

WHAT ABOUT DIVINE HEALING? (PART 2)

James 5:13–16

In our previous time together, we established a solid theological foundation to help us get a better understanding of what James writes in these four verses. We looked at five facts to be remembered when dealing with divine healing:

1. There are two classifications of sin: original sin and personal sins.
2. Original sin introduced suffering, sickness, and death to the human race.
3. Sometimes there is a direct relationship between personal sins and sickness.
4. Sometimes there is no relationship between personal sins and sickness.
5. It is not God's will that everyone who is suffering and/or sick be healed.

We also found several reasons we suffer, according to 2 Corinthians 1: So that we might comfort others going through similar trials . . . so that we might not trust in ourselves . . . so that we might learn to give thanks in everything. Today, we turn to James 5:13–16 to glean an understanding of divine healing.

I. Common Misconceptions About Healing

- Some erroneous beliefs

- A true example

II. Biblical Instructions to Follow

- When we're suffering (v. 13a)

- When we're cheerful (v. 13b)

- When we're sick (vv. 14–16)

III. Practical Principles to Remember

- Confess

- Pray

- Seek

- Claim