

Scriptures and Doctrine :: Some faith and receiving verses I don't really totally understand...?

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There are some general prosperity verses like

Malachi 3:10 -Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.

,but that may be Old Testament and interpreted to spiritual ends.

Then there is

Luke 6:38 - Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it shall be measured to you again.

, so I am not sure if this means that anything we give including money will be given back to us.

Or

2 Corinthians 9:8 - And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

Which is also in context of giving and receiving.

I am sure there are other verses.

Lastly, I will remark on this verse pertaining to ask and receive healing which would infer it is God's will for everyone to be healed if only they would believe and live and do correctly

James 5:14-15 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up.

Concluding, I would say that I hold to a position that it is not God's will to heal all before the 2nd coming not even those who have faith and live holy and are under spiritual elders ect. Nor am I persuaded that all the money and whatever else we give will be given back to us and multiplied even. I think that sometime God would have us suffer, or be tested, or just have some prophetic plan for us that does not include natural blessing. I don't know maybe I am wrong and would like to open up the discussion and hear from others. These are not the only verses I mean there are many others about believing and receiving this or that.

Re: Some faith and receiving verses I don't really totally understand... - posted by Lysa (), on: 2009/5/19 21:01

(<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/viewcat.php?cid63>) Gladys Aylward - Testimony

Listen to this woman give her testimony!! She speaks specifically about Malachi 3.10 and translates the Chinese version of this verse and it's beautiful. *"The great, over and above all One, Jehovah, who controls the hosts leans saying, "If you will bring into my storehouse your **completed** tithe that my family may be sustained, then you can prove me and see if I will not open wide windows in heaven pouring out blessings so many you will never be able to use them all."*

Her explanation of what the Lord has shown her about this verse proves that all doesn't meet the eyes!!

We from America usually tend to see things from a "prosperity" TO US WARD!! Does that make sense? LOL

I'd say there is another way (God's way) to these verse than we realize!

God bless you!

Re: , on: 2009/5/19 22:16

I think when you have the holy spirit the desire is never on receiving back truly but God promises to give back to those who honor him, who have right heart. Our shouldn't be in giving to receive it just shouldn't, if God wants to he can. Sometimes it is God's will that we don't get healed, look at Paul in Corinthians, he was delivered. This flesh this life here does not mean as much as our eternal life. I do not agree with the health and wealth prosperity gospel today at all. God has healed me before and at other times hasn't but that is up to him not us and we have no right to point the finger at God but ask him to give us peace and strength and grace. According to scripture God has a will and some of it we do not know, so being poor or unhealthy could be a way of using us to speak to others. Millions of Christians have been martyred for their faith and our Lord Jesus was crucified but that was here, but in eternity is where they are reigning, so to expect everything to be perfect for us would not always be so. But hey I could be wrong.

Re: - posted by anonymity, on: 2009/5/19 22:21

Lysa,

Thank you for your reply. I think I see what you are saying. You are saying that we think that Christianity and the Gospel and so forth is all about us instead of the glory of God first. So possibly you are saying that this receiving will be us receiving to give to God or something.

Re: - posted by anonymity, on: 2009/5/19 22:35

bible4life,

That point about Paul was a good point. I think I have heard some people debate whether it was an illness or something, I am not sure if it had any legitimacy to it. So I guess it would just depend on the will of God. Possibly though we often think it is His will to not heal more than it really is. I mean if James says you "will" be healed and Paul blames the Corinthians' sickness on them not taking the Lord's Supper with the right attitudes then possibly there should be many more healings than there are and possibly to not be healed is more of the exception than the rule or majority. Lastly, the life of Jesus healing so many and using it as a witness to say if I can heal you naturally then I can surely heal you spiritually. I mean God greatly desires to propagate His Gospel and so much of the burden is on us and this I can say by revelation. I feel like I am receiving more clarity on this topic as much of my denomination though claiming to believe in gifts yet lack emphasis and practice in it and often shuns it. So if God wants to propagate then Gospel then He surely wants to heal since signs and wonders are proof that God is working with you.

