussion for centuries; only now is the power of suggestion beginning to be understood.

Was Christian healing ever different from this?



### **Falling down in other cultures, Ex-Healer Mark Haville, Way of the Master Radio**

- *Do we see this falling down, people going wild, clapping, etc...going on in other religions? Yes, you can travel around the world and see exactly the same type of thing using exactly the same methods being played out.*
- *It's just the practitioners that change and the name they do it in changes. If you believe in the person on the stage, whether it be a hypnotist, faith healer or guru, he can pray for you in the name of Homer Simpson and if you believe, you'll fall down. So that's the purpose of hypnosis.*

**Luke 5:17:** (NASB) *One day he was teaching; and there were some Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem; and the power of the Lord was present for him to perform healing.*

Jesus healed and he is our example. But due to the enormity of the subject, we will only focus on the healing that the Apostles did.

### **What were the common threads in the healing done by Peter?**

**Acts 3:1-13:** (NASB) <sup>1</sup>Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the ninth hour, the hour of prayer. <sup>2</sup>And a man who had been lame from his mother's womb was being carried along, whom they used to set down every day at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, in order to beg alms of those who were entering the temple. <sup>3</sup>When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he began asking to receive alms. <sup>4</sup>But Peter, along with John, fixed his gaze on him and said, Look at us! <sup>5</sup>And he began to give them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. <sup>6</sup>But Peter said, I do not possess silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene—walk! <sup>7</sup>And seizing him by the right hand, he raised him up; and immediately his feet and his ankles were strengthened. <sup>8</sup>With a leap he stood upright and began to walk; and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. <sup>9</sup>And all the people saw him walking and praising God; <sup>10</sup>and they were taking note of him as being the one who used to sit at the Beautiful Gate of the temple to beg alms, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. <sup>11</sup>While he was clinging to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them at the so-called portico of Solomon, full of amazement. <sup>12</sup>But when Peter saw this, he replied to the people, Men of Israel, **why are you amazed at this, or why do you gaze at us, as if by our own power or piety we had made him walk?** <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His servant Jesus, the one whom you delivered and disowned in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him.

### **The danger of hypnosis, Ex-Healer Mark Haville, Way of the Master Radio**

- *The danger of hypnosis is when you go to one of these meetings, quite innocently and sincere, believing that God is going to heal you, people can come on to the stage and genuinely testify that they feel healed, because the hypnosis reduces their reaction to the pain, but it doesn't take away the symptoms. When they go home or if they don't go to one of those meetings for any length of time, the effect of hypnosis wears off.*



### **Observations of New Testament healing done by Apostles and Disciples:**

- Healing done by the Apostles and Disciples was meant for *unbelievers*.
- All healing done by the Apostles and Disciples was in public for all to see.
- All healing was for the purpose of drawing attention to the Gospel of Christ (not to the preacher!).



Healing was used as a "kickstart" for the movement of Christianity and brought glory to God. God's spirit was given to develop the true church.

Healing and Restoration, I curse this cyst, *Brian Carn, youtube.com*

- I see God opening a new door for school -you're gonna get the degree - this time you're gonna start and finish. When I lay hands on you today I command every gift of God in you to stir up... I stir up every gift in your life, I curse this cyst sitting right there on one of your ovaries! Tonight you're gonna get a miracle - I need somebody to scream! Lift your hands, lift your hands, come to me, come to me. Hurry up, Baby, don't take your time!*

An environment is definitely created in this presentation with visuals and music. Have things been both added and subtracted to the model of healing done by the Apostles? Let's compare...

Acts 9:32-35: (NASB) <sup>32</sup>Now as Peter was traveling through all those regions, he came down also to the saints who lived at Lydda. <sup>33</sup>There he found a man (note - not a believer) named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years, for he was paralyzed.

Note the unquestionable seriousness of both healing events from the Apostles we have reviewed.

