Twenty Ways in Which God Shows His Will for Healing of the Sick

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1. By the Redemptive and Covenant Name, Jehovah-Rapha—translated: "I am the Lord that healeth thee."

2. By the Old Testament types of the atonement given in connection with the healing of the body; which types Christ adopted and applied to Himself and to His atonement.

3. By God's healing activities throughout the Old Testament.

4. By Christ's atonement which was in behalf of all that live on earth while He is in heaven, for it is written, "Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses."

5. By the healing ministry of Christ, during which time He healed "all that were oppressed of the devil"; when He was doing and revealing to us the unchanging will of God.

6. By the fact of Christ's unchanging compassion, which on all occasions moved Him to heal all who came to Him for healing.

7. By Christ's promise to continue and to augment His works of mercy through our prayers while He is glorified at the right hand of God (John 14:12-14).

8. By Christ's great commission to the Church, which bids us preach all the Gospel—which includes healing—in all the world, to all nations, to every creature, with all power, throughout all the days, to the end of the age. This commission contains Christ's promise, "They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover" (Mark 16:18).

9. By Christ's command to "any sick" in the Church, during the Church Age, to be anointed for healing (James 5:14).

10. By the fact that Christ "set" or *established in* the Church, after He was glorified, the "gifts of healing," of "faith" and of "miracles."

11. By the purpose for which the Bible says Christ was manifested, viz., "to destroy the works of the devil."

12. By the fact that every believer may be "thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Paul prayed that believers might be made "perfect in every good work". He instructed Titus to "affirm constantly" that believers should "be careful to maintain good works." He declared that believers had been "created unto good works." He affirmed that one purpose of Christ's work was that He might have "a peculiar people, zealous of good works." He exhorted believers to be "always abounding in the work of the Lord." And one of the Lord's last and greatest promises was to "him that overcometh, and keepeth My works unto the end." These commandments cannot be obeyed, nor can these privileges be enjoyed by the count

less thousands of the sick and afflicted unless they have first *been* healed by Divine power.

13. By the fact that at Calvary Christ redeemed us from the law's curse, including every disease known to the human race (Gal. 3:13; Deut. 28).

14. By the words "salvation"• and "saved," which mean to be made sound; both being applied sometimes to the body, at other times to the soul.

15. By the fact that we are living in the Miracle Worker's age, the Spirit's dispensation, during which God has given the Spirit in order that miracles may be wrought: "He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit *and worketh miracles among* you" (Gal. 3:5).

16. By God's many promises throughout the Scriptures, both the Old and the New Testaments.

17. By the fulfillment throughout the Book of Acts of Christ's promises to perpetuate His works from God's right *hand* while He is in heaven.

18. By the great men and movements of the Church Age.

19. By the fact that Jesus Christ is "the same yesterday, and today, and forever," and by the many other Scriptures concerning healing which we have discussed from time to time.

20. By the fact that thousands upon thousands suffering from all manner of afflictions have been graciously healed by the Lord in healing campaigns in the principal cities of the United States and Canada.

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