

Understanding and Using the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Lesson 14: Faith and Healing

In this lesson, we will see that receiving a healing can be different for a saved person and an unsaved person.

An EVANGELIST
has a ministry to
the UNSAVED,
to lead them to
Christ.



A PASTOR has a ministry to the SAVED, to bring them into discipleship.





An evangelist and a pastor are likely to see very different results when it comes to healing because of the difference in their work.



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Faith in God is not required in healings like this because the recipients do not have faith.



When Peter and John healed the lame man at the temple, the beggar's only part was to obey Peter's instruction.



Acts 3:4-7

- 4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.
- 5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.
- 6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.
- 7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted *him* up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.



To the man who was born blind, Jesus required only that he wash his eyes.



John 9:1-5

- 1 And as *Jesus* passed by, he saw a man which was blind from *his* birth.
- 2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?
- 3 *Jesus* answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.
- 4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.
- 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.



John 9:6-7

- ⁶ When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay,
- ⁷ And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.



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Compare what we just read with the healing of the two blind men.



Matthew 9:27-30

- ²⁷ And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, *Thou Son of David*, have mercy on us.
- ²⁸ And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, *Believe ye that I am able to do this?* They said unto him, *Yea, Lord.*
- ²⁹ Then touched he their eyes, saying, *According to your faith be it unto you.*
- ³⁰ And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, *See that no man know it.*



This 'certain woman' was a believer, a 'daughter' of Abraham.

She knew she only needed the *touch* of the Master.



Mark 5:25-29

- ²⁵ And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years,
- ²⁶ And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse,
- ²⁷ When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment.
- ²⁸ For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.
- ²⁹ And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in *her* body that she was healed of that plague.

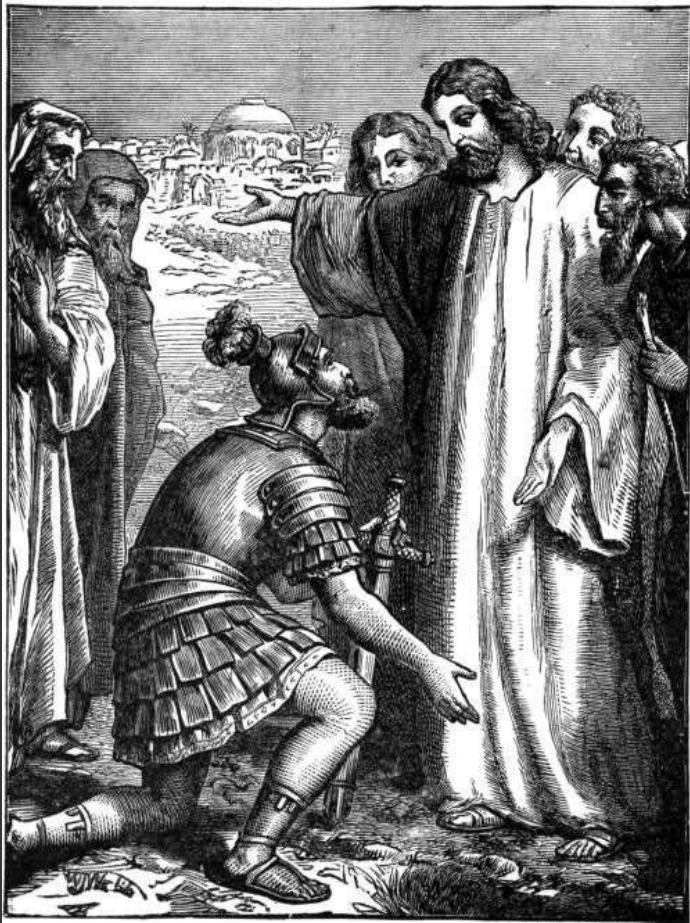


Mark 5:30-34

- ³⁰ And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes?
- ³¹ And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?
- ³² And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing.
- ³³ But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth.
- ³⁴ And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.

