

Principles of Divine Healing – Overview and Study Guide

I. God's creation was very good

A. Genesis 1: 24 – 31 NKJV, ²⁴ Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, *each* according to its kind"; and it was so. ²⁵ And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that *it was* good.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷ So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

²⁹ And God said, "See, I have given you every herb *that* yields seed which *is* on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. ³⁰ Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which *there is* life, *I have given* every green herb for food"; and it was so.

³¹ Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed *it was* very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

1. When God created cattle, creeping things, and beasts of the earth what did He speak to? When God made mankind whom did He speak to? Why the difference?
2. In whose likeness is mankind made, and who was given dominion in the earth?
3. What did God say about everything He made?

II. Mankind is given a choice between Life and Death

A. Genesis 2: 8, 15 – 17 ⁸ The Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. ⁹ And out of the ground the Lord God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life *was* also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. ¹⁵ Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to tend and keep it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

1. What are the implications of having the Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in the Garden of Eden?

111. Humanity is separated from Life

A. Genesis 3: 17 – 24 ¹⁷ Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’: “Cursed *is* the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat *of* it all the days of your life. ¹⁸ Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field. ¹⁹ In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground,

For out of it you were taken; for dust you *are*, and to dust you shall return.” ²⁰ And Adam called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹ Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

²² Then the Lord God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever”— ²³ therefore the Lord God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴ So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the Garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

1. Did Adam and Eve die spiritually when they ate of the Tree of Knowledge? What’s wrong with the knowledge of good and evil?

2. Did they begin to die physically? When did sickness enter the earth?

3. Why couldn’t they eat of the Tree of Life in their fallen state?

IV. Redeemed from the Curse

A. Galatians 3: 13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us for it is written, “Cursed *is* everyone who hangs on a tree”

B. Romans 5: 19 For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man’s obedience many will be made righteous.

C. Psalms 103: 2 – 5 Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all His benefits: ³Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, ⁴Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with loving kindness and tender mercies, ⁵Who satisfies your mouth with good *things so that* your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

1. We were redeemed from the curse. Who? Why? How? When?

V. God's Promise of health and healing is fulfilled

A. 1Peter 2: 24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.

B. 3John 2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

C. James 1: 16 – 17 ¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

1. Is this promise past or future tense? So, when was it fulfilled?
2. Does God want us healed and in health?
3. Does sickness come from God?

VI. Jesus said, "The works I did you will do also." (John 14: 12)

A. Mark 16: 16 – 18 ¹⁶ He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; ¹⁸ they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

B. Luke 4: 38 – 39 ³⁸ Now He (Jesus) arose from the synagogue and entered Simon's house. But Simon's wife's mother was sick with a high fever, and they made request of Him concerning her. ³⁹ So He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. And immediately she arose and served them.

1. Are believers supposed to lay hands on the sick, and should they recover?
2. Did Jesus pray for healing or speak directly to the sickness? Why?

Foundational Principles:

1. Sickness came in the fall and was healed at the whipping post of Jesus.
2. We are already healed; we need to receive what is already in the spirit in our body.
3. We don't pray to be healed; we command sickness to leave.
4. Healing is a free gift available for everyone, paid for by Jesus.
5. We walk in divine health by receiving more of God's life in the physical realm.