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# Healing and Holiness

## **Genesis 1:27-31 (NIV®)**

<sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. . . . <sup>31</sup> **God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.** And there was evening, and there was morning--the sixth day.

## **Leviticus 11:45 (NIV®)**

<sup>45</sup> I am the LORD who brought you up out of Egypt to be your God; therefore **be holy, because I am holy.**

## **1 Peter 1:15-16 (NIV®)**

<sup>15</sup> "But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; <sup>16</sup> for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

## I. Holiness, in brief:

### A. Expressed in context of God's attributes

Exodus 15:11 (NIV®)

<sup>11</sup> "Who among the gods is like you, O LORD? **Who is like you-- majestic in holiness**, awesome in glory, working wonders?"

### B. Our responsibility to reflect God's holiness

Deuteronomy 32:51-52 (NIV®)

<sup>51</sup> "This is because both of you broke faith with me in the presence of the Israelites at the waters of Meribah Kadesh in the Desert of Zin and **because you did not uphold my holiness among the Israelites.** <sup>52</sup> Therefore, you will see the land only from a distance; you will not enter the land I am giving to the people of Israel."

### C. The Splendor/Beauty of Holiness

1 Chronicles 16:28-29 (NIV®)

<sup>28</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, O families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength, <sup>29</sup> ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name. Bring an offering and come before him; **worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.**

### D. Desire for holiness, cooperate with Holy Spirit

Romans 1:4 (NIV®)

<sup>4</sup> and who **through the Spirit of holiness** was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.

### E. Holiness is not ---weakness, poverty, passivity

### F. The Pursuit of Holiness

2 Corinthians 7:1 (NIV®)

<sup>1</sup> Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, **perfecting holiness** out of reverence for God.

### G. Holiness is essential (not optional)

Hebrews 12:14 (NIV®)

<sup>14</sup> **Make every effort** to live in peace with all men and to be holy; **without holiness no one will see the Lord.**

## II. Healings & Miracles

### A. Plural ---Gifts of healings, working of miracles

### B. Not a remedy for aging

#### 1. An upgrade is planned

1 Corinthians 15:42-43 (NIV®)

<sup>42</sup> So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; <sup>43</sup> it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power;

#### 2. God will give you the strength for your assignment

Deuteronomy 34:7 (NASB®)

<sup>7</sup> Although Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died, his eye was not dim, nor his vigor abated.

### C. God's will

Luke 5:12-13 (NIV®)

<sup>12</sup> While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged him, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean." <sup>13</sup> Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" And immediately the leprosy left him.

### D. Sometimes an expression of mercy

John 9:1-2, 10-12 (NIV®)

<sup>1</sup> As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" . . . <sup>10</sup> "How then were your eyes opened?" they demanded. <sup>11</sup> He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see." <sup>12</sup> "Where is this man?" they asked him. "I don't know," he said.

### E. Sometimes a response to a request

Luke 8:41-42 (NIV®)

<sup>41</sup> Then a man named Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, came and fell at Jesus' feet, pleading with him to come to his house <sup>42</sup> because his only daughter, a girl of about twelve, was dying. As Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him.

### F. An unmistakable part of Jesus' ministry

Acts 10:38 (NIV®)

<sup>38</sup> ...how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

Psalms 103:2-3 (NIV®)

<sup>2</sup> Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits-- <sup>3</sup> who forgives all your sins and **heals all your diseases,**

### G. Jesus is our healer, today!

Hebrews 13:8 (NIV®)

<sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

### Prayer

I thank You that through the blood of Jesus I am redeemed out of the hand of the devil. I have been delivered from the kingdom of darkness and brought into the Kingdom of light. I ask for Your power to bring life to my mortal body today. Give me Your strength and health. Reveal to me any harmful thing within me that I may turn to You in humility and repentance. You are my life, my hope, and my deliverer--- in Jesus' name, amen.

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