As for us never wanting to receive back I am not sure that is totally true. I say this because Jesus seeks to motivate us by rewards. One might say well our reward is to give more glory to God and sacrifice more. I am not sure that is totally legitimate. I think that when we are blessed then God is glorified even in that. And that not only will we receive rewards but we will be able to use those rewards to serve God. Last thought is the scripture that states that the least on earth will be served in heaven.

Re: Jesus Has Done It All - posted by ChrisMo (), on: 2009/5/19 22:49

I have been listening to Derek Prince, he has some excellent messages on his website. He talks about how Jesus has done it all on the cross, I don't know why we are always limiting the work that Jesus did on the cross, if we do that we are saying that Jesus did it for nothing.

In regards to healing, it says in Isaiah 53:

4 Surely He has borne our griefs

And carried our sorrows;

Yet we esteemed Him stricken,

Smitten by God, and afflicted.

5 But He was wounded for our transgressions,

He was bruised for our iniquities;

The chastisement for our peace was upon Him,

And by His stripes we are healed.

Please do not be one of those people that say it means our spiritual healing only.

He went to the cross for all we need.

I know why a lot of people don't want to think like this, it is because there are so many lukewarm Christians out there, that does not mean to say that we have to swing the total opposite way, I know I tended to do this when I first realised that I

had been lukewarm, but God in His graciousness, has helped me see that it does not have to be this way. He has done it all for me, how blessed am I, that does not mean that I grab at all the things He has done, all I want is His will for my life, I love Him more than my life & would be willing to lay my life down for Him.

But in the meantime I will be expectant for Him to move in me by His precious Holy Spirit & if that means He wants to bless me, I will not be saying no. He knows what we can handle & He will not give us any more than that.

Re: - posted by anonymity, on: 2009/5/19 23:06

ChrisMo,

I won't say that it is only spiritual. I can't say for sure that it means natural for if such were the case and someone interpreted it to mean everyone should be healed since everyone should be saved I am not quite persuaded that all are willing to be healed at least that is now on earth though I am sure by the renewal of all things.

I would have at once said it was only spiritual but I am not at this point going to say that for sure. I would say this though that if that verse meant that healing and the Gospel were one and the same then would not all who were actually saved be healed. Or if we are to be healed then why don't we just have body that we rid of any corruption but the truth is no matter how healthy we are we all have some degree of corruption since we are all dying.

I also thought let's say for instance that all the OT promises were all to us as natural. Let's say the majority of a nation turns to God. Does that then mean that the nation will get blessed naturally. Would that not be kingdom now theology. I am not so sure about those transformations videos where a bunch of crops and so forth were claimed to come forth because the people were turning to God. I haven't seen it so I can't say. This would go further into saying that the US was like the nation of God or something at one point. So my point is that it is not always wrong to interpret OT passages spiritually. I am not ready to go to the extreme and say that God does not bless nations. I would however also state that much of what God does is through martyrdom and such as in China.

Re: , on: 2009/5/19 23:48

I don't want to get into an argument or anything but if you read Isaiah 53 carefully it is pertaining to our sins and his death and resurrection has defeated death, sin, it is not talking about our physical body being healed but our sinful nature being redeemed by the saviour. By him bearing our sins on the cross we now can be healed of the death of sin, I am sorry you might hear that a lot but you can't be biased or lean a certain way because you want to, what does the scripture in context say here. Here for an example I had a hard time believing God chose certain people and I would not believe because I said God couldn't do that but I decided to study the scripture on it and that is exactly what God showed me that he in my interpretation of scripture that I think God revealed to me through seeking was exactly what my biased flesh didn't want me to believe. I could be wrong, but look at historical Christianity interpretation over the past 2000 years and you might get a better understanding. One thing also God can heal at anytime, he can, but if you don't get healed right away and say you have repented of everything and are living almost completely without spot in Christ which is impossible then maybe it is God's will but my pastor for an example wasn't healed right away, he had to get surgery after waiting on God for 2 years, my friends get sick still. We our sinners who have the grace of God for us being saved, God can do anything. Read the story of the missionary David Livingstone, and others. I think certain churches can get you this mind set too, actually I think they focus too much on healing, signs, and not the word of God and a holy righteous lifestyle, hey I say it because I have been around it. Hey I have been healed of many things of God, but right now I have had a serious spine injury and have prayed, repented done everything, maybe it is not in his will for me and maybe my sin caused which I actually believe but, I don't think scripture promises a perfectly healthy life but it does eternal life, I mean don't you see the death and of martyrs of Christians over the past 2000 years as a saying we are going to get persecuted, go through death for this faith, but I could be wrong.

