

Matthew Series

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MATTHEW

JESUS: KING OF THE JEWS

Does God Heal Today?

Matthew 8:1–17

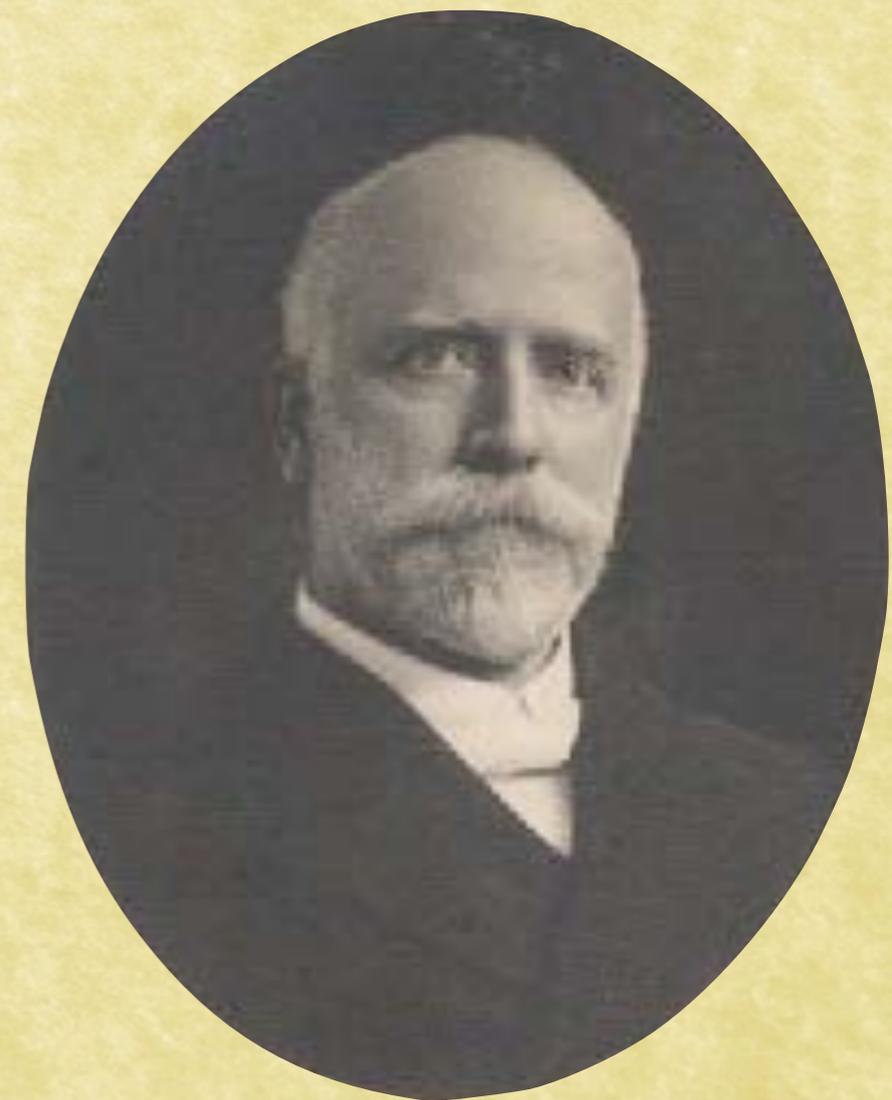
Doctrine of Healing Summary

- 1. Does God heal today?**
- 2. Does God want you healthy and well?**
- 3. Why did Jesus and the apostles heal?**
- 4. Was Faith necessary to be healed?**

Introduction

“Faith Healing” vs. Divine Healing

“The subject of divine healing is awakening an unusual interest in all parts of our country at the present time. Much is being said in favor of it, even by persons who have been opposed to the doctrine in times past; much is being said against it on every hand. The land is being flooded with religious adventurers who are taking advantage of the widespread interest in this important subject to deceive and rob the people.”



I. Does God Heal Today?

A. God has healed historically through different means.

1. First, we realize that God has healed *indirectly* or mediately; through a human agent

Two categories: Supernatural and natural:

a. Supernatural, miraculous: the healing of the lame man in Acts 3:1–11.

b. Natural: This is not to be defined as miraculous (i.e., healing through medicine or surgery).

2. God has also healed *directly* without a human agent.

B. The issue is not *Does God Heal Today?* He does.

The issue is: *How has God revealed that He heals today?*

And:

Has God revealed that we should expect His intervention in our illnesses, diseases, and deformities as a normal experience in the Christian life?

II. Why did Jesus and the apostles heal? And was Faith and/or salvation a prerequisite for healing?

A. Jesus: To present the Messianic credentials

Isa. 42:7, “To open blind eyes, to bring out prisoners from the dungeon, and those who dwell in darkness from the prison.”

Isa. 29:18, “And on that day the deaf shall hear words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see.”

**Isa. 35:4, “Say to those with anxious heart,
‘Take courage, fear not. Behold, your God will
come with vengeance; the recompense of
God will come, but He will save you.’**

**Isa. 35:5, “Then the eyes of the blind will be
opened, and the ears of the deaf will be
unstopped.**

**Isa. 35:6, “Then the lame will leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the dumb will shout for joy.
For waters will break forth in the wilderness
and streams in the Arabah.”**

1. Healings were never performed merely for their physical benefit.

a. Matt. 8:17; foreshadowed Messianic fulfillment of Isa. 53.

b. Matt. 9:6 (Mark 2:10; Luke 5:24) To demonstrate authority to forgive sins.

c. Matt. 11:2–19 (Luke 7:18–23) To confirm His identity to John the Baptist when he was in prison.

d. Matt. 12:15–21 Foreshadowed fulfillment of Isaiah 42:1–4.

- e. John 9:3; To demonstrate the reality of Christ as light of the world. Only Jesus healed the blind. No one else did. It was a specific Messianic sign.**
- f. John 11:4; To demonstrate the glory of God.**
- g. John 20:30–31; To demonstrate through miraculous evidences the veracity of Jesus' Messianic claims.**
- h. Acts 2:22; God the Father authenticates Jesus' claims.**