

Chapter 1



GOD'S REVELATION OF HIMSELF AS HEALER

*"I am the LORD that healeth thee."
—Exodus 15:26 (KJV)*

A wonderful aspect of God's divine revelation to us as human beings—through the Scriptures and through our personal encounters with Him—is that He is our Healer.

Knowing Him as Healer

In the course of my life, God has manifested Himself to me as Healer many times. One of the first times I experienced the miracle-working power of God was when my daughter was stillborn after having been delivered by Cesarean section. There was a young intern in the room at the time, and he immediately picked her up and began administering mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Total peace consumed the entire room as that intern worked with my baby until she finally began breathing. He handed her to

the doctors and then left the room. The doctors put my daughter in an incubator, and that intern was never seen again. We felt that he was an angel of the Lord because nobody knew him, nobody could find him on staff, and he never showed up after that.

The doctors told me that if my daughter lived three days, it would be a miracle. At that time, I still hadn't received Jesus as my Savior and Lord. I had said the "sinner's prayer" many times, expressing sorrow for my sins, but I had never really received the Lord's salvation through faith. I was in my hospital room recovering from the delivery and waiting to see what would happen with my daughter when I heard a group of angels singing and calling me by my middle name. "Katherine, take Jesus as your Savior," they kept repeating. I wanted to find out where the music was coming from, but I couldn't discover its source. So, I walked over to the window, and, feeling the presence of those angels, I was led once more into the sinner's prayer and fully received the Lord right then and there. I was so excited that I pulled out the IV needles from my arms and ran down the corridor telling everybody I had been born again by the Spirit of God. The doctors assumed I was hallucinating and gave me something to put me to sleep, but I knew that God had touched me that day. He also healed my daughter. She lived, and she experienced no brain damage whatsoever.

Our God Can Do Anything!

Since then, I have seen all types of miracles and healings—from the healing of those suffering from illnesses to the deliverance of those suffering from the abuse they've inflicted upon themselves. God our Healer desires to make us whole in body, mind, and spirit, and He has called me

to minister healing and wholeness to others as I preach His gospel of salvation. At times, I minister to drug addicts, and I have seen hundreds delivered from their addictions, because it is God doing the healing, not me. I have laid my hands on those addicted to crack cocaine and watched as God miraculously set them free.

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In many of the miracles I've encountered, God's angels showed me how to pray. This type of revelation is part of my ministry, which includes dreams and visions. I'll actually see angels next to people, and they will show me where the person needs prayer. For example, I'll be able to see inside a person's chest, and the angel will put his hand on the chest and show me a dark spot on his or her lungs. Then, I'll see God's Word written out—words such as "By My stripes, you are healed" (see 1 Peter 2:24) and "*I am the LORD that healeth thee*" (Exodus 15:26 KJV). After that, I'll see the Word turn into a sword that goes to the place where the person needs healing, and I'll see the fire and the healing power of God go into it.

God has given me dreams, visions, and revelations in order to help people. They aren't just for the sake of my family and me. They're for everybody. Our God can do anything! We just have to recognize how great and compassionate He is.

We serve a God who can replace whatever is missing in your life. In whatever area you need healing, God is waiting and willing to heal you and to meet your need. I know what I am talking about because I have experienced it firsthand. For example, my son had epilepsy, causing some of his brain cells to be destroyed. After he was diagnosed

with epilepsy, we had to go for follow-up appointments with doctors every six months. We were praying for healing, and, over time, God miraculously restored those brain cells! Several doctors confirmed that the cells were now normal. They were amazed at this miracle and admitted, “It took the power of God for this to happen.”

God said, “*I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the crawling locust, the consuming locust, and the chewing locust, My great army which I sent among you*” (Joel 2:25). If you need Him to restore something in your life, do not be afraid to ask Him. God can restore everything that our enemy, the devil, has taken from our lives. Jesus said, “*The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly*” (John 10:10).

Healing for Spirit, Soul, and Body

The word *heal*, according to Merriam Webster’s 11th Collegiate Dictionary, means:

- ♦ To make sound or whole.
- ♦ To cause (an undesirable condition) to be overcome.
- ♦ To restore to original purity or integrity.

These definitions draw attention to the fact that sickness—and God’s healing—is not limited to physical issues. It applies to our entire beings—spiritual, mental, emotional, and physical. God desires us to be whole in every aspect of our lives. “*Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole **spirit, soul, and body** be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it*” (1 Thessalonians 5:23–24, emphasis added).

In the book of John, Jesus encountered a man who was an invalid, and He asked him, “*Wilt thou be made whole?*” (John 5:6 KJV). This man had been ill for thirty-eight years and had undoubtedly become very frustrated mentally and emotionally over the toll that his physical illness was taking upon his body. Jesus was asking the man if he wanted Him to overcome the condition and make him whole.

It has been my experience that when people are prayed for, they sometimes receive more than one type of healing at the same time. For instance, a man named Adrian attended one of my meetings and received both emotional and physical healing. He had sat at the rear of the church because his back was in such pain due to an injury he'd sustained in a car accident several months earlier. He wrote to me, “After you prayed the prayer of faith, the spirit of healing was released in the room. I was healed from unforgiveness, bitterness from the past, sinus problems, back pain, and, to top it off, about five teeth were refilled in my mouth. I cried like a baby that night but left the church service with peace, joy, deliverance, and healing.”

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The Scriptures Reveal God as Healer

It is not only by the personal experiences of others and ourselves that we understand God's healing power. By the truth of God's Word, we can know for certain that He is our Healer. He revealed this attribute in the Scriptures through the life of Abraham and continued to reveal it through His covenant with the people of Israel.