Re: Jesus is our all - posted by ChrisMo (), on: 2009/5/20 1:05

We can look in the New Testament at Mat 8:

16When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick. 17This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

"He took up our infirmities
and carried our diseases."

I can take this no other way than physical healing.

I believe that the reason a lot of don't get healed is that we truly don't believe in healing.

Mat 9:2-7 Some men brought to him a paralytic, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take

e heart, son; your sins are forgiven."

3At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, "This fellow is blaspheming!"

4Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, "Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? 5Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? 6But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins...." Then he said to the paralytic, "Get up, take your mat and go home." 7And the man got up and went home.

I think these days most people think it is easier to be saved than be healed, but when Jesus walked it was easier for them to believe in healing than in saying your sins are forgiven.

Part of this is because becoming a christian has been made as small as saying a prayer, when we all know it is a lifestyle.

Re: - posted by learn (), on: 2009/5/20 4:52

Quote:

anonymity wrote:

....So if God wants to propagate then Gospel then He surely wants to heal since signs and wonders is proof that God is working with you.

Just a quick note. In the bible proof of God working in and with you is the fruits of the spirit and not signs and wonders. (By their fruits you shall know them.... Many will say ..perform miracles. Then I will tell them plainly, "i never knew you..... Matthew 7:15-23) And I also disagree with the statement that 'to propagate the Gospel, then He surely wants to heal.' He mat/may not chose to heal, my suspicion is more often than not He chose not to heal the physical illness in these times as compared to bible times.

Re: - posted by anonymity, on: 2009/5/21 4:24

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I understand what you are saying. It is true that fruit is one of the main proofs of salvation. However, I would also say that signs and wonders are also fruit the fruit of anointing by God. It is true that Judas did signs and yet was damned in the end. However, God does not give out giftings to evil men. One might say that Judas was evil but he may not have been at that point and even if he was there is only enough proof to say that this instance was an exception to the rule in God's prophetic providence and plans. For instance Hosea married a harlot because God told Him to, and we know this is not the rule. Stephen for instance is an example of how he was chosen because of his godly reputation and faithfully served as a Deacon and then was anointed and his face was as an angels. Now, speaking about the anti Christ and signs to deceive these are false signs that are also inferior like Jannes and Jambres and God will show as a testimony that His signs are greater to attest to the true prophets. Also, the very word "sign" denotes that it is something that is there to prove or show and in this case God. So, signs are to prove the Gospel. If you don't agree with this I will share some scriptures to show you and I derive my theology wholly from Scripture. Throughout history God has used signs to prove to man like Aarons rod, the red sea, ect.

Acts 2:22

Acts 14:3

2 Corinthians 12:12

Hebrews 2:4

Quote:

-----I also disagree with the statement that 'to propogate the Gospel, then He surely wants to heal.'

If you would have taken into account the whole of my message you would see that I said that I am not persuaded that God wants to heal all. I did however say that I think most and it is the exception to not want to and much of it is on the part of man. The reason I say if God wants people saved then He wants them healed is because Jesus did signs to attest to the Gospel and therefore if God wants to save people then He wants to do what it takes to do so namely signs. The Scripture I was quoting was when Jesus said is it easier to heal a man or to forgive his sins if therefore it is then why do you not believe I can forgive sins. Or He said do not come for the bread but for the sign and He did not mean come for entertainment but come because if you see the sign you will see what it is pointing to.

