

Healing

Proverbs 4:20-22 says, **"My son, give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart; For they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh."**

The Hebrew word for "health" in verse 22 is "medicine." God's Word is medicine to all our flesh. The medicine He prescribes is His Word. Many make the mistake of substituting belief in healing for the actual taking of God's medicine – His Word. What good would it do you to believe in food if you didn't eat it? You would starve. What good would it do you to believe in water if you didn't actually drink any? You would die of thirst.

God's Word is His medicine. There are several parallels between God's medicine and natural medicine. First, God's Word is a healing agent just as natural medicine is a healing agent or catalyst. In other words, the medicine itself contains the capacity to produce healing. God's Word contains inherent within it the capacity, the energy, the ability, the nature to effect healing in your body.

Psalms 107:20 says, **"He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction's."** Isaiah 55:10,11 says the Word of God will accomplish what it was sent out to do. The Word itself contains the power to produce what it says, just as when God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. Healing Scriptures contain within them the capacity to produce healing. The key to partaking of the life and healing energy in the Word is feeding on it until it penetrates your spirit, where it deposits that life and energy, Hebrews 4:12, "For the word of God is *living* and *powerful*, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit"

Second, we might say that medicine is no respecter of persons. It will work for anyone who takes it. It is not a matter of God's willing or not willing the healing of any individual, but whether or not the individual will receive healing by taking the medicine that produces it.

Third, and most important, medicine must be taken according to directions to be effective. Some medicine labels read, "Take internally"; others say "Take externally." To rub it on your body externally when the directions say take it internally will not work. To take it after meals when the directions say take it before meals will reduce its effectiveness. To take it once in a while when the directions say three times every day will mean limited results, if any. No matter how good the medicine is, it must be taken according to directions, or it won't work.

So it is with God's medicine. It must be taken according to directions to work. The directions for taking God's medicine are found in Proverbs 4:20,21. Attend to them, incline your ear to them, don't let them depart from before your eyes, and keep them in the midst of your heart. We might say that attending to them, inclining your ear to them and keeping them before your eyes cause them to get in the midst of your heart. Notice this: it is only as they get in the midst of your heart and stay there that they produce healing in your body. Head knowledge won't do. They must penetrate to your spirit through meditation – attending, hearing, looking, and pondering – to produce healing in your body. But once they do penetrate, they will surely bring health to all your flesh. Power is ministered first to your spirit, then distributed to your body. God's medicine must be taken internally.

Instead of wondering whether you have enough faith to be healed, just take the medicine. Here is a list of healing Scriptures – feed on them several times a day, repeating them over and over again to yourself. The medicine itself will work if you will get it inside you.

Fourth, remember that it takes time for medicine to work. Most people give natural medicine time, patience, and money to work. They take the prescription back for more refills. They are diligent about it. They don't take just one dose and expect a miracle.

Say these Scriptures to yourself. Think about what you're saying in your heart. Use them in praise to the Father. His Word is medicine to all your flesh!

Healing Scriptures

Exodus 15:25-26: **"So he cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a tree. When he cast it into the waters, the waters were made sweet. There He made a statute and an ordinance for them, and there He tested them. And said, "If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the Lord who heals you."**

(New English Bible) ... I the Lord am your healer.

(Leeser) ... for I the Lord am thy physician.

God is speaking to me now, saying, "I am the Lord that heals you." He is watching over this Word to perform it. He is the Lord that heals me. He is healing me now. This Word contains the ability to produce what it says. He is the Lord that heals me. He is healing me now. His Word is full of healing power.

I receive this Word now. I receive the healing that is in His Word now. Healing is inherent in God's nature. God is in me. My body is the temple of God. My body is the temple of the Lord that heals me. God is bigger than sickness and Satan. God is dwelling inside me now, healing me now. The Lord that heals me is my Shepherd; I do not lack healing.

My body is in contact with the Lord that heals me. My body has to respond to God's healing life and nature at work in me now. Healing is in God, and God is in me. I thank You, Father, because You are my Healer and You are healing me now.

