



Why God Heals

I am the LORD who heals you.—Exodus 15:26

Worship the LORD your God,
and his blessing will be on your
food and water. I will take away
sickness from among you.—
Exodus 23:25

- It's who he is, a name he identified with and revealed in the Scripture—Jehovah Rapha—Exodus 15:26
- It's what he does.—“If you are willing . . . ‘I am willing.’”—Matthew 8:2-3
- It's his nature.—Matthew 14:13-14; 9:36; Jonah 4:2
- To glorify his name.—John 11:4
- In response to our requests.—Mark 7:32; 8:22
- In response to faith in God's desire and ability to heal.—Matthew 9:22, 15:21-28 (the Syro-Phoenician woman); Luke 17:5-19; Mark 9:14-29

- Without faith: He doesn't always heal in response to faith but for his sovereign purposes, which he may or may not reveal—2 Corinthians 12:7, (Paul's thorn in the flesh)
- In response to the Father, Jesus heals.—John 5:19
- In response to his promises (James 5:14-16)
- To lead people to repentance and open doors for the gospel—Isaiah 53
- To remove hindrances to ministry and service—Mark 1:31; 2 Corinthians 12:7; 1 Timothy 5:23
- To reveal himself and his Kingdom.
- To confirm Jesus' identity as Messiah (in Luke 7:19-23, John the Baptist questions Jesus on this).



"I am willing."—Jesus

Therefore

We put no confidence in ourselves, our faith, our religious practices, traditions, or formulas. We trust God. We ask God to heal not because we or a sick person deserves it, or because we have perfect theology, faith, or prayer. We ask God to respond to our cries with mercy and compassion, according to his Word. It's who he is and what he does.

'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty.—Zechariah 4:6