Does God Heal Today? Part 1 – The Purpose of Miraculous Healing

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Frequency of Biblical healings
Reason for Biblical healings
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ESV Jeremiah 17:14 Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise.



Frequency of Healings



Healings in the Tnakh :

- King Jeroboam of Israel's hand becoming withered then restored (1 Kings 13:4-6)
 - Elijah raising the widow of Zarephath's son from the dead (1 Kings 17:17-22)
- Elisha raises the Shunammite woman's son (2 Kings 4:20-37)
- Naaman healed from leprosy after following Elisha's instructions (2 Kings 5:1-14)
- A dead man comes back to life after coming in contact with Elisha's bones (2 King 13:20-21)
- Hezekiah's healed and life extended 15 years (2 Kings 20:1-11)
- Job healed after praying for his friends (Job 42:10)
- Nebuchadnezzar healed (Daniel 4:34)

Yeshua's Healings:

- Healing the nobleman's son (John 4:46-52)
- Peter's mother-in-law healed (Luke 4:38-39)
- Many sick brought to Him the same night he healed Peter's mother-in-law (Luke 4:40)
- A leper healed (Luke 5:12)
- A man sick with a palsy (Luke 5:18)
- The man infirmed for 38 years at the Pool of Bethesda (John 5:5-9)
- The man with the withered right hand (Luke 6:6-10)
- Large group from Judea and NW Samaria come to be healed (Luke 6:17-19)
- Centurion's servant healed (Luke 7:1-10)
- The widow's dead son resurrected in Nain (Luke 7:11-15)
- The blind and deaf man healed (Luke 11:14)
- Jairus' twelve year old daughter raised

from the dead (Luke 8:41-42; 49-46)

- Woman with issue of blood (Luke 8:43-48)
- Two blind men (Matt 9:27-31)
- A dumb man healed (Matt. 932-33)
- Many sick by the Sea of Galilee (Matt. 14:34-36)
- The man who was deaf and could not speak clearly (Mark 7:32-37)
- The Bethsaida man who was blind (a twopart healing) (Mark 8:22:25)
- The woman bent forward for 18 years (Luke 13:11-13)
- Man with dropsy (Luke 14:1-4)
- Lazarus raised from the dead (John 11:1-45)
- Ten lepers healed (Luke 17:12-18)
- Blind man in Jericho (Luke 18:35-43)
- High Priest's servant's ear restored (Luke 22:49-51)

Healings by the Apostles:

- A lame beggar being healed by Peter and John at the Temple (Acts 3:8)
- Infirmed people brought out into the street waiting for Peter's shadow to pass over them (Acts. 5:14-15)
- People brought to Jerusalem from neighboring towns to be healed (Acts. 5:16)
- Philip heals those who were lame or with palsies (Acts 8:5-8)
- Aeneas healed of an 8-year palsy by Peter (Acts 9:32-34)
- Dorcus (the seamstress) resurrected from the dead by Peter (Acts 9:36-41)
- Paul heals the man who never walked (Acts 14:8-10)
- Eutychus resurrected after falling out of loft by Paul (Acts 20:7-12)
- Publius' father healed of a fever and infection (Acts 28:7-9)

Purpose for Recorded Healings



ESV Deuteronomy 4:34-35 "... has any god ever attempted to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by trials, by signs, by wonders, and by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by great deeds of terror, all of which the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? ³⁵ To you it was shown, that you might know that the LORD is God; there is no other besides him.

ESV 2 Kings 5:8 Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel."



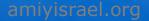
ESV Matthew 4:23-25 ²³ And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴ So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵ And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

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ESV Mark 16:20 And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs.



ESV Acts 4:29-30 And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants¹ to continue to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus."



Miraculous Healings Today?





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> "Yahway Rephecha" The one who stitches you up!



"Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul." ESV **3 John 1:2**

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