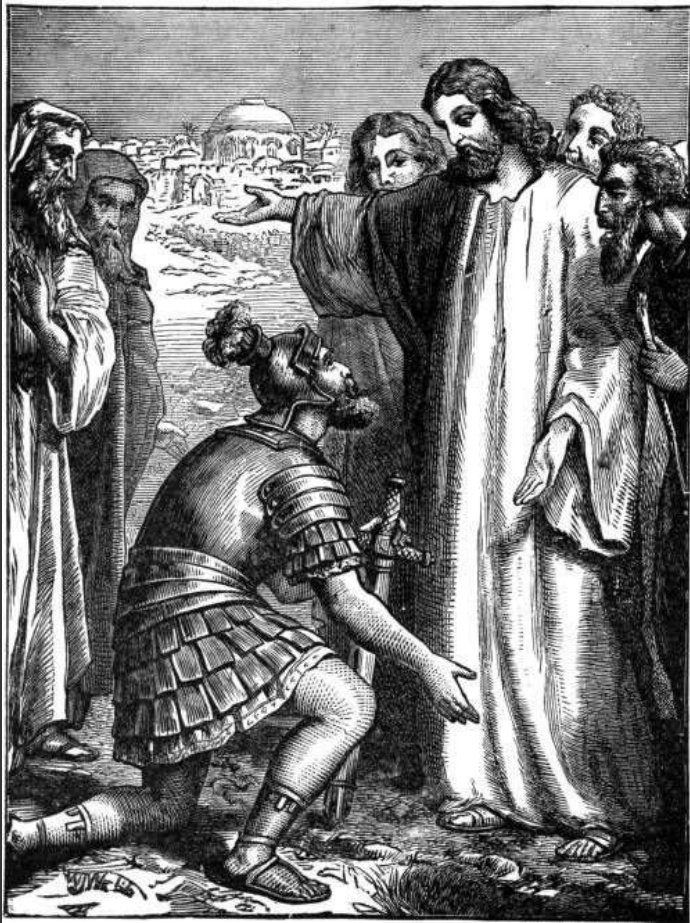


The Roman centurion knew he only needed to hear the word of the King.



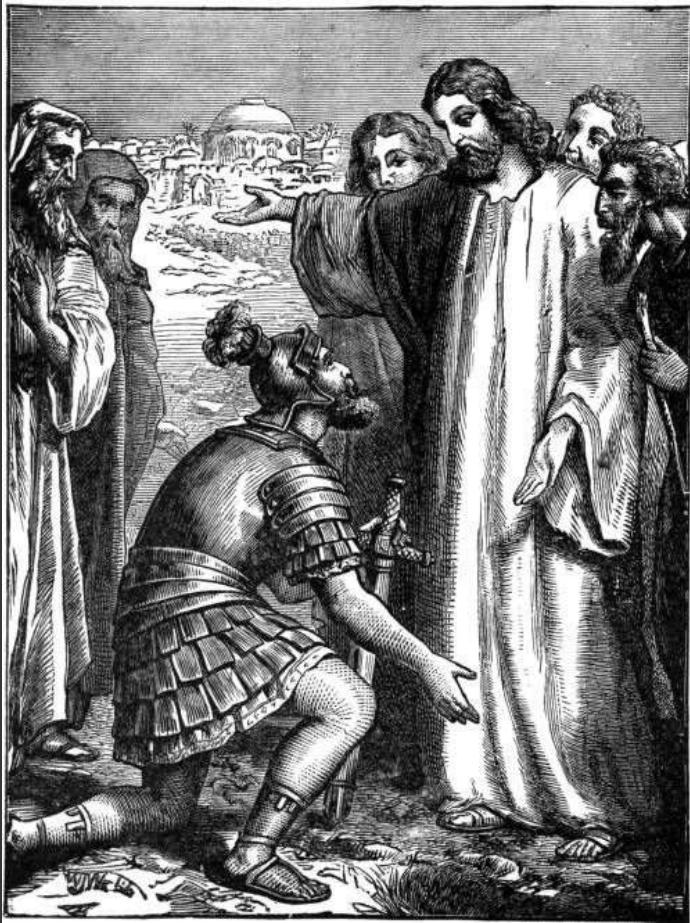
Matthew 8:5-7

- ⁵ And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him,
- ⁶ And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.
- ⁷ And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.