<sup>34</sup>Peter said to him, Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; get up and make your bed. Immediately he got up. <sup>35</sup>And all who lived at Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. (Note - they didn't turn to Peter.)

Note the public nature of both healing events.

**Did the Apostle Paul heal in the same way as Peter had?**



**Observations about modern day Christian faith healing:**

- There is usually prayer.
- There is usually music of praise and worship.
- There is usually a "laying on of hands."
- The healing is usually done during a Christian worship service.
- The healing is usually done for the benefit of believers.



**Exposing Faith Healing Scams, Derren Brown, an illusionist in the United Kingdom**

- We've researched the major miracles that faith healers perform and now we will show you what lies behind them... The blind will see, the deaf will hear, limbs will grow out, and I'm going to show you how to perform these. I'm going to demonstrate some popular miracles that you might see at a faith healing event...*

Acts 14:8-15: (NASB) <sup>8</sup>At Lystra a man was sitting who had no strength in his feet, lame from his mother's womb, who had never walked. <sup>9</sup>This man was listening to Paul as he spoke, who, when he had fixed his gaze on him and had seen that he had faith to be made well, <sup>10</sup>said with a loud voice, Stand upright on your feet. And he leaped up and began to walk. <sup>11</sup>When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they raised their voice, saying in the Lycaonian language, The gods have become like men and have come down to us. <sup>12</sup>And they began calling Barnabas, Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. <sup>13</sup>The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, and wanted



to offer sacrifice with the crowds. <sup>14</sup>But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their robes and rushed out into the crowd, crying out <sup>15</sup>and saying, Men, why are you doing these things? We are also men of the same nature as you, and preach the gospel to you that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them.

It is interesting that according to their traditions, Jupiter and Mercury once visited them and were refused and the city was punished.

We see in Paul the same humility, focus and lack of any theatrics as with Peter.

 **Live display, Come out of her, Benny Hinn**

- *(Dramatic music in the background) Let the power of your blessed spirit flow through this young lady - remove that arthritis - I rebuke it in the name of the Lord...I, the servant of the Lord, stand against this disease and I order you to go out of her, in Jesus' name... COME OUT OF HER!!!*

Also see:  
John 5:28,29  
Haggai 2:7  
Revelation 21:4

Acts 16:16-19: (NASB) <sup>16</sup>It happened that as we were going to the place of prayer, a slave-girl having a spirit of divination met us, who was bringing her masters much profit by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup>Following after Paul and us, she kept crying out, saying, These men are bond-servants of the Most High God, who are proclaiming to you the way of salvation. <sup>18</sup>She continued doing this for many days. But Paul was greatly annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her! And it came out at that very moment. <sup>19</sup>But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the authorities.

Paul spontaneously healed her with one command. The result was immediate even though she didn't request it. Today's healing environment is completely different.

 **First step is the right music, Ex-Healer Mark Haville, Way of the Master Radio**

- *How do you get somebody to that place, specifically at a revival that goes on for hours?*
- *The best way is to do it initially is to have long periods of music, so in this case we will call it "praise and worship." The best kind of music is one that mirrors bodily functions like cardiovascular. Praise and worship fits very nicely into a relaxed heartbeat, so that will work well. Obviously tunes that people know - also the dynamics in large crowds also make people more susceptible...*

**The most extraordinary miracles didn't even require Paul and Peter to even touch the afflicted:**

Acts 19:11-17: (NASB) <sup>11</sup>God was performing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, <sup>12</sup>so that handkerchiefs or aprons were even carried from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out. <sup>13</sup>But also some of the Jewish exorcists, who went from place to place, attempted to name over those who had the evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, I adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preaches. <sup>14</sup>Seven sons of one Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this. <sup>15</sup>And the evil spirit answered and said to them, I recognize Jesus, and I know about Paul, but who are you? <sup>16</sup>And the man, in whom was the evil spirit, leaped on them and subdued all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. <sup>17</sup>This became known to all, both Jews and Greeks, who lived in Ephesus; and fear fell upon them all and the name of the Lord Jesus was being magnified.

