

How to Keep Your Healing

We all need to understand how to receive healing from Jesus and keep it. When we understand God's Word and act on it, it brings healing to our body, soul, and spirit. Our goal is to receive His healing and give our Father in heaven the glory.

Sickness is the result of an oppression of the devil: *"The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy..." (John 10:10).*

Jesus Christ came to **destroy the works of the devil**:

- *"Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him." (Acts 10:38)*
- *"The Son of God appeared for this purpose, that He might destroy the works of the devil." (1 John 3:8)*
- *"The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly." (John 10:10, NASB)*

The devil inflicts us with sickness and doesn't like it when God's Word brings healing and destroys his works. The devil will always try to reestablish his infliction by stealing the truth of the Word from us.

We see this in Matthew 13:19: *"When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, **the evil one comes and snatches away** what has been sown in his heart. This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road."*

The enemy wants to steal the Word before it can become firmly rooted in us to produce the healing. The devil knows that the Word of God is more powerful than his work of sickness—so he must try and cut off the Word in us before it gets rooted. Only seed that is firmly rooted can produce a harvest.

Let's look at what Jesus said about that seed in Matthew 13:20-21 and Luke 8:12:

- *"And the one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears the word, and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no firm root in himself, but is only temporary, and **when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away.**" Matthew 13:20-21*
- *"And those beside the road are those who have heard; **then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, so that they may not believe and be saved.**" Luke 8:12*

The word "**saved**" used here comes from the Greek word "**sozo**" which means: *kept safe and sound; rescued from danger; saved from suffering, from disease; made well, restored to health; saved from judgment.*

When we receive the Word on healing and prayer for healing—and healing happens—we receive it with joy! **But it must become firmly rooted in us**, because the devil will always try to inflict us with the very same symptoms to change our minds.

Matthew 13:21 says because of the Word, this affliction will be brought against us once again to cause us to fall away. Our faith in Jesus and the healing He gave will be challenged and tested.

The devil will once again bring the symptoms of the sickness to try and convince us that we are not healed. **This is a lying vanity. The root meaning of a lying vanity is something that comes against you to change your mind.** If the devil can cause us to look at symptoms instead of God's promise, he can convince us to believe his lie. When we focus on the symptoms, pain or whatever it is, doubt and unbelief come to our mind and this gives entrance for fear to re-establish the sickness.

- *"You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you." (Isaiah 26:3)*
- *"We are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ." (2 Corinthians 10:5)*

We need to hold fast to that which is good. We must **allow the Word to take root** so that it can complete the healing. Jonah is an example of this. He was swallowed up by the great fish and was in its belly for three days and nights, yet he did not give up on God and His promise. He said, *"Those who regard vain idols forsake their faithfulness, But I will sacrifice to You with the voice of thanksgiving."* (Jonah 2:8-9)

Jonah decided not to believe a lying vanity, but to trust God and God delivered him out of his circumstances. Had Jonah believed the lie, he would have lost his faith and not received deliverance.

How can we expect God to deliver us if we go by what the devil does rather than trust Him?

If symptoms return, **we must set our faith in God and His Word** and tell the enemy, no matter what, **we are not going to believe his lies.**

"Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you." (James 4:7)