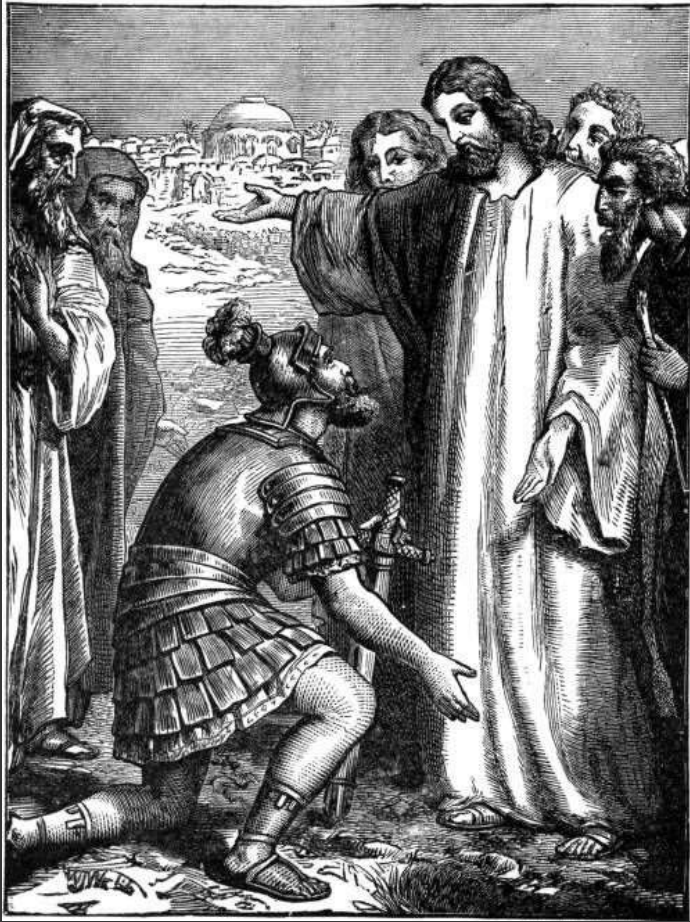
Matthew 8:8-9

- ⁸ The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.
- ⁹ For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this *man*, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth *it*.