Exodus 23:25: **"So you shall serve the Lord your God, and He will bless your bread and your water. And I will take sickness away from the midst of you."**

(Basic English) ... And give worship to the Lord your God, who will send a blessing on your bread and your water; and I will take all disease away from among you.

(Moffatt, Smith-Goodspeed) ... I will free you from disease.

"I will" is the strongest assertion that can be made in the English language. God is speaking to me now, saying, "I will take sickness away from the midst of you." God is watching over this Word, performing it in me now. He is taking sickness away from the midst of me. Thank you, Father, for taking sickness away from me. I thank You for doing what You said.

Psalms 107:20: **"He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction's."**

(Moffatt) ... he sent his word to heal them and preserve their life.

He sent His Word and healed me. His Word heals me and delivers me from my destruction's. God's Word contains God's ability to perform what it says (Isa 55:10,11). His Word is healing me now. His Word contains His healing power. His Word is working in me now. He has sent His Word and healed me!

Psalms 103:2,3: **"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases."**

(Basic English) ... He takes away all your diseases.

Bless the Lord, Jehovah-rapha, O my soul. Blessed be God the Father. Lord I praise You; Lord, I thank You. Praise You for Your benefits. You forgive all my sin, all my faults, all my failures and disobedience. You heal all my diseases, and I thank You for it. Healing belongs to me as part of the New Covenant. Healing is my redemptive right. (A benefit is a condition of a contract, not a bonus thrown in extra at the discretion of the employer.) Thank You; Father, for healing all my diseases!

Proverbs 17:22: **"A merry heart does good, like medicine, but a broken spirit dries the bones."**

(Good News) ... A happy heart is a healing medicine...

(Basic English) ... A glad heart makes a healthy body...

(Jerusalem) ... A glad heart is excellent medicine, a spirit depressed wastes the bones away.

(Fenton) ... The best medicine is a cheerful heart ...

I have a merry heart. Sickness can't dominate me. Satan can't dominate me. Satan, you can't put sickness on me. I have a merry heart. I'm full of joy. A merry heart works like a medicine. God's medicine is working in me!

Isaiah 53:3-5: **"He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our face from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed."**

(Masoretic O.T.) ... Surely our diseases he did bear, and our pains he carried...

(Smith-Goodspeed) ... Yet it was our sicknesses that he bore, our pains that he carried.

(Rotherham) ... by his stripes there is healing for us.

(Byington) ... the chastisement to give us soundness came on him, and by his stripes we got healing.

Surely He has borne my sickness and diseases and carried my pains. He took my sicknesses on Himself, and carried my pains. He bore them and carried them away to a distance. I don't have to bear what He bore for me. I refuse to bear what He bore for me. Satan cannot put on me what Jesus bore for me.

By His stripes I am healed. By His bruise there is healing for me. His punishment has brought me healing. Healing has been granted to me. With the stripes that wounded Him I am healed and made whole. I am made whole by the blows He received. My diseases went to the cross with Jesus and died with Him there. Jesus took my sicknesses, and by His stripes I am healed!

Matthew 8:16,17: **"When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses."**

(New English Bible) ... He took away our illnesses and carried away our diseases.

(Moffatt) ... He took away our sicknesses and our disease he removed.

Himself took my infirmities and bore my sicknesses. He carried away my sicknesses. He carried away my diseases. He took them away; He bore them away and removed them. Disease is not mine. Healing in mine. I refuse to bear what Jesus bore for me. I refuse to take what He took for me. Satan, you cannot put disease on me, for Jesus took my infirmities and bore my sicknesses. I will not tolerate sickness. Sickness and disease are totally unacceptable. I refuse to accept them. Jesus bore them and I refuse to have them.

Matthew 8:2,3: **"And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean." Then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing' be cleansed." Immediately his leprosy was cleansed."**

(Jordan) ... Sir, if you really wanted to, you could heal me ... I do want to. Be healed.

(Basic English) ... Lord, if it is your pleasure, you have the power to make me clean. And he put his hand on him, saying, It is my pleasure, be clean.

