

Is it always God's will to heal?

To answer this question, we have to use the Bible to give us our answer, not our experiences. God is true and every man a liar (Rom 3:4). That means we can't know for sure what is going on in a man's heart but we can know God's heart and will because He told us in His word. We can't let our experiences dictate our doctrine.

The Scriptures say yes!

Exodus 15:26 If you listen carefully to the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, who heals you.

Exodus 23:25 Worship the LORD your God, and his blessing will be on your food and water. I will take away sickness from among you...

Isaiah 53:5 and 1 Peter 2:24 "By his stripes we are healed," linking physical healing to Christ's atonement.

Jeremiah 33:6: Declares, "I will bring health and healing... and I will heal my people."

Psalms 30:2 Lord my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me.

Psalms 103:2-3: Praises God for "healing all your diseases."

Psalms 107:20 He sent out his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave.

Proverbs 4:20-22 My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; for they are life to those who find them and health to one's whole body.

Matthew 4:23: Records Jesus "healing every disease and every affliction" among the people.

James 5:14-15: Instructs the sick to call for elders, noting that "the prayer of faith will save the sick."

Acts 10:38: Describes Jesus "healing all who were oppressed by the devil."

3 John 1:2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

Jesus Healed Everyone Who Came to Him – Jesus only did the Father's will John 5:30, 6:38, Hebrews 10:7. You can't find anywhere in Scripture where Jesus told someone who came to Him for healing that He could not or would not heal them. He healed ALL who came to Him. Matt 4:23-25, 8:16, 15:30, Mark 5:56, Luke 4:40, 6:19

Sickness and Disease are part of the Curse and we have been delivered from the curse

Deuteronomy 28 lists the blessings and the curses that come upon mankind. Deut 28:15-68 lists the curses, with 21-22, 27, 35, 59-61 specifically listing sicknesses. Gal 3:13 -14 says we've been set free from the curse of the law and into the blessings.

If it is always God's will to heal, why are Christians sick today and why do some die?

Since we don't know any man's heart, we may never know why professing Christians get sick and die. But, the Bible has a few things to say about it.

1. Not discerning the Body at communion 1 Corinthians 11:29–30 We've seen how healing was purchased for us by the stripes on Jesus' body. Some in Paul's day, and we can imply today, did not understand that this is what taking the bread at communion was for.

2. Walking in disobedience/known sin, reaping what is sown and being unrepentant. Since we saw that sickness comes from the curse of disobedience, we can conclude some are sick because of this reason. Disobedience can take many forms and when we abuse our bodies, they sicken. Ex: no surprise when smokers get lung cancer, alcoholics get liver disease, gluttons get diabetes, etc. When we confess our sin, God is faithful to forgive us 1 John 1:9 so we can be healed even when we were disobedient when we confess and repent!

3. Not being in faith when they ask for healing. Matt 9:22 & 29, Mark 10:52, Luke 7:50, 17:19 Let it be to you according to your faith. We know without faith we can't expect to receive. Heb 11:6, James 1:6