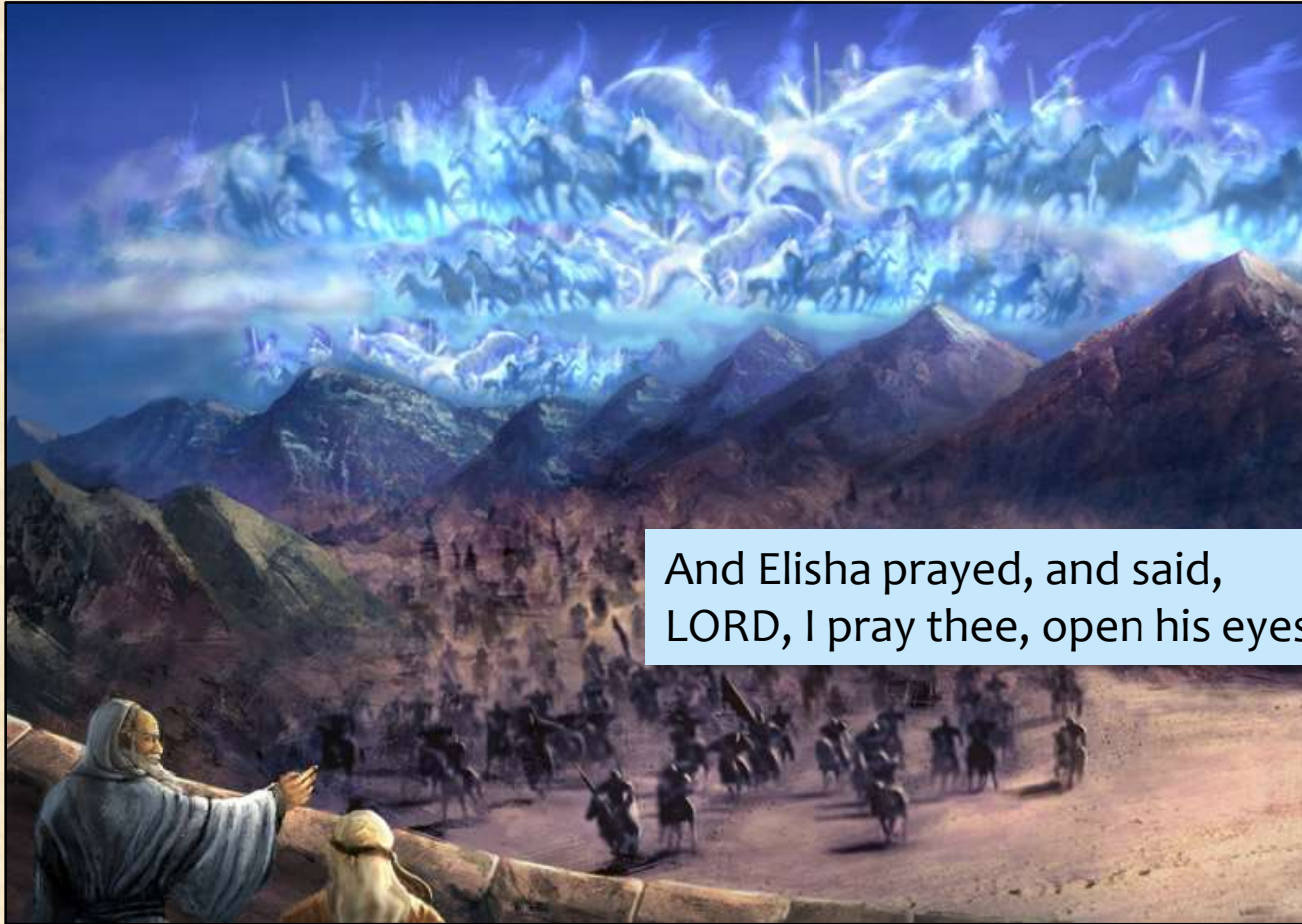


Matthew 8:10, 13

- ¹⁰ When Jesus heard *it*, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.
- ¹³ And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee.
And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.



Where does a person get such great faith?



And Elisha prayed, and said,
LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see.

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You could also say,

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We receive healing the same way
we receive Christ, with love and
thankfulness.

Jeremiah 17:14

Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be
healed;
save me, and I shall be saved:
for thou *art* my praise.



Healing is a gift of mercy.

Psalm 41:4

I said, LORD, be merciful unto me: heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee.

It is a gift of compassion.

Matthew 14:14

And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

As it was for King Hezekiah, a
gift of healing is a gift of TIME.



2 Kings 20:1-3

1 In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death.

And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live.

2 Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the LORD, saying,

3 I beseech thee, O LORD, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done *that which is good* in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.



2 Kings 20:4-6

- 4 And it came to pass, afore Isaiah was gone out into the middle court, that the word of the LORD came to him, saying,
- 5 Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the LORD.
- 6 And I will add unto thy days fifteen years; and I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.



With this gift of 15 years, King Hezekiah was able to complete his life's work. He lived to see the defeat of the Assyrians, and the rebirth of Jerusalem's prosperity in the years after the wars.



2 Kings 20:20-21

- ²⁰ And the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and all his might, and how he made a pool, and a conduit, and brought water into the city, *are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?*
- ²¹ And Hezekiah slept with his fathers: and Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.



When sickness tries to cheat you out of running your race to completion, you can go to God just like Hezekiah.



May God grant all of us the time we
need to leave this world in peace.





Except for those who live to see
Christ's return, death is inevitable.



Psalm 89:48

What man *is he that* liveth, and
shall not see death?
shall he deliver his soul from the
hand of the grave?





The RESURRECTION OF THE JUST –
and not the gift of healing –
is God’s ultimate remedy for sickness
and death.



1 Corinthians 15:54

So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, **then** shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.



The man who wrote this psalm died a long time ago. Was he lying when he said “I shall not die”?

Psalm 118:17

I shall not die, but live, and
declare the works of the LORD.



But as the context shows, David was writing of *everlasting* life. He knew that death would not have the final victory.

Psalm 118:18-20

- ¹⁸ The LORD hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death.
- ¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, *and* I will praise the LORD:
- ²⁰ This gate of the LORD, into which the righteous shall enter.



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Isaiah 53:5

But he was wounded for our transgressions, *he was bruised* for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was upon him*; **and with his stripes we are healed.**



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1 Peter 2:24-25

- ²⁴ Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness:
by whose stripes ye were healed.
- ²⁵ For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.





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Every healing declares the gospel in the way God
wants it made known, in word and in power.

Our work is to make known *his* work:

Luke 4:18-19

¹⁸ The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

¹⁹ **To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.**



It is STILL the acceptable time:

1 Timothy 2:3-4

- 3** For this *is* good and acceptable
in the sight of God our Saviour;
- 4** Who will have all men to be
saved, and to come unto the
knowledge of the truth.



Up next, in our final lesson, we learn how to have a truly great ministry in the eyes of the LORD.

Questions to help you understand the lesson:

1. In the healing of the man born blind, what was required of the man?
2. In the healing of the two blind men, what was required of them?
3. The woman with the issue of blood knew she only needed Christ's _____.
4. The centurion knew he only needed Christ's _____.
5. What is God's ultimate remedy for sickness and death?

Each question is worth 20 points.



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