Notice again that it wasn't Paul being elevated, it was Jesus.



### **Come out of her! Live display, Benny Hinn**

- *I command it to go out of this young lady. You devil of arthritis, you spirit of infirmity, in Jesus' name - GO OUT OF HER!! I give you praise for this anointing. I give you praise for this anointing. I give you praise for this anointing. Anoint them, I pray in the name of Jesus. (rising applause from the crowd as everyone falls down on the stage) (Note - this is very different from what Jesus or the Apostles did.)*
- *GO OUT OF HER!! To never come back again in Jesus' mighty and glorious name!*

### **What about those faithful Christians who were NOT healed?**

2 Corinthians 12:7-9: (NASB) <sup>7</sup>Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me—to keep me from exalting myself! <sup>8</sup>Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me. <sup>9</sup>And he has said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness. Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

If any Christian should have been healed, the Apostle Paul would have seemingly been a good choice, right?

On the other side of the issue, though, is if Jesus' grace is supposed to be sufficient and his power is supposed to be made stronger in weakness, then don't heal any followers! You will do them damage by taking away the opportunity for Jesus' power!

We need to rely more on the Lord through our trials and difficulties.

### **Healing and Restoration, Power of God, Brian Carn**

- *I break this worry! I break this discouragement! Don't you go nowhere - you be still - THE POWER OF GOD! Lift your hands! Lift your hands! He's here! He's here! You want it off? You want it off? I'll get it off you if you want it. I'm gonna place my hand right here and I'm gonna take up all this unforgiveness, let it go, let it go (crying), let it don't... don't know who took advantage of you as a child, but you've been holding it, (crying) I curse it - POWER OF GOD! Lift your hands...*

The overpowering emotion of the preacher, the music, the creation of the event - this is an environment where the power of suggestion overrides the power of God. Healing in the New Testament was not done apart from the world, and it was done for unbelievers.

### **What about Paul's own spiritual son Timothy?**

1 Timothy 5:21-23: (NASB) <sup>21</sup>I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of His chosen angels, to maintain these principles without bias, doing nothing in a spirit of partiality. <sup>22</sup>Do not lay hands upon anyone too hastily and thereby share responsibility for the sins of others; keep yourself free from sin. <sup>23</sup>No longer drink water exclusively, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments.

The Apostle Paul had the power (as previously shown) to heal Timothy. He could have healed him by his touching the parchment he wrote on, but he didn't...why? He prescribed a little wine instead! Timothy was a dedicated





believer and had access to one of the greatest Christian healers of all times! Because Jesus' strength is made perfect in weakness. Paul understood what this meant.



**Exposing faith healing scams, blind man healed, Derren Brown, an illusionist in the United Kingdom**

- This man is 46 years old and has been blind since birth. This man doesn't know what it is even like to be able to see. Let's start praying: Father, I command those devils of blindness to come out of this man. I command in Jesus' name those devils of blindness to leave this man in Jesus' holy name! Spirit, fall upon this man - heal this man! Bring him back up...I have opened this man's eyes. Come forward...how many fingers am I holding up? "Two." He sees! Lord be praised, this man sees! Somebody praise the Lord, his sight is restored! Who believes in miracles?*

Darren is performing the actions and saying the words and a man saw - how is that done? We will revisit that later.

**Every Christian needs to only depend upon God's grace for our sufficiency:**

**Hebrews 4:14-16:** (NASB) <sup>14</sup>Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Prayer has great power. But Jesus instructed us to pray in private. It takes away all of the fanfare and adrenaline that often takes away from the real power of prayer.

**But aren't we told in James 5:15 to pray for healing?**

**James 5:13-15:** (NASB) <sup>13</sup>Is anyone among you **suffering <2553>**? Then he must pray. Is anyone cheerful? He is to sing praises. <sup>14</sup>Is anyone among you **sick <770>**? 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; <sup>15</sup>and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is **sick <2577>**, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him.