This revelation culminated in the sacrifice of His Son Jesus Christ on our behalf. Since the fall of humanity, God has been unfolding His plan of salvation and restoration in Christ for rebellious and broken human beings. This plan includes not only deliverance from sin and eternal death, but also healing for our bodies and minds.

Old Testament Revelation and Manifestations

Among the first healings mentioned in the Bible were those in which God restored women's ability to conceive children. (See Genesis 20:17–18.) The patriarch Abraham's wife, Sarah, also received a healing and miracle regarding childbearing. After years of being barren, and when she was past normal childbearing age, she was enabled to conceive the promised child, Isaac, at the age of ninety, as part of God's covenant promise to Abraham that He would make him a great nation. (See Genesis 17:15–19; 21:1–3.)

God revealed to the Israelites His nature as Healer and promised them divine health if they kept His commandments. When He brought the nation of Israel out of slavery in Egypt, after inflicting their captors with ten plagues, He told the people,

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.

(Exodus 15:26)

Then it shall come to pass, because you listen to these judgments, and keep and do them, that the LORD your

God will keep with you the covenant and the mercy which He swore to your fathers. And He will love you and bless you and multiply you; He will also bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your land, your grain and your new wine and your oil, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flock, in the land of which He swore to your fathers to give you. You shall be blessed above all peoples; there shall not be a male or female barren among you or among your livestock. And the LORD will take away from you all sickness, and will afflict you with none of the terrible diseases of Egypt which you have known.

(Deuteronomy 7:12–15)

King David wrote about God's healing power:

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from destruction, who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies.

(Psalm 103:2–4)

O LORD, do not rebuke me in Your anger, nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure. Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am weak; O LORD, heal me, for my bones are troubled.

(Psalm 6:1–2)

Blessed is he who considers the poor; the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble. The LORD will preserve him and keep him alive, and he will be blessed on the earth; You will not deliver him to the will of his enemies. The LORD will strengthen him on his bed of illness; You will sustain him on his sickbed. I said,

“LORD, be merciful to me; heal my soul, for I have sinned against You.” (Psalm 41:1–4)

God showed His mercy not only to His people, the Israelites, but also to others who came to Him seeking healing. In 1 and 2 Kings, we read how God raised two boys from the dead by the prophets Elijah and Elisha. (See 1 Kings 17:8–24; 2 Kings 4:8–37.) In 2 Kings, we read the account of Naaman, the commander of the army of the king of Syria, whom God healed of leprosy through the prophet Elisha. (See 2 Kings 5:1–15.)

The book of Daniel records the divine health that God gave to Daniel and his three companions because they honored Him, even though they were captives in Babylon and had faced pressure to compromise their faith. (See Daniel 1:1–15.)

There are many more examples in the Old Testament of God’s healing power. Yet the full revelation and provision of God as Healer came in the person of His Son Jesus Christ.

New Testament Revelation and Manifestations

Jesus was God the Healer coming to earth to restore humanity’s relationship with Himself and to restore humanity to wholeness in His image. When He was on earth, Jesus fulfilled this prophesy through His life:

The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed. (Luke 4:18)

Again, the gospel of salvation is one of healing for the whole person: spirit, soul, and body.

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29)

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." (Matthew 8:16–17)

The Purpose of Jesus' Sacrifice

Just as salvation from sin comes through Christ, healing comes through Him, as well. To understand and receive healing, we must remain focused on the purpose of Jesus' sacrifice for us. He did not bear our sorrows and sins for nothing. Let us look at the significance of Jesus' suffering on our behalf through a description of His sacrifice in Isaiah 53:4–5:

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.

1. "He was wounded for our transgressions": The torment that Jesus bore on the cross was not for Himself but for us, because He was without sin. "For we do not have a High

Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:15). What if we had to pay the price for every transgression we ever committed? "*Whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all*" (James 2:10). Jesus bore the penalty for us so that we would not have to pay it. "*The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord*" (Romans 6:23).

2. "*He was bruised for our iniquities*": What if every time we sinned, we were beaten with a lash across our backs? Before long, we might faint at the mere thought of it. Thankfully, the price for our sins has already been paid. Jesus took the pain and punishment of our sins upon Himself. "*Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God*" (Hebrews 12:2).

3. "*The chastisement for our peace was upon Him*": Not only did Jesus take the punishment for our sins, securing our peace with God the Father, but He also took on the responsibility of guarding our peace.

It [righteousness] shall be imputed to us who believe in Him [God] who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification. Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand.
(Romans 4:24–5:2)

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests

be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7)

Today, Jesus continues to defeat the attacks of the enemy on our behalf, reminding us that He has already won the war and that peace is our inheritance. Furthermore, when we become so bogged down in our difficulties that we forget we have the victory, God's Holy Spirit "also helps in our weaknesses.

For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered" (Romans 8:26).

4. "By His stripes we are healed": The result of such a great and miraculous sacrifice is that by His stripes, His wounds, His bruises, we are healed!

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Eternal Healing

We may sometimes experience the need for physical, emotional, and mental healing while we live on this earth. Yet, because of Jesus' sacrifice for us, there will come a day when we will be absolutely whole and never have to worry about sorrow or sickness again. One of Jesus' disciples, John, wrote in the book of Revelation,

Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall

be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.” Then He who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.” And He said to me, “Write, for these words are true and faithful.” And He said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.”

(Revelation 21:2–7)

What a blessed promise this is to us! No more pain, sorrow, crying, or death. We will be perfectly healed and ready to spend eternity with God.

Yet even now, on earth, we can receive healing through the power of God at work in our lives. It is my desire through this book that you will not only come to understand that God is Healer, but also have a personal revelation that He is *your* Healer.