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This is something I would like to remark on if I may. Your suspicion may be rooted in an evil heart of unbelief. It may not I don't know, but I can say in the past it has been for me. I was convinced that it was not, but that is the nature of deception that you do not know you are deceived. The natural man cannot understand spiritual truths and even so as Christians as we are maturing from that natural state we are often to certain degrees not understanding. Also, about "bible times" I can say that in the past as well I felt this way a little that how could such things happen in our day it is so far off it is almost mythical and so many things would pressure me towards that. Hear me on this though Scripture says that God will pour His Spirit out in the last days. Are we not deeper in the last days then even the Apostles? I would say that as the day draws near that the Spirit of God will be poured out with more abundance. We are living in Bible times we are the continuation of the book of Acts yet we have the book of Revelation imagine if the Apostles had the book of Acts before they lived it that is what we have in Revelation a book that tells us the things we as the Church will be experiencing hard times but gloriously anointed ones! The old testament period and all the great things that happened then are but shadows of the things that are to happen in our days. The early new testament were but the beginnings they were to be an example and exhort us for even harder and more glorious times as Paul was to be an example to those later and how He foretold of perilous times to come. If you hold to a theology that says that gifts were only for those times or whatever I would lastly like to note that the verse which Peter quoted in Acts about the Spirit being poured out in the last days was in context to the day of the Lord and the tribulation which has yet to come upon us, but as most feel is soon upon us.

Re: - posted by learn (), on: 2009/5/22 12:54

Hi Anonymity,

I did read your previous posts before replying earlier. and I do know that you have mentioned that you are not persuaded that God will heal all earlier, thus I had to say I was also somewhat surprised to see when you posted those sentences which I quoted you in my earlier post.

However, the only reason I wrote what I wrote earlier is because I think those few (not all) sentences of yours may mislead those newer to the faith and its and not because I'm interested in debating this matter (although I can understand that my post may have given some sort of this impression). Thus, that's why I quoted only a few scriptures to explain and 'talked' very little.

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Still no interest to debate on this matter (although I do not agree with your views in your latest posts) except to say that no, my suspicion is not rooted in an evil heart of unbelief as you seem to think it may possibly be. Each of us have our own journey with God

and each of us will have difficulty and be possibly deceived in different areas (and sometimes the same areas).

Re: Some faith and receiving verses I don't really totally understand...?, on: 2009/5/22 17:45

anon,

I don't know. A lot of the questions that the Body of believers ask, or areas of theology that engender legitimate dialogue among the Church, I personally veer away from...prosperity, pre-destination, premillennialism, etc etc etc, my view is this, meaning where the Spirit leads me, "I believe God", and "I believe on Jesus and Him Crucified", or as Paul, swept along by the Spirit said in Philippians:

Quote:

-----I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through Him Who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:10-13 (the above is ESV)

the less I "know", or strive to figure out in my human mind, and the more I open a circumsized heart to His Will, the smaller I become, little, low before Him, then He can use me, if it is His Will, no matter what the "size of my wallet", or the eloquence of my speech, or the hard religiosity of my view of "doctrine", only when I become less, and He becomes more, is anybody fit for service in the Lord, just to cast all flesh away, and to say "I believe You, Master of the Universe, Yahweh"...by life or by death.

to be nothing, so that He can be Everything.

God bless you, keep you, love you, neil

Re: , on: 2009/5/24 1:09

The scripture actually tells us that all that our not born again our at enmity against God, that means they hate God. All of the epistles teach our about living righteous and holy, signs will only happen if God gives that to happen, but remember it is God not us doing it, the signs that your a believer is our new nature and that God has changed our wicked, god hating being into a servant of the living God to be a righteous holy people, many people our decieving everyone saying signs and miracles our proof but it is not the main proof. Many christians today in the scholarly world believe that signs were for the new testament church and ended their, but who knows but miracles is not the main sign. The main sign is that God is living in us and that we know that he has forgiven us of our sins, i am not miracles and signs don't happen but i don't think they our the main sign.

Re: - posted by anonymity, on: 2009/5/24 2:02

Learn,

I see so you thought some of the sentences I wrote sounded off. I probably could have written more exactly. I was hoping though that in saying what I did that they would be taken in context, but I understand that this does not always happen. But, yeah, like I said I do believe that since God wants to save He also wants to give signs since signs lead to salvation. This is not always the case, but I'd say most of the time. However, I mean HE always wants to but it is the people who are disobedient in some way and because of that HE does not want to though He does if you see what I am saying. So in one sense He wants to heal the Pharisee but in another sense He does not once again if you see what I am saying.

I do not want to argue either. I do however like to discuss these things for edification. Some people cannot discuss without arguing which is sad, but it is what it is. It is true we are all at different places in our walk and the Lord is working in all of us in different ways.