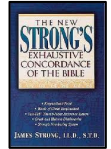
In this next clip with Benny Hinn, the "spirit" is so powerful that he looks at people and they fall down. He is trying to be orderly in his healing, but all of these people keep falling back because the power is so great. He even looks up at the choir and they all fall down!



**Glory of God falls, I better walk away, Benny Hinn, 2002**

- She had fibromyalgia for 20 years - the pain is totally gone out of her body tonight - Pastor! I know you feel the power of God! There is glory! I'm telling you people! Pick him up so I can talk to him! The power of God is all over these people here...ooh, I better walk away. I better walk away.*

Where in the Scriptures do we see that kind of activity in relation to anyone being healed? Nowhere. The Scriptures are to be our template.



**Suffering:** Strong's #2553 kakopatheo (kak-op-ath-eh'-o); to undergo hardship

2 Timothy 2:3: *Thou therefore endure **hardness** <2553>, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.*

2 Timothy 4:5: *But watch thou in all things, endure **afflictions** <2553>, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.*

So it doesn't necessarily have to mean physical illness.

**Sick:** Strong's #770 astheneo (as-then-eh'-o); to be feeble (in any sense)

2 Corinthians 12:10: *Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am **weak** <770>, then am I strong.*

Romans 14:1-4: (NKJV) <sup>1</sup>Receive one who is **weak** <770> in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. <sup>2</sup>For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is **weak** <770> eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

It is used in the sense of being spiritually overrun, weak in faith. The James Scriptures (James 5:13-15) refer to spiritual weakness.



**Exposing faith healing scams, healing is an illusion, Derren Brown, an illusionist in the United Kingdom**

- *Did I really just heal you of deafness?*
- *No...*
- *You are moderately deaf - you can't really hear without your hearing aid if I face the other way. But clicks (finger snapping) you could hear anyway. You aren't healed, because nothing has changed.*
- *In a similar way, although Ian was genuinely blind since birth, like most registered blind people the blind man has some impaired vision - with the right lighting he can see blurred shapes and colors - enough to see the number of fingers I was holding against my dark jacket, enough to see my bright handkerchief and his hearing helps him follow me around the room!*

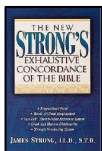
We don't want to become involved in a "show" when it comes to our Christianity. We want to sincerely follow the Scriptures.

**Sick:** Strong's #2577 kamno (kam'-no); properly, to toil, i.e. (by implication) to tire (figuratively, faint, sicken):

Hebrews 12:3: *For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be **wearied** <2577> and faint in your minds.*

Revelation 2:3: *And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and **hast** <2577> not **fainted** <2577>.*

So again, this James text really has nothing to do with physical illness at all, rather it has everything to do with spiritual illness and having others pray for you to become spiritually close to the Lord.





**1 Corinthians 11:28-31:** (NASB) <sup>28</sup>*But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup.* <sup>29</sup>*For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly.* <sup>30</sup>*For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep.* <sup>31</sup>*But if we judged ourselves rightly, we would not be judged.*

The Scriptural precedence says that primarily unbelievers are healed, and it is done in a public place for the purpose of drawing people to the Gospel. An environment was not created; healing was done within the environment that existed.

We all want to be healed of our sicknesses, but if you are following after God through Christ, then everything that is happening to you is for a reason and God can bless you in that difficulty by showing His strength in that difficulty and you will be "more than an overcomer" because of that difficulty! Why then would you want to take away God's hand in your life?!

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Thus far we can see the very distinct purpose for healing. What about any misuse? Was there any recorded misuse of the specific gifts of the spirit in the early Church?

