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This Is A Word For Your Day

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Divine Healing

**The Blood
Of Jesus
Will Never Lose
Its
Power!**

James 5:13-18 Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. (14) **Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: (15) And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.** (16) Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. (17) Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. (18) And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

FIRST of All — All healing is divine. I have known many doctors during my life time. Even the very best doctors will say that they only can do repairs on the human body. It takes God to bring about the actual healing process. They, just about any of them, will readily say that it is God that does the actual healing. The old joke about doctors is, "they are only practicing medicine", It is God that is doing the actual work and He has never had to practice anything!

Sometimes doctors do things like set broken bones and remove or repair infected or non working organs. Sometimes they administer vaccines and antibodies, but it was God who gave them the knowledge of those medicines. Doctors are a lot like auto mechanics, but of the human body. They have learned through the years about what causes certain kinds of illnesses and how to treat them. They are getting more precise everyday, but it is God that still does the healing.

There are very many people who believe that God heals people, they just don't believe that God wants to heal them? They will confess over and over again that, yes God still does miracles, only, not for them. Yes, God still is in the miracle business and yes, it takes faith in God to get a miracle of any kind — healing or any kind.

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

I have heard it said that Jesus healed everyone that came to Him. There was only one person who was said to ask Jesus if it was His will to heal him, to whom Jesus said:

Matthew 8:2-3 And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, **if thou wilt,** thou canst make me clean. (3) And Jesus put forth *his* hand, and touched him, saying, **I will; be thou clean.** And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

In James 5:14-15 it is never disputed that God is willing to heal, but it must be done according to God's Word. Here the real work is said to be done by the **"Prayer of Faith"**.

Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: (15) And **the prayer of faith shall save the sick,** and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

It takes faith on the part of the sick to ask for prayer and it takes believing faith on the part of elders of the church, - the application of the oil is also an act of faith. There is one more element that Jesus called for in us to be used in the healing of the sick.



Mark 16:18b**they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.**

Most people who use common sense will know that you can't apply the oil with out using your hands. But the use of one's hands also has a lot to do with having compassion on the sick. It is not necessarily the hand or the oil that heals, it is the prayer of faith and obedience to use the oil and obedience to demonstrate Christian compassion.

Jude 1:22-23 And of some have compassion, making a difference: (23) And others save with fear, pulling *them* out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

I would rather preach in a small church, than stand in the corner of a large one!