

ENCOURAGING

PROMISES AND QUOTES ON HEALING

Psalm 120:1 In my distress I cried to the LORD, and He heard me.

Psalm 103:2-3 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases,

Isaiah 65:24 "It shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear.

Isaiah 40:29 He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength.

Isaiah 61:1,3 "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; (3) To console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified."

Jeremiah 17:14 Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for You are my praise.

Mark 11:24 Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

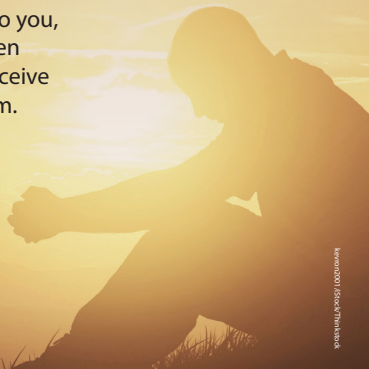


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Education p. 258 "For pardon for sin, for the Holy Spirit, for a Christlike temper, for wisdom and strength to do His work, for any gift He has promised, we may ask; then we are to believe that we receive, and return thanks to God that we have received."



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ANSWERING YOUR QUESTIONS

James 5:13-16 Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

What is an anointing?

The Bible describes three different types of anointings. (1) After bathing, people anointed themselves with oil for beautification. (2) When a priest, king, or prophet began his ministry, he was anointed with oil for consecration. (Priests and sanctuary furnishings were anointed with oil mixed with spices, Exodus 30:2-25). The word "Christ" or "Messiah" means "Anointed One." Quoting from Isaiah 61, Jesus claimed He was anointed of God, not only to preach to the poor, but to heal the brokenhearted, to give the oil of joy for their mourning. (3) Oil was also used medicinally, for example the Balm of Gilead in Jeremiah 8:22, 46:11, 51:8. When Jesus sent the disciples out to preach the gospel, they also cast out demons and anointed the sick with oil (Mark 6:13).

When is an anointing appropriate?

Anointing is not for extreme illnesses only. Nor is it for times when everything else has been tried and failed. Anointings are not "last rites." Whenever one is sick (spiritually, emotionally, physically, etc.), it is appropriate to request an anointing.

Who can be anointed?

Any Christian, who (1) believes that God "is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6) and (2) needs any type of healing, can be anointed.

Why is oil used during the anointing?

Oil is one of the biblical symbols of the Holy Spirit. Olive oil was the most commonly used oil during Bible times.



How should one prepare for an anointing?

James 5:16 connects confession of sin and healing. Privately confess your sins before God and reaccept His gift of eternal life. If you are "at odds" with anyone, make it right before the anointing. In others words, make sure you are right with God and others before the anointing.

Will I have to disclose why I'm requesting an anointing?

You don't have to give details. However, you should give enough information so the person(s) doing the anointing knows how best to pray.

What will happen during the anointing?

You will be introduced to those participating in the anointing. You will be asked what you want healed. Participants may share Bible promises or experiences with you. Next, people will pray for you (sometimes placing their hand upon you, and one will anoint you with oil. (Usually the person doing the anointing places a small amount of oil upon the person's forehead).

How can I know if I have been healed?

God wants to heal you! However, He will only heal you when it is best for you. In spite of our preferences, God might heal us either instantly, or through medical means, or at the Second Coming. If one is seeking spiritual healing, as soon as a person requests such, assuming he/she believes, he/she is healed spiritually. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

