

God's Healing Hand

God's healing hand of provision is for his children. Often there is some question of "When do I pray and stand in faith?" or "When do I go to the doctor?" We find in the palm of His hand the scriptural provision, or steps, that one should follow in order to receive SUPERNATURAL healing. The palm of God's hand is closer to his heart than the fingers which will represent NATURAL avenues of healing.

In our veneration of science and medicine, when we, in the west, get sick our first response is to "treat" our maladies by medication and/or doctors. Then when all else fails we turn to God and pray. This reflects the humanistic worldview that dominates our culture. In contrast, the Biblical worldview directs us to seek God first and natural/human interventions as the next course of action.

God has commissioned the office of church elder as a means of bringing healing to His children. It is interesting to note that the hand of the elder reaches out as God's representative.

Supernatural

Scriptural commands to do first:

- Call Elders
- Anoint -Oil
- Pray in faith
- Confess sins



God's provision for the believer is set forth in James 5:14,15 (NIV): "*Is anyone of you sick? He should CALL THE ELDERS of the church to pray over him and ANOINT him WITH OIL in the name of the Lord. And the PRAYER offered in FAITH will make the sick person well, the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned he will be forgiven. Therefore, CONFESS YOUR SINS to each other and pray for each other so you may be healed.*"

After the believer has followed the scriptural plan he may be led to the natural provisions shown on the fingers. They represent the NATURAL avenues of healing which also flow from the heart of God.

Natural

- Attitudes/Speaking
- Personal Habits
- Nutrition/Supplements
- Traditional/Non-traditional Medicine



1. Attitudes / Speaking

Attitudes

"For as he (man) thinketh in his heart so is he." Proverbs 23:7 (KJV)

"A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit saps a person's strength" Proverbs 17:22 (NLT)

Speaking

"The tongue of the wise is health."

Proverbs 12:18B (KJV)

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue and they that love it shall eat its fruit." Proverbs 18:21 (KJV)

2. Personal Habits

God has revealed through knowledge and research personal habits that influence our health. Smoking, excessive drinking, lack of exercise, anxiety, worry, obesity, lack of sleep, etc., are areas we can keep check on to promote health and to combat disease.

3. Nutrition/Supplements

We have a responsibility to take care in what we put in our bodies to feed and fuel them. We remember to pray over our food and to make wise choices under the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit. We need not be in bondage to food. We should be sensitive to the cultural and/or religious restrictions of those around us and refrain from commenting on or judging the food choices of others.

4. Traditional/Non Traditional Medicine

Jesus' disciple, Luke was a physician. There are many godly physicians who approach their patient care with prayer and great reverence for God's lordship in their decisions.

When we understand that ALL healing is from God, it frees us to appropriate all of His provision. Remember to begin with the scriptural commands in God's healing hand and move as you are led to the provisions in His fingers.

There are gifts of healing and gifts of miracles set within the body of Christ. God may use these in healing an individual. We are also grateful for a natural healing process built within our bodies. We are fearfully and wonderfully made and rejoice that God is our ultimate healer.

Caution

A word of caution should be extended to those who are seeking healing and wholeness. Scripture tells us in I Corinthians 11:27(NIV) to examine ourselves before partaking of communion. *“Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many among you are weak and sick and a number of you have fallen asleep.”* (NIV) With this in mind, go forth, seek and receive your healing.

Promises

Proverbs 3:7 (NIV) *“Do not be wise in your own eyes, fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.”*

Proverbs 4:10 (NLT) *“My child, listen to me and do as I say, and you will have a long, good life.”*

Proverbs 4:20 (NLT) *“Pay attention, my child, to what I say. Listen carefully. Don't lose sight of my words. Let them penetrate deep within your heart, for they bring life and radiant health to anyone who discovers this meaning.”*

Praise

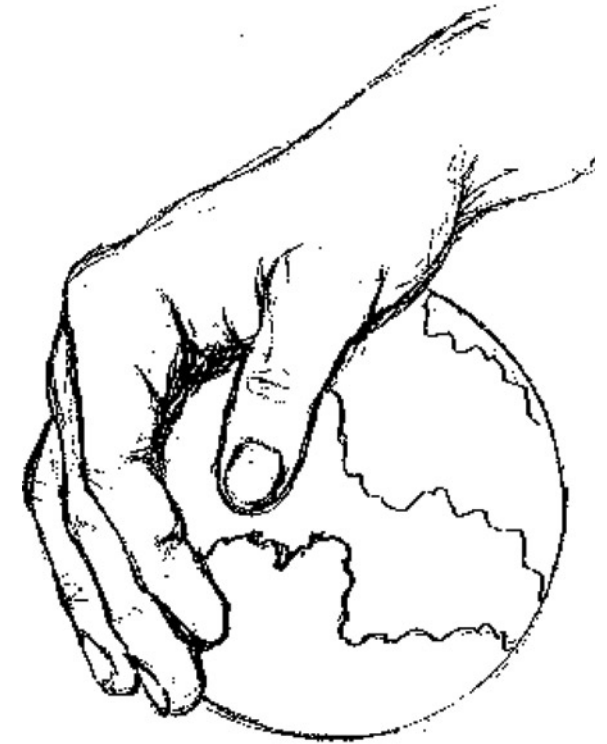
Psalms 42: 11 (KJV) *“For I shall yet praise Him who is the health of my countenance and my God.”*

Psalms 103:1-3 (NIV) *“Praise the Lord, O my soul, all my inmost being praise His holy name. Praise the Lord, O my soul and forget not all His benefits. He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases.”*

This pamphlet is written to explain how we can reconcile supernatural with natural healing. It serves as a reminder to the body of Christ of the scripture telling sick believers to call for the elders. It also calls attention to the need to take care in discerning (recognizing) the Lord's body, as we take communion. These two things, along with confession of sin, are avenues to health and wholeness.

It also emphasizes that all healing flows from God whether supernaturally provided by his miracles or by His natural provisions. Understanding this truth frees us to fulfill the provision of James 5:14,15 and then stand in faith that God may direct us to proceed to the natural resources represented by moving from the palm into the fingers of His healing hand.

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