DOES GOD ALWAYS WANT TO HEAL US?

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God has already provided healing for all in the exact same manner that He has provided forgiveness for all. He is not up in heaven deciding who gets healed and who doesn't. Just like He is not up in heaven deciding who gets forgiven and who doesn't. Jesus never prayed and asked God to heal anyone and He is the one that said we are supposed to be able to do EXACTLY what He did (i.e. heal the sick; see John 14:12). Instead He spoke to the sickness and told it to leave, or He simply laid hands on the sick person and healed them, or He commanded the sick person to do something they normally couldn't do. Jesus never asked God to heal and then wait for the "Yes" answer or the possible "No" answer (2Corinthians 1:20).

If it is God's will not to heal all, then Jesus failed to demonstrate that "fact" to us. Instead Jesus' demonstration of the Father was simply that God absolutely HATES sickness and HATES disease and HATES death. The same words that He used to REBUKE demons are the EXACT same words He used to REBUKE sickness (see Luke 4:39). Does Jesus love demons? No He rebuked them and cast them out. Does Jesus, therefore, love sickness? No He rebuked it and cast it out IN THE SAME MANNER, every single time. He treated demons and sickness EXACTLY THE SAME.

Do people fail to get healed? Absolutely. Do people fail to get forgiven? Absolutely. But does either of those indicate it is God's will for a person to not get healed and for a person to not get forgiven? No it does not. Situations and experiences DO NOT determine the meaning of God's Word. Has God provided forgiveness for all? Yes He has. Do some not get forgiven and go to hell? Yes they do. Has God provided healing for all? Yes He has IN THE EXACT SAME MANNER. Do some not get healed and die? Yes they do.

<u>Isaiah 53</u> and <u>Matthew 8:17</u> (among many other passages) emphatically and undeniably PROVE that physical healing is included in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ and is therefore for all. It is a fact. God does not renege on something HE HAS ALREADY PROMISED AND PROVIDED. It would be EXACTLY like your dad leaving you an inheritance and deposited it in your bank account. Then when you go to draw it out, he reneges and says, "No, you can't have it." He would be a liar and a cheat. God is not like that. What God deposited in your account 2000 years ago in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ is for you. God already answered "yes" to every forgiveness question, 2000 years ago. In the same manner God already answered "yes" to every healing question, 2000 years ago. He is not answering those questions again. When you ask Him, He merely points back to the cross and says, *"The cross answered that already, 2000 years ago"*. AMEN!

Did Jesus ever require ANYONE to keep their sickness so they could "realize how fragile and finite [their] current lives are"? Nope. Not ONE TIME. Show me ONE scripture that shows Jesus acting this way. Is this the way you teach YOUR CHILDREN? When your child suffers harm and hurt are you just going to stand back and say, "Well, I told you you were fragile and finite" and do nothing to help them? When YOUR CHILD suffers because of their own stupidity or carelessness, are you just going to stand back and say, "See? I told you not to do that. Now you have learned your lesson and you DESERVE to be sick. I'm not taking you to the doctor. I want you to stay sick to remind you."

No! A thousand times "No!". If you treated your children that way you'd be a child abuser and everyone on planet earth would want you locked away and your children taken from you. Do you love your children MORE THAN GOD? The God who calls Himself "Love"? No, you don't (see

Matthew 7:9-11).

God has already provided healing FOR EVERYBODY in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ IN THE SAME MANNER that He has provided forgiveness of sins FOR EVERYBODY in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ (Psalm 103:1-3). He is not actively deciding WHO gets their sicknesses healed and who doesn't, nor is he actively deciding WHO gets their sins forgiven and who doesn't.