

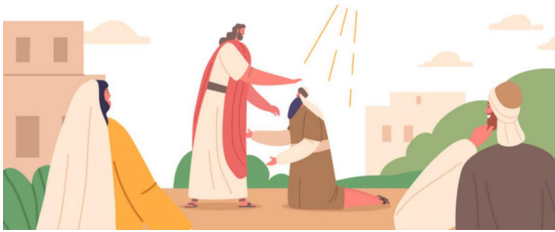
DO YOU WANT TO BE HEALED?

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic

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Jesus asked the paralyzed man, "Do you want to get well? Rise up, take up your mat and walk" (John 5:6-8). Sickness is a symbolic struggle while we are on earth. It is inevitable because we are exposed to our corrupted world. Furthermore, it reminds us that we are dependent on our God; thus, we need to put our trust and confidence in Him as our healer.



1. Jesus is the greatest healer and divine physician:

- 1.1. A man suffering from leprosy begged Jesus to heal him. Jesus was filled with pity and he was cured (Mark 1:40-41).
- 1.2. Peter's mother-in-law was sick with fever which was life threatening during their time. He brought Jesus to their home; Jesus held the hand of his mother-in-law and fever was gone (Mark 1: 29).
- 1.3. A servant of a Roman officer got sick and was unable to move. Jesus quickly replied I will go and make him well, but the officer told Him he was not worthy to receive Him in his home; if He could just give the order, his servant will get well. Indeed, in that hour his servant was healed (Matthew 8).
- 1.4. There were so many instances during His healing ministry when Jesus cured so many sick people: the blind could see, the lame walked, those who suffer from dreaded skin diseases were made clean, the deaf was able to hear, and the dead were brought back to life. The Good News is preached to the poor (Matt. 11:5)
- 1.5. Our very own, elder-founder, Sis Techie, is a cancer survivor (March 2015). She did not complain; instead, she thanked God for she knew her sickness would not lead to death, and she glorified His name for her healing.

2. There is always healing at the hands of Jesus.

- 2.1. He promised, "I will not leave you and I will be with you at the end of age" (Matt. 28:20).
- 2.2. By giving us the Holy Spirit, we are anointed to pray over, to lay hands upon sick people. God will use our hands, feet, mouth as His instruments for healing all kinds of diseases, speak languages (speaking in tongues) like the miracle during the Pentecost.
- 2.3. Jesus tells us to pick up our mat and throw it away; let us throw away our "mats" of: temptation, wickedness, immorality: (fornication between couples who are not married; wrong relationships), lust, addiction. The Lord wants us to let go of our old lives and surrender everything to Him. Once renewed, our advocate, the Holy Spirit will pour upon us different gifts. He will put words into our mouth to speak, to evangelize and to testify to the good works and miracles Jesus has done unto us.

3. Let us be thankful and grateful.

Let us not be like the paralyzed man who was ungrateful after he was healed by Jesus. As a devout member of our community, let us encourage one another to be present in the weekly gathering of the community (Heb. 10:24-25). This is our family, we are going to pray for one another, support each other for this our home, where Jesus dwells.

Conclusion:

We cannot separate healing from the covenant of Jesus. He is the God that heals "I will remove all sickness from your midst and I will give you a full span of life" (Exodus 23:25-26). As Christians, our belief is rooted in our faith in God and Jesus Christ. Therefore, we must stand up, roll our mats, and leave our old selves. Let us focus our eyes on Jesus and desire rewards in heaven. Let us waste no time to do good and sin no more, as Jesus commanded us to do.

Reflection: Do you accept Jesus as your healer and savior? 2. How will you glorify Jesus for all that He has done to your life?

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