

## If It Be Thy Will...

Let's pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who have trespassed against us and lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."

One of the greatest questions that people ask when it comes to prayer for the sick and for healing is this: "Is it God's will to heal?"

We want to be in God's will... We pray that His will would be done on earth as it is in heaven. There is probably nothing more important to committed Christians than to be "in the will of God our Father".

This being Father's Day I thought it would be appropriate to show the Father's Heart concerning Divine Healing.

Jesus told us that one of the reasons He came to earth was "To reveal the Father" to us. And, He also said that when we see him, we see the Father. So there is no better way to find out what God the Father's will is than to see what Jesus did and look at what he said.

So, let's go see Jesus...

John 5:1-9 "After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda (meaning the House of Kindness), having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, wilt thou be made whole? The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the Sabbath."

The five porches represent the five natural senses of seeing, hearing, feeling, tasting & smelling.

Waiting for the moving of the water represents someone looking for something in the natural to step out on.

Are you waiting for you senses to tell you that God wants to heal you? Or, are you asking in faith, receiving what you need from God.

Does God want to heal you?

Luke 5:12-13 And it came to pass, when he was in a certain city, behold a man full of leprosy: who seeing Jesus fell on his face, and besought him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And he put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will: be thou clean. And immediately the leprosy departed from him.

How do you think Jesus would answer these prayers:

1. Lord, if it be thy will, would you forgive my sins?
2. Lord, even though I've prayed and repented for my sins I still don't feel forgiven. Is it you will to forgive me?

We can all see without a doubt that the answer to these prayers would be "YES! It's my will to forgive you!"

No one has a doubt that God wants to forgive sins... That's settled in our hearts. In fact, even when we don't "feel forgiven" we have to rely on God's Word and accept our forgiveness even when we don't feel it.

We have seen that sin and sickness are linked in the Scriptures...

It is evident that the Lord had the same attitude towards sickness as He did towards sin...

He forgave all who asked Him to and He healed all who asked Him to!

Forgiveness comes through faith in the Word of God. Forgiveness does not rest in what our senses feel.

When someone asked Jesus; "Lord, if it be thy will, you can heal me." he responded with "Of course it's my will to heal you"!

Divine Healing also rests in the Scriptures and not in our feelings.

If we can believe that He wants to forgive us than the same Holy Spirit can activate our faith to believe that He wants to heal us too!

Before Jesus came they had to wait for the "moving of the water"... they had to see something before they could believe that God would heal them.

After Jesus came they didn't wait by the pool of Bethesda any longer... They went to Jesus and he healed them all!

So right now, don't wait for your senses to be stirred by some feeling (the moving of the water).

Trust in the words of Jesus: “Of course I want to heal you” and come and receive your healing!