

Healing Is Guaranteed or “Surely”

I. There are three schools of thought concerning divine healing:

a. Healing is not for today. This miracle only belonged to the apostolic age until the full canon of scripture was written. Then God withdrew His healing power. Today God has given us doctors with much knowledge to help us.

b. God MAY heal today IF it is His will. Notice the key words “may” and “if.” He is certainly able but it may not be His will to heal everyone. Sometimes He does and sometimes He doesn't. He is sovereign and therefore has the right to decide whom He will heal and whom He will not.

c. It is the will of God to heal all who come to Him. He has provided this healing in the atonement that Christ made by His blood. It is the covenant right of every believer.

II. Christians must realize that the promise to heal is **GUARANTEED**

a. Isaiah 53:4-5

b. Surely - Beyond a shadow of a doubt. Guaranteed. No question about it. A firmly established fact.

c. This is implicitly speaking of “bodily” physical healing. The word *griefs* translated in this passage comes from the Hebrew word “*kholee*” which means sickness and is translated this way Deut. 7:15, Deut. 28:61, 1 Kings 17:17, 2 Kings 1:2, 2 Kings 8:8 and other places.

d. Young's Literal Translation: “*He is despised, and left of men, A man of pains, and acquainted with sickness, And as one hiding the face from us, He is despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely our sicknesses he hath borne, And our pains -- he hath carried them, And we -- we have esteemed him plagued, Smitten of God, and afflicted. And he is pierced for our transgressions, Bruised for our iniquities, The chastisement of our peace [is] on him, And by his bruise there is healing to us.*”

e. Matt 8:16-17 proves that this was meant to be applied towards physical bodily healing.

III. Some men attempt to discredit God's “surely” by adding to God's word. Look at some examples:

a. **The Annotated Study Bible:** “He hath born our greifs (lit. “spiritual sickness”).... With His stripes we are healed refers to our spiritual condition being made whole. In Isaiah the term is always used of spiritual healing and forgiveness.”

a. **LOGOS International Bible Commentary:** Jesus fulfilled the prophecy of Isa. 53:4 during his earthly ministry. Therefore He did not make provision on the cross

for for the removal of our sicknesses in the same manner in which He made continuous removal of our sins..... Additionally, even a casual reading of Isa. 53:5 leaves one with the impression that the reference here to healing is spiritual in nature.

c. THESE MEN ARE WRONG!!!! They tend to add and take away from God's Word with the intention of destroying your faith in God's promise to heal. These men are unknowingly being used by the devil.

IV. Questioning the "surely" of God's Word is what brought sickness and disease into this world in the first place:

a. Gen. 2:15-17; 3:1-7

b. God told Adam that if he ate from the tree that he would "surely" die. Eve took away God's "surely" and added "lest" ye die (maybe you will, maybe you won't- who knows for sure if God is telling the TRUTH).

c. They DIED

V. God has given us other strong assurances of divine healing.

a. The word surely is also used in **Psalm 91:3-6** in reference to healing.

b. The Everyday Bible: *"God will save you from hidden traps and from **deadly diseases**. He will protect you like a bird spreading it's wings over its young. His truth will be like your armor and shield. You will not fear any danger by night nor an arrow during the day. **You will not be afraid of diseases that come in the dark or sickness that strikes at noon.**"*

c. Today's English Version: *"He will keep you safe from hidden dangers and from deadly diseases."*

d. Contemporary English Version: *"The Lord will keep you safe from secret traps and deadly diseases."*

e. Out of the mouth of two or three witnesses let every word be established.