

Healing

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Biblical facts about Healing

The Power of Prayer



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“the process of making or becoming sound or healthy again”



Biblical Facts

How many acts of healing are recorded in the Old Testament ?

There are twelve distinct acts of individual healing recorded in the Old Testament. These include healings from barrenness, leprosy, terminal illness, restoration from insanity, and even resurrections from the dead.

Biblical Facts

How many years does the bible cover from Eden to the birth of Jesus (Old Testament) ?

Most traditional biblical timescales estimate that the Bible covers about 4,000 years from Eden (the creation of Adam) to the birth of Jesus.

Biblical Facts

Here's a list of the acts of healing in the Old Testament:

Genesis 20:1–18 – Abraham prayed, and God healed Abimelech, his wife, and his servants of barrenness.

Numbers 12:1–15 – Miriam was struck with leprosy; Moses interceded, and she was restored after seven days.

1 Samuel 1:9–20 – Hannah was healed of barrenness after prayer and Eli's blessing.

1 Kings 13:4–6 – King Jeroboam's shrivelled hand was restored after the prophet prayed.

1 Kings 17:17–24 – Elijah raised the widow's son from death.

Biblical Facts

Here's a list of the acts of healing in the Old Testament:

2 Kings 4:8–17 – Elisha promised a child to the barren Shunammite woman.

2 Kings 4:18–37 – Elisha raised the Shunammite's son from death.

2 Kings 5:1–14 – Naaman was healed of leprosy after washing in the Jordan River.

2 Kings 13:21 – A dead man revived after touching Elisha's bones.

2 Kings 20:1–7; Isaiah 38:1–8 – King Hezekiah was healed of a terminal illness after prayer and a poultice of figs.

Job 42:10–17 – Job was restored to health after praying for his friends.

Daniel 4:34, 36 – Nebuchadnezzar was healed of insanity when he looked to heaven.

Biblical Facts

How many acts of healing are recorded in the New Testament ?

The New Testament records around 30 distinct acts of healing performed by Jesus, plus several more through the apostles, bringing the total to about 40 individual healing events. These include cures of blindness, paralysis, leprosy, fevers, bleeding disorders, demon-related afflictions, and even resurrections from the dead.

Biblical Facts

How many years past from the birth of Jesus to Pauls time spent in Malta ?

Paul's time in Malta occurred about 65 years after the birth of Jesus.

Biblical Facts

Healings by Jesus (about 30)

Blindness: Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46–52), man born blind (John 9:1–7), others in Matthew 9:27–31.

Paralysis: Paralytic lowered through the roof (Mark 2:1–12), lame man at Bethesda (John 5:1–9).

Leprosy: Cleansing of a leper (Mark 1:40–45), ten lepers healed (Luke 17:11–19).

Fevers & illnesses: Peter's mother-in-law (Mark 1:29–31), many healed in crowds (Matthew 8:16–17).

Biblical Facts

Healings by Jesus (about 30)

Bleeding disorders: Woman with the issue of blood (Mark 5:25–34).

Deafness & muteness: Deaf-mute healed (Mark 7:31–37).

Resurrections: Jairus' daughter (Mark 5:35–43), widow's son at Nain (Luke 7:11–17), Lazarus (John 11:1–44).

Exorcisms linked to healing: Boy with seizures (Mark 9:14–29), Gerasene demoniac (Mark 5:1–20).

Biblical Facts

Healings through the Apostles (about 10)

Acts 3:1–10 – Peter and John heal the lame man at the temple gate.

Acts 5:12–16 – Many healed through the apostles; even Peter's shadow brought healing.

Acts 9:32–35 – Peter heals Aeneas, paralyzed for eight years.

Acts 9:36–43 – Peter raises Tabitha (Dorcas) from the dead.

Biblical Facts

Healings through the Apostles (about 10)

Acts 14:8–10 – Paul heals a crippled man in Lystra.

Acts 19:11–12 – Extraordinary healings through Paul, even via handkerchiefs and aprons.

Acts 20:9–12 – Paul raises Eutychus after he fell from a window.

Acts 28:7–9 – Paul heals Publius' father and many others on Malta.

Timeline: From the Birth of Jesus to Paul's Stay in Malta

Birth of Jesus

c. 6–4 BC: Jesus is born in Bethlehem during the reign of Herod the Great.

Ministry of Jesus

AD 27–30/33: Jesus begins His public ministry around age 30.

AD 30–33: Crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus.

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Early Church

AD 33–34: Pentecost – the Holy Spirit descends, and the church begins.

AD 34–35: Conversion of Saul (Paul) on the road to Damascus.

Paul's Missionary Journeys

AD 46–48: First missionary journey (Acts 13–14).

AD 49–52: Second missionary journey (Acts 15–18).

AD 53–57: Third missionary journey (Acts 18–21).

Paul's Arrest and Journey to Rome

AD 57–59: Paul arrested in Jerusalem and imprisoned in Caesarea.

AD 60–61: Paul sails for Rome; shipwrecked on Malta (Acts 27–28).

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The clearest New Testament command to pray for healing for others is found in James 5:14–16.

“Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”

(James 5:14–16, NIV)

James 5:14–16 is the direct command: believers are instructed to pray for the sick, with faith and confession.

Healing prayer is communal: elders, fellow believers, and the whole church are involved. – verse 14

Faith and righteousness matter: prayer offered in faith is described as “powerful and effective.” – verse 16

Authority in Jesus’ name: healing is always linked to Christ’s authority, not human power.

Other New Testament Instructions About Healing Prayer.

Mark 16: 17–18

17 And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; 18 they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on people who are ill, and they will get well.'
(NIV)

Jesus said that believers would “lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

Other New Testament Instructions About Healing Prayer.

John 14: 13–14

¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

Jesus promised, “And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.”

Other New Testament Instructions About Healing Prayer.

Acts 3: 6–8

⁶ Then Peter said, ‘Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.’ ⁷ Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. ⁸ He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God

Peter, in Jesus’ name, commanded healing for the lame man at the temple gate.

Other New Testament Instructions About Healing Prayer.

Luke 9: 1-2

When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, ² and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal those who were ill.

Jesus gave His disciples authority “to cure diseases, and He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.”

Praying for Others

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1. Start with Compassion

- **Let your heart be moved by others' needs.**

2. Pray Specifically

- **Name the person and their need: healing, peace, provision, guidance.**
- **Ask God to meet them in their situation with grace and power.**

3. Pray in Faith

- **Believe that God hears and responds.**



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4. Invite the Holy Spirit

- Ask the Spirit to guide your words and reveal deeper needs.

5. Pray According to God's Will

- Align your requests with Scripture and God's character.
- Jesus taught us to pray "Your will be done" (Matthew 6:10).

6. Follow Up with Encouragement

- Let the person know you've prayed.
- Offer Scripture, support, or practical help as led.



If you take away one thing today from my talk, please take this:-

Bible Verse

**pray for each
other so that
you may be
healed.**

James 5:16