#### **Phillip performs miracles and the same principles applied:**

**Acts 8:1-8:** (NRSV) <sup>1</sup>*And Saul approved of their killing him. That day a severe persecution began against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout the countryside of Judea and Samaria.* <sup>2</sup>*Devout men buried Stephen and made loud lamentation over him.* <sup>3</sup>*But Saul was ravaging the church by entering house after house; dragging off both men and women, he committed them to prison.* <sup>4</sup>*Now those who were scattered went from place to place, proclaiming the word.* <sup>5</sup>*Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah to them.* <sup>6</sup>*The crowds with one accord listened eagerly to what was said by Philip, hearing and seeing the signs that he did,* <sup>7</sup>*for unclean spirits, crying with loud shrieks, came out of many who were possessed; and many others who were paralyzed or lame were cured.* <sup>8</sup>*So there was great joy in that city.*

**Acts 8:9-24:** (NKJV) <sup>9</sup>*But there was a certain man called Simon, who previously practiced sorcery in the city and astonished the people of Samaria, claiming that he was someone great,* <sup>10</sup>*to whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God.* <sup>11</sup>*And they heeded him because he had astonished them with his sorceries for a long time.* <sup>12</sup>*But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized.* <sup>13</sup>*Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done.*





### **Simon was obviously awed by the ability to perform real true miracles...**

<sup>14</sup>Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, <sup>15</sup>who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>16</sup>For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>17</sup>Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. <sup>18</sup>And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, <sup>19</sup>saying, Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit.

**This was almost too much - Simon was overwhelmed with having all this power so close!**

<sup>20</sup>But Peter said to him, Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money! <sup>21</sup>You have neither part nor portion in this matter, for your heart is not right in the sight of God. <sup>22</sup>Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you. <sup>23</sup>For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity. <sup>24</sup>Then Simon answered and said, Pray to the Lord for me, that none of the things which you have spoken may come upon me.

**The integrity of the gifts was preserved.**

### **The following texts are cited by healers as proofs of their practice:**

**3 John 1:1-4:** (NASB) <sup>1</sup>The elder to the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers. <sup>3</sup>For I was very glad when brethren came and testified to your truth, that is, how you are walking in truth. <sup>4</sup>I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth.

**This is focusing on the spiritual life of John's "children" walking in the "truth" of the Gospel. John is certainly NOT praying that they have no trials:**

**Hebrews 12:10-11:** (NASB) <sup>10</sup>For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness. <sup>11</sup>All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

**Mark 11:20-24:** (NASB) <sup>20</sup>As they were passing by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots up. <sup>21</sup>Being reminded, Peter said to him, Rabbi, look, the fig tree which You cursed has withered. <sup>22</sup>And Jesus answered saying to them, Have faith in God. <sup>23</sup>Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, Be taken up and cast into the sea, and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be granted him. <sup>24</sup>Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be granted you.

**Sounds like an open ended promise!**

**James 4:1-3:** (NASB) <sup>1</sup>What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members? <sup>2</sup>You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures.

**All of Jesus' healing in these verses to follow was a precursor to the great Kingdom to come:**

**Acts 10:37-38:** (KJV) <sup>37</sup>That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; <sup>38</sup>How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.



Luke 6:17-19: (NASB) <sup>17</sup>*Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place; and there was a large crowd of His disciples, and a great throng of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon, <sup>18</sup>who had come to hear Him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were being cured. <sup>19</sup>And all the people were trying to touch Him, for power was coming from Him and healing them all.*

Luke 5:12-14: (NASB) <sup>12</sup>*While he was in one of the cities, behold, there was a man covered with leprosy; and when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and implored him, saying, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean. <sup>13</sup>And he stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, I am willing; be cleansed. And immediately the leprosy left him. <sup>14</sup>And he ordered him to tell no one, But go and show yourself to the priest and make an offering for your cleansing, just as Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.*

Isaiah 61:1-4: (NASB) <sup>1</sup>*The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners; <sup>2</sup>To proclaim the favorable year of the LORD and the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, <sup>3</sup>to grant those who mourn in Zion, giving them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting. So they will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified. <sup>4</sup>Then they will rebuild the ancient ruins, they will raise up the former devastations; And they will repair the ruined cities, the desolations of many generations.*