

Is It God's Will to Heal?

Mark 5:21-34

I. It is ordinarily God's will to bring healing to every situation.

- A. Example of the bleeding woman (Mark 5)
- B. The Father reveals Himself in the Old Testament as the God who heals (Jehovah- Rapha). "I am the Lord who heals you" (Exodus 15:26).
- C. In the New Testament, Jesus healed with compassion all those who came to Him. "When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, He had compassion on them and healed their sick" (Matthew 14:14).
- D. Neither the Father's nature (James 1:17) nor the nature of Jesus changes. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8).
- E. Jesus clearly reveals His will to heal in many places of the New Testament, including Matthew 8:1-4. "I am willing" says it all,

II. The way God heals varies and is affected by several factors.

- A. Faith (Mark 5:34; 6:1-6)
- B. Enemy resistance (Mark 9:14-29)
- C. Sin (Mark 2:1-5; Matthew 18:21-35)
- D. God's sovereign choices
 - 1. The presence of healing anointing, forgiveness of sins, and faith (Luke 5:17-26).
 - 2. Glorifying Jesus (John 11:4)
 - 3. Building faith (John 11:14-15; 38-45)
 - 4. Healing the whole person (Romans 8:28-29)
 - 5. Healing by medical means
 - 6. Healing by resurrection (I Corinthians 15:42-45)
 - 7. Confessing our sins to one another and praying for one another (James 5:15-17)

III. The cross communicates God's heart to heal us

- A. The total victory of the cross (Colossians 2:13-15; I John 3:8)
- B. The Greek word often translated "*healing*" (*sozo*) can also be translated "*salvation*" (Mark 5:34). *Sozo* basically means to be saved out from under the devil's power and restored to the wholeness of God's Spirit.
- C. God's kind intent for us (Romans 5:8)—the greatest healing of all

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