Re: - posted by anonymity, on: 2009/5/24 2:10

Neil,

Hello brother God bless you.

I think you have noticed that I sometimes post questions that can be difficult. I do not post to be difficult but because they are difficult and I would like to discuss them to have them answered. I hope that you notice that I am not posting and then arguing or something. I am just trying to discuss and it is true that sometimes people will argue or something which can be edifying, but I don't really know what to do about that on a forum like this you have young and old strict and relaxed.

As for bringing these topics up and the need to correct. I think that it is important to bring these topics up. I also understand that the main thing is the love of Christ and so forth but these truths are tied to true love they are one and the same. I know that these topics can be discussed in a false spirit, but my aim is truth. I like to talk about prosperity, predestination, and premillennialism all of these doctrines have practical value to how we walk. For instance much of the Church is going down false paths because of their lack of true doctrine.

Thanks for the exhortation and I know the importance of it and need to be reminded. I have partook in conversation about doctrine that was done in the flesh and for a time decided not to talk about doctrine but I do not want to go to extremes.

Re: - posted by anonymity, on: 2009/5/24 2:25

Bible4life,

Yes it is true that signs will only come to those who are obedient. I tried to kind of clear it up with Learn a second ago saying that God wants to heal most people but most people are disobedient so He in another sense does not want to heal most people though He does initially. For example God wants to save all people but if they don't repent He also wants to send them to hell.

There are false signs today and I would say many maybe most that are claimed to be are false. But, if you notice I have been talking about genuine miracles those which overcome the false signs from sorcerers like in Egypt with Moses.

I would agree that the main sign is loving God and one another. However I do not want to say that importance of signs are a little. As it says signs will follow those who believe it is an integral part of evangelism and one of the main workings of God. I say with Paul I would that you lacked in no gift. It is vital.

As for those teachers which teach Cessationism or that the gifts have ceased I would say are emphatically false. I would even say that as we as conservative Christians take other false teaching seriously that we should also take this false teaching as such. I have thought about this view and studied it over thoroughly. They'd say that the gifts were only for the founding of the Church maybe kind of sort of like a kick start. They will sight the verse which says that the Apostle and prophets were for the foundation of the Church. It sure says that but it does not say that they have ceased or that we do not need that foundation to continue. I'll say again Joel tells us that in the last days that Spirit will be poured out on all flesh and they prophesy and this is in context to the tribulation and this has yet to occur. And I just thought if prophets have ceased then who are the 2 witnesses who blow fire from their mouths are they not prophets and do they not prophesy. Or if signs have ceased then where did the fire come from.

The mass of the Churches theology of eschatology is fundamentally off. As God delivered Israel from Egypt so He is coming to deliver His people from the Pharaoh Satan and from this world. So as God worked in that time mightily so He will again in the last time. The best times of the Church have not past but they are yet to be and to crescendo. Just as our salvation is greater so will be the signs.

Re: , on: 2009/5/25 1:51

You could be right brother, you could.

Re: - posted by anonymity, on: 2009/5/25 22:10

Bible4life,

I hope so I try not to be extreme and look at all things sincerely.

As for the cessationist thing. I understand that much of their stance on the subject is motivated by not wanting to be mixed up with all the false things going on today and I sympathize with that. I'd say also though that sometimes in us not wanting to be like something or attacking something we find false that we jump to the other extreme. My perception is that many different ministries "emphasize" in different things. The reason for this is because they have received revelation in this area. It is hard to find a well rounded ministry because it is hard to have revelation in many different things. A lot of the time a person who is gifted in the body as an evangelist will emphasize that ministry and then they will divide with pastors and that is just the way it is. This is why we need to continue in apostolic growth. Some of it is also based just on unbelief as well since these things are little seen but we need to derive our theology from scripture not from what we see. Hard times and I pray that the body comes to completion and that I not be one to tear things down in negativity.

Re: , on: 2009/5/25 22:54

I personally love the writings of men like Charles Spurgeon, Andrew Murray, Paris Reidhead, or speakers like Paul Washer. They reveal truth from the scriptures like no other. I believe like Paris Reidhead says that God doesn't save us so we can go to heaven but to make us holy righteous people who live to serve and glorify him, that's a great question why does God save us truly.