

## Healing in the Old Testament

Figurative Healings (24)

Literal Healings (31)

### Literal healings

- by nature/time (4) Leviticus 13:18-20, 37; 14:2-4; Joshua 5:8
- by a miracle worker (4) Elijah (1) 1 Kings 17:17-24 (resurrection)  
Elisha (3) 2 Kings 4:8-37; 5:1-14; 13:20-21 (2 res.)
- by medical care (1) Exodus 21:18-19
- by God Himself (22)

### Literal healings by God Himself

- in answer to prayer (11) Genesis 20:17; 25:21-22; 30:22; Numbers 12; 1 Samuel 1:19-20; 1 Kings 13:1-6; 2 Kings 20:1-11; 2 Chronicles 30:13-20; Psalm 41:1-4; 107:17-22; Isaiah 19:19-25
- Providential intervention (5) Genesis 21:1-7; 29:31; Deuteronomy 32:39; Job 42; Isaiah 30:26
- reward for obedience (4) Exodus 15:26; 23:25-26; Numbers 21:4-9; Deuteronomy 7:12-15
- unique miracle (2) Exodus 4:1-9; Isaiah 35:6

### Purpose of literal healings by God Himself

- Build & protect covenant nation of Israel (7) Genesis 20:17; 21:1-7; 25:21-22; 29:31; 30:22; 1 Samuel 1:19-20; 2 Kings 20:1-11
- Picture/prophecy of Christ or a spiritual lesson (6) Numbers 12; 21:4-9; Deuteronomy 32:39; 2 Chronicles 30:13-20; Isaiah 30:26; 35:6
- God's blessing on His people (4) Exodus 15:26; 23:25-26; Deuteronomy 7:12-15; Psalm 41:1-4
- to authenticate/vindicate God's servant (3) Exodus 4:1-9; 1 Kings 13:1-6; Job 42
- for God's praise (2) Psalm 107:17-22; Isaiah 19:19-25

## Healing in the New Testament

### Miraculous Physical Healings (31)

Jesus	20	(disease, leprosy, lame, fever, bleeding, blindness, deaf, mute, demonic seizures, amputation, death)
Peter & Apostles	5	(lame, diseases, demons, death)
Paul	5	(lame, illness, demons, fever, venom, death)
Philip	1	(lame, demons)

### **Purpose of Miraculous Healings**

Signs of Messiah	(Mt. 4:23-25; 8:1-4; 8:14-17; 9:1-8; 9:27-31; 11:1-6; 20:29-34; John 9:1-41; 11:7-44)
Signs of Apostle	(Mt. 10:1-8; Acts 3-4; 5:12-16; 19:11-12; 2 Cor. 12:12)
Teach a Spiritual Lesson	(Mt. 17:14-23; Luke 13:10-17; 17:11-19; John 5:1-15)
Confirm Gospel	(Acts 8:4-8; 9:32-35; 14:8-18; 20:7-12)
Answer Request	(Mt. 8:5-13; 9:18-26; Mark 7:31-37; 8:22-26; John 4:43-54)
Provide for Widows	(Luke 7:11-17; Acts 9:36-43)
Personal Care	(Luke 22:49-51; Acts 28:7-10)

**Purpose of Gifts of Healing**  
(1 Cor. 12:1-11; 27-31)

- For the common good (1 Cor. 12:7)
- Sign to the Jews (1 Cor. 1:22)
- Confirm Gospel (Heb. 2:3-4)

**Non-Miraculous Healing**

- Of regular illness - take wine (medication) (1 Timothy 5:23)
- Of illness due to sin - call Elders (James 5:13-16)
- For continued health - pray (3 John 2)

**Reasons for Physical Sickness/Affliction**

- Part of life in a sin-cursed world (Romans 8:20-22)
- Demonic (Mt 17:14-18)
- Chastisement for personal sin (Luke 1:11-22; Acts 5:1-11; 1 Cor. 11:27-30)
- God's glory (John 9:1-3; 11:1-4)
- Faithful service (Philippians 2:25-30)
- Persecution of faithful service (2 Cor. 6:3-10; 11:23-29)
- Reveal sufficiency of grace (2 Cor 12:7-10)