

# Scriptural Foundations for Healing

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This document outlines what the Scriptures say about healing and God's attitude toward sickness, health, and natural healing.

## The Scriptural Foundation

We must begin with this: God is All . . . and in all.

There are three phases to this truth.

Phase One: Creation began in total harmony and absolute perfection, until . . . “unrighteous was found” in creation (Ez. 28.15).

Phase Two: During the rebellion, this truth is hidden and denied.

Phase Three: Throughout the ages, this truth is revealed and acknowledged, (1 Cor.15:28).

1. Acts 17:24f . . . **God** who made the world and everything in it . . . **gives to all life, breath and all things**. (God) is not far from each one of us; for **in Him we live and breathe and have our being**.”
2. Rm. 1:19. For since the creation of the world **His invisible attributes, His eternal power and His divine nature** has been clearly seen **being understood through what has been made** . . .
3. Col. 1:16, 17 . . . all things were created by Him and for Him . . . and He is before all things and **in Him all things hold together**.
4. Heb. 1:3 . . . (He) Phero. (Gk.), **Upholds, sustains, maintains, all things by His power**.

God's presence “in all” guarantees life, health and healing in every living thing. All of life proves that healing is a Natural Law that God maintains in all plants, animals and humans. From the microcosm to the macrocosm, every cell of any kind, immediately seeks to heal or defend itself when it is hurt or comes under attack. **Healing is Natural to all of life**. Jesus said, the Father who “feeds the birds and clothes the lilies” cares much more for the “little-faiths.”

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Jesus expresses God's unconditional love demonstrated by Natural Law to all men in numerous ways.

5. Mt. 5:44,45 . . . pray for those who persecute you that you may be sons of your Father; who causes **His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.**

Jesus separated the sufferings of those inside and outside the covenant from their personal unrighteousness or attempted righteousness based on law. In other words the Natural Laws, including the Natural Healing Laws work because of the **goodness of God** not because of the righteousness of man.

6. Lk. 13:3,4. Jesus comments on Galileans who Pilate had killed. **“Do you suppose that these were greater sinners because they suffered this fate? I tell you no . . .”**
7. On Jews killed by the tower of Siloam. **Do you suppose that these were worse culprits that all the men who live in Jerusalem? I tell you, no . . .”**

Paul makes these same points in his address to the idol worshipers at Lystra.

8. Acts 14:15f . . . “We are men of the same nature as you . . . turn from these vain things to a living God, who made heaven and the earth, and the sea, and all that is in them . . . He did not leave himself without witness, in that **He did good and gave you rains and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and joy.**”

By His actions and words, Jesus identified sickness, diseases and physical infirmities with the activity of Satan. Summarized by:

9. Jn. 10:10. **“The thief comes only to steal, kill and destroy.”**

Peter affirmed that Jesus was the “exact representation of God's nature” with these words to the household of Cornelius.

10. Acts 14:38. **“Jesus . . . went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, because God was with Him.**

John said it this way:

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11. 1Jn. 3:8. “The Son of God came for this purpose . . . **to destroy the works of the Devil.**”

The miracles, deliverances and instantaneous healings performed by Jesus or His followers, in His name, have the express purpose of expanding our awareness of the invisible attributes, the eternal power, and the divine nature, i.e., the goodness and the love of God revealed in the Natural Healing Laws God has made.

God so loved the world that He gave Jesus, glorified Jesus, and bears witness to The Message of Jesus with signs and wonders. Miracles performed by God in Jesus name either transcend or super-charge the Natural healing process, they do not contradict, displace or condemn the Natural Healing Laws. We can confidently say that every person who is miraculously healed is restored by God to His Natural Healing Laws, (His normal invisible presence), which operates in every living thing, twenty-hours a day, from conception or germination till death.

Given that man is created in the image of God, it is safe to conclude that nothing that can be seen reveals in a purer light the invisible attributes, the eternal power and the Divine nature of God than the Natural Health and Healing Laws that are displayed in every fiber, indeed in the most minute organelles of the human cell.

Every year new discoveries reveal just how “fearfully and wonderfully we are made.” New insights into the Health and Healing properties of the body are made every year, conceivably every week! No one knows how many are yet to be discovered. Clearly our heavenly Father is as far ahead of medical science as His “thoughts are above our thoughts.”

**Key Point:** Natural laws are absolute and impersonal. They perform the exact same way for everyone, everywhere, regardless of a person’s individual philosophies or belief system.

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### Spiritual Warfare Issues

**1<sup>st</sup> Rule: “God is All and in all.”** In mystery beyond our comprehension God creates all and maintains all that he creates. Nothing in creation works apart from the presence of God.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Rule: Satan is not a creator.** The Devil is a deceiver, a counterfeiter. He has nothing to work with except God’s given equipment. His major means of attack is to lie about the truth. Normally this deception causes men to attribute success to themselves and their abilities. Referred to in scripture as “knowledge,” which puffs up, the wisdom of men, the doctrine of demons or servants of Satan disguising themselves as ministers of righteousness.

### Supernatural Powers of the Devil

There are biblical references to the supernatural powers of Satan. His God-approved attacks against Job, the duplication of the first three plagues by the magicians of Egypt, plus the warnings of the power of Satan that will accompany “the man of lawlessness,” II Thess. 2:9, and the two beasts of The Revelation. These powers are primarily demonstrated in those who have given themselves over to Satan or through altered states of consciousness have tapped into spiritual realms that are off-limits. The judgment of Gen. 11 was to stop a universal breakthrough in the spirit that caused the Lord to declare, “This is what they have begun to do and now nothing will be impossible for them.” one of the most amazing verses in the entire bible. Clearly, we must conclude that healing of the body may be accomplished by satanic power.

### Western Medicine

Modern medicine is based on the “scientifically” observable. Specifically it treats sickness and diseases by cutting, burning or synthetic chemicals. Because we have grown up with Western medicine it is difficult for us to look at it like we would if we had not be born in Western hospital and treated by Western medicine all our lives. Just imagine what conservative, discerning believers would say if they had never heard of Western medicine and suddenly it was on the scene. These Doctors have taken a healing oath in the name of a pagan god! These Doctors practice under the symbol of a two-headed-serpent, a pagan symbol of eternal life. Many doctors deny

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God, ridicule scripture, and worship daily at the altar of “The Wisdom of Man.” And they want to cut you open. Or they want to give you man-made drugs that have numerous side effects. (Just watch a commercial on television about the latest drug. The list of side effects take longer to enumerate than the benefits!)

**Natural healing is natural and it is in fact the only way that healing takes place. Just ask any honest Western doctor.**

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