



The James Way—2

James 5:14-16

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Objective Sentence: Everyone can receive healing from the Lord by establishing a point of contact through four practices of faith.

Introduction: Pastor Dan: While at our first church we had a couple attending there, Ed and Marian with their 6 kids. Marian had been to the doctor and diagnosed with some kind of blood disorder. Our church had been praying for her and wanted to know what the doctor said to her. She gave them the doctor's diagnosis and that she was scheduled for more tests. Jim, a young and zealous believer, said this to her, "You don't have that disease; what you have are symptoms of the disease—not the disease itself. By the stripes of Christ you are healed." Neither, Ed or Marian was pleased with Jim, thinking he was overzealous and insensitive. It incident came to attention. Now I understand the theology outlined in **Is. 53:4-6; Matt. 8:16-18; 1 Pet. 2:24** to which Jim referred. Christ died to cleanse us of our sins and heal us of our diseases. This is what Pentecostal, Charismatic, Full Gospel people believe. Jesus blood cleanses us from sin and heals our diseases. But faith does not deny or ignore a present reality of those that Jesus healed: the Lady With An Issue of Blood, the demon possessed daughter of the Syrophenecian Woman and the Blind man. Faith simply believes and acknowledges the fact that all things are possible through Christ. I prefer to view symptoms as signals which are alerting us to the fact that a problem does exist and faith in God is the solution. Healing is like a prepaid college tuition or reservation—unless we show up and lay claim to what is ours we will not receive the benefits.

- I. Use a Point of Contact** (**Ja. 5:14** is anyone among you sick, 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 and the prayer of faith will save the sick.)
 - A. John Walvoord:** ...symbols are designed to reveal truth, not to conceal it.
 - 1. Anointing with oil** (**Acts 10:38** God anointed Jesus Christ of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power who about doing good and healing all who were oppressed of the devil.)
 - a. Pastor Dan:** Oil is symbol of the Holy Spirit's touch on our lives. The nature of the Holy Spirit and His ministry on earth is to continue Jesus' work of healing humanity of their sicknesses and sins for as long as the earth remains.
 - b. Brian Bill:** Oil in the Bible was often used as a symbol of health and vitality. Kings and priests were anointed with it as a visible symbol of God's presence. The same is true here. There's nothing magical or supernatural about it. By

anointing with oil, we are giving a humble reminder that all healing must come from God. It builds faith and says to the sick person, “God is here and He is able and willing to heal you.”

- c. **Luke 4:18** *The Vision Statement of Jesus:* Preach, heal and liberate the poor, brokenhearted, captive blind, oppressed people who are in need. The ministry that Jesus began continues through the work of the Holy Spirit in the church today.
- d. **Exodus 15:25-26; Psalms 103:2-3**

2. **The Word of God** (Ps. 107:20 *He sent His word and healed them ...*)

- a. **Proverbs 4:20-22** (health 4832 mar-peh) God’s Word is health to our flesh
- b. **Malachi 4:2** But to you who fear My name, **the Sun of Righteousness shall arise** with healing in His Wings. And you will go free, leaping with joy like calves let out to pasture.
- c. **Healing (mar-peh 4832):** Restoration of health, remedy, cure, medicine; tranquility, deliverance, refreshing. Occurring 13 times, marpe’ comes from the verb rapha “to heal, cure, repair.” Salvation is God’s rescue of the entire person and healing is His complete repair of that person, as marpe’ illustrates. In the present reference, the Messiah is compared to a rising sun, which has visible, radiant beams of sunlight streaming outward in all directions. From each of these beams of glorious light, healing flows.
- d. **God spoke to T.L. Osborn:** If you can get people to believe My word than no sickness, demon or disease shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life.

3. **Laying on of hands** (Mk. 16:17-18 *... lay hands on the sick and they shall recover.*)

- a. **T.L. Osborn:** Any believer can lay hands on the sick, and the promise is: they, the sick, will recover. A believer does more than merely agree that the word is true. A believer acts on the word of God. God never tells us to do something that we cannot do. Obtaining the fulfillment to His promise is more a matter of obedience than of conscious faith. Faith is doing what God tells us to do and then expecting Him to do what He tells us He will do.
- b. **Isaiah 1:19** If you are willing and obedient...

4. **Utilize the Power of Jesus’ Name** (Ja. 14 *Is anyone among you sick, 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. And the prayer of faith will save the sick.*)

- a. **Mk. 16:17** *in my name they shall cast out devils*
- b. **Kenneth Copeland:** The Name of Jesus carries all the authority of Jesus Himself. When Peter spoke in Jesus’ name, it was as if Jesus were speaking. He didn’t pray for the man at the gate Beautiful. He spoke words of faith—in Jesus’ Name. In the same way and with the same authority, you can speak to your affliction.
- c. **Acts 3:6, 16; John 14:12-14; 1 John 3:23**

- d. *T. L. Osborn:* Sin and sickness are twin evils plaguing our lives while salvation and healing are twin mercies that restore our wholeness.
- e. *Benny Hinn: Isaiah 53:4* Surely he has borne our grief and carried our sorrows. The word grief here is the Hebrew “choliy” which means “weak, sick or afflicted.” Surely He has borne our weaknesses, sicknesses and afflictions. The work for sorrows is makob, which means “pain or grief.” The Scriptures are clear: Jesus not only died to take away our sins; He died to take away our sicknesses. The New Testament confirms that fact in *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 “He himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses.”
- f. *Finis Dake:* Divine healing is a definite act of God through faith in Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit, the Word of God and the blood of Christ, whereby the human body is cured, healed, delivered, repaired and made healthy.

Closing and Invitation; James Hunter: People sometimes mistakenly believe that they are going to the doctor to be healed. Yet in spite of all the advances in the medical field, no doctor has ever mended a broken bone or caused a wound to heal. The best that medicine and doctors can do is provide assistance in the form of medications and therapies, create the proper conditions, if you will, for the body to heal itself. Therapists do not have the power to heal their patients. What a good therapist can do is to create a healthy environment for the client by establishing a loving relationship based on respect, trust, acceptance, and commitment. Once a therapeutic and safe environment is created, patients can then begin the process of healing themselves.