

Overcoming The Barriers To Healing

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I. Introduction

- A. Jesus only healed those who followed Him
 - 1. Time and place of His choosing (Matt. 12:15)
 - 2. Healing meeting (Matt. 15:29–32)
 - a. On a mountain top
 - b. Lasted three days
 - 3. Multitudes followed Him for three days' journey (Matt. 19:1–2)
- B. Healing already provided
 - 1. “Bore our [pains] and carried our [sicknesses]” and “we *are* healed” (Is. 53:4–5)
 - 2. Matthew 8:16–17
 - 3. Past tense: “*Were* healed” (1 Pet. 2:24)
- C. Why some are *not* healed: a secret (Deut. 29:29)
 - 1. Secret things and things that are revealed
 - 2. The revealed things are for us

II. Common Barriers To Healing

- A. Unbelief (Hebrews 3:12–13)
 - 1. Unbelief is sin
 - 2. An unbelieving heart is *evil*
 - 3. “Faith *cometh* . . . by hearing” (Rom. 10:17)
- B. Unforgiveness (Mark 11:25)
 - 1. *Any* time you pray
 - 2. If you have *anything* against *anyone*
 - 3. *Not* an emotion, but a *decision*
 - 4. Enlightened self-interest to forgive because the Father will then forgive *you*.
- C. Occult involvement (Exodus 23:24–26)
 - 1. Condition: break all contact with *all* forms of occult
 - 2. Promise: complete health, long life and fruitfulness
- D. Effects of a curse—generation after generation (Gal. 3:13–14; 2 Sam. 1:21)
 - 1. Mental or emotional breakdown
 - 2. Repeated or chronic sicknesses (especially those without diagnosis or hereditary)
 - 3. Repeated miscarriages or female problems
 - 4. Breakdown of marriages and family alienation
 - 5. Continuing financial insufficiency
 - a. Especially where there is sufficient income
 - b. Poverty is a curse
 - 6. “Accident prone”
 - 7. Suicides or unnatural deaths
- E. Evil spirits (Luke 4:40–41)
 - 1. Ministering healing can bring release from evil spirits
 - 2. Two main types of demons
 - a. Those which actually cause infirmity (Luke 13:11–16): i.e., asthma,

arthritis, unnatural pain and crippling spirit (i.e., scoliosis, spinal curve)

b. Emotional spirits: i.e., rejection, grief, depression, tension

F. Importance of confession (Hebrews 3:1)

1. You say with your mouth what God's Word says about you

2. Replace negative confession with positive

a. Spirit of death; lack of vitality

b. *Invited* in by negative confessions: "I wish I were dead," etc.

c. Confess Psalm 118:17

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