Healing the Sick
Naturally Supernatural Series, Part 4

Part 1 – Why is there sickness?

#1 – Sickness was never God's idea.

God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. – Genesis 1:31

#2 – Why did God allow or cause sickness/death in the Old Testament?

21 The Lord will make the pestilence cling to you until He has consumed you from the land where you are entering to possess it. 22 The Lord will smite you with consumption and with fever and with inflammation and with fiery heat and with the sword and with blight and with mildew, and they will pursue you until you perish. Deuteronomy 28:21-22

A. The wages of sin is death.
B. God's judgments are always pointed at sin.
C. God always gave fair warning to the consequences of disobedience.
D. There was always an option to not be punished.

#3 – The fall of man and sin's introduction to the world.

15 Then the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it. 16 The Lord God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; 17 but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die." – Genesis 2:15-17

#4 – Today we are New Testament Believer's under the dispensation of Grace (church age). – Remember Keys of the Kingdom Analogy.

Part 2 – What does God say about sickness?

And He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. – 1 Peter 2:24

Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people. – Matthew 4:23

You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. – Acts 10:38

13 Is anyone among you suffering? Then he must pray. Is anyone cheerful? He is to sing praises. 14 Is anyone among you sick? Then he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; 15 and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him. – James 5:13-15

Part 3 – Our right to heal the sick.

Jesus summoned His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness… 7 And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give. – Matthew 10:1; 7-8

Key verses we have looked at: Mark 16:17-18, Luke 9:1, John 14:12, James 5:14-15.

Part 4 – Why do some not get healed?

A. Best answer = I don't know.

Three Extreme Views on sickness:

#1 – It's your fault – lack of faith.

#2 – It's God's will for you to be sick.

#3 – Healing is not available for today (cessationism).

B. Remember 1 Thessalonians 5:23 – Sickness is only in the physical body.

Part 5 – How to heal the sick.

1. Brief Interview

a. Ask the person for their name and what they want prayer for

b. Do not let them tell sob stories and speak negatively

2. Have faith and set a platform of faith.

a. This is as simple as thanking and praising God.

3. Command the sickness to leave.

a. Don't ask, beg or plead with God – He has already healed us!

b. You do not need long lengthy prayers – Jesus healed in a single word.

4. Command healing again if you see no results immediately and encourage faith.

5. Have person give report.

Part 6 – How *Not* to Heal the Sick.

A. Be impressed with sickness/disease.
B. Think long poetic prayers will heal the sick.
C. Beg God for healing.
D. Condemn or blame sickness on lack of works.

KEY TAKE AWAYS

#1 – Don't create a theology around lack/confusion.

#2 – Understand the power of receiving and believing.

#3 – Live based on truth not history.

#4 – Aim and act based off God's standard of healing.