

God's Deep Desire to Heal You

How many times have I heard that it is not always God's will to heal people? Or that He chooses to heal some, but not all? Comments like these are like fingernails scratching on a chalkboard. They cause my spirit to cringe within me, and they should cause yours to cringe as well. Let's turn to the Scriptures to discover the truth about God's will to heal you and me.

Jesus had to deal with this issue as well. One such time is recorded in the book of Luke in chapter 5, verses 12-13 (NKJV). It says, "And it happened when He was in a certain city, that behold, a man who was full of leprosy saw Jesus; and he fell on his face and implored Him, saying, 'Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.' Then He put out His hand and touched him, saying, 'I am willing; be cleansed.' Immediately the leprosy left him."

Let's study these verses out a bit more to see the depth of the desire He has to heal us. The leprous man calls out, "If You are willing, ...". This word "willing" in Greek is *thelō* from the Strong's Concordance, G2309, and it means to will, to have in mind, to intend, to be resolved, to be determined, to purpose, to desire, to wish, to love or to like to do a thing. This man is inquiring Jesus, "Do You desire to heal me? Is it Your purpose or intent to heal me? Would You love to heal me?" Perhaps you desire to understand the intent of Jesus concerning healing. And you, like this man, want to know, "Is it His will to heal me?"

Shall we continue to find out what is His will in this matter? Not only does this man want to know if Jesus is willing, but he wants to know if He can heal him. The word "can" in Greek is *dynamai*, Strong's G1410, and it means "able, powerful and strong." The man wants to put an end to his doubt and find out if Jesus possesses the ability to heal, because in the

natural, his situation is labeled impossible and carries the power of death and suffering. This man's life depends upon a miracle, and is Jesus the one who is strong and powerful and able and willing to give him this much-needed miracle?

You may be wondering the same: *Is His strength and power greater than the disease attacking my body? And does He really possess the ability to make my body whole again?*

This man was seeking Jesus for deep truths about His credentials, "Can He make ...?" This word "make" in Greek is *katharizō* means to "cleanse, to purge and to purify" (Strong's G2511). This man is plagued with a curse of death and needs to be purged from it. To purge yourself from something is to be freed from something unwanted. This man needed to be completely free from leprosy; no residue of it could remain in his body if he were to be totally free and cleansed from it. Are you in this man's situation? Your body needs to be purged from the sickness or the disease; not a trace of it can remain.

In response to this man's plea for a miracle, Jesus does the unthinkable, what others are afraid to do, He reaches out and touches the man. Let's ponder upon the faith principles that are being activated at this point in time. Jesus is demonstrating how we are to be by His example on this earth in the form of a human being. He was operating in the principles of faith, and faith operates by love and love alone, and there is no fear in faith.

- "For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but faith which works through love" (Gal. 5:6, MEV).
- "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. Whoever fears is not perfect in love" (1 John 4:18).

And Jesus answers the man suffering with leprosy and says to

him, "I am willing." Meaning, "I desire to heal you. I would love to heal you. My intention is to heal, and not to harm you." And this is what He is saying to you as well. {eo}

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