(Wuest) ... I am desiring it from all my heart. Be cleansed at once.

God wants me well. Healing is the will of God. I choose to walk in God's will for my life, and His will is for me to be healed. God is at work in me right now to will and to do His good pleasure (Phil. 2:13). Healing is at work in me!

Luke 10:19: **"Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you."**

(Knox) ... I have given you the right to...

(Condon) ... Yes, I have given you power to trample every evil underfoot, to counter all the might of the enemy; nothing whatever shall harm you.

Sickness is a power of the devil (Acts 10:38). I trample on all the power of the devil. I trample on disease. I stomp on disease. I tread every evil underfoot. The Lord Jesus Christ Himself gave me authority over all the power of the enemy. I have authority over sickness. Sickness, I trample on you; I tread on you; I stomp on you. Get out, get out, get out. You have no right to dominate me. Get out of my body in Jesus' name. Sickness and disease are under my feet because I am seated with Christ above all the power of the enemy (Ephesians 2:6).

Galatians 3:13: **"Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree."**

(Translator's N.T.) ... Christ ransomed us from the curse of the law by taking that curse upon himself for our sakes...

(Wand) ... Now, Christ bought us off the curse of the law at the cost of being accursed for our sakes...

(Weymouth) ... Christ has purchased our freedom ...

Christ has redeemed me from the curse of the law. (The curse of the law is found in Deuteronomy 28. It is the curse for breaking God's law. It includes sickness.) Christ bought me back, brought me back, and set me free from the curse of the law. Sickness and disease are part of the curse of the law; therefore Christ has redeemed me from sickness. I am redeemed from every disease written in the curse of the law. I am also redeemed from every disease that is not written in the Book of the Law. Christ has redeemed me – bought me back, brought me back, and set me free from all sickness and disease.

Ephesians 4:27: **"...nor give place to the devil."**

(Barclay) ... Give the devil no place or opportunity in your life.

(Jordan) ... don't give in one inch to the devil.

I refuse to give place to the devil. Sickness and disease are of the devil. I refuse to give place to sickness and disease. Satan, you can't put that on my body. I say "no," and I mean "no." No sickness or plague comes near my dwelling. You have the wrong address. I will not give in one inch. Satan, you have no place in my body. You can't do this to me. I won't have it. It is unacceptable. It is not mine, and you cannot give it to me. You have no place in me or my body. I belong to God. Sickness, you have no choice but to go because I'm not giving you a chance. Get out now.

James 4:7: **"Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you."**

(Barclay) ... So then, accept the authority of God. Take a stand against the devil, and he will run away from you.

(Wuest) ... Stand immovable against the onset of the devil and he will flee from you.

I submit to God. I submit to the will of God. I accept the authority of God and His Word. I submit to God's Word. I resist you, devil. I resist disease. You can't do this to my body. Get out. Remove yourself. You must flee from my body now.

1 Peter 2:24: **"... who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness – by whose stripes you were healed."**

(20th Century) ... his bruising was your healing.

By His stripes I was healed. Healing belongs to me. I was healed 2000 years ago by the stripes Jesus bore. By His stripes I was healed. I'm not trying to get healing. I've got healing, because by His stripes I was healed.

1 John 3:8: **"He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil."**

(Amplified) ... The reason the Son of God was made manifest (visible) was to undo (destroy, loosen and dissolve) the works the devil (has done).

(Wand) ... that he might neutralize what the Devil has done.

(Jordan) ... that he might break up the Devil's doings.

(Phillips) ... Now the Son of God came to the earth with the express purpose of liquidating the devil's activities.

Sickness is a work of the devil. Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil. Sickness has been dissolved, broken up, annulled, undone, liquidated, as far as I am concerned. Jesus put sickness to an end for me. The activities of the devil have been liquidated.

3 John 2: **"Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers."**

I am prospering and I am in health even as my soul prospers, because it is God's will for me. God is at work in me to do His will and pleasure. Jehovah-rapha is at work in me, healing me.

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