

What the Bible Says about Healing

Jeremiah 17:14 (NIV) Heal me, LORD, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise.

1. Generally, Sickness Came into the World because of Sin.

Romans 6:23 (NIV) For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2. Some, But Not All Sickness, Is a Result of Personal Sin.

Exodus 15:26 (NIV) He said, "If you listen carefully to the Lord your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, who heals you."

3. God Is Moved by Our Need for Healing.

Psalms 107:19-20 (NIV) Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress. He sent out his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave.

Exodus 23:25 (NIV) Worship the Lord your God, and his blessing will be on your food and water. I will take away sickness from among you.

Psalms 30:2 (NIV) Lord my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me.

4. Jesus' Ministry Expressed Compassion and Healing.

Matthew 9:35 (NIV) Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.

5. Believers Have a Shared Ministry of Healing.

James 5:14 (NIV) Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord.

1 Peter 2:24 (NIV) "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed."

6. All Healing Is a Miracle.

Psalms 103:2-4 (NIV) Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion.

Psalms 147:3 (NIV) He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

Revelation 21:4 (NIV) 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'