A Novel Approach to Discipleship

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How to Do a Systematic Topical Study

This is **an example** to show you how challenging it can be to gain a complete understanding of a biblical topic. **You do not need to finish this.** It is not an assignment, unless you want to fully understand healing. When you finally finish a Systematic Topical Study, it is well worth the effort!

To fully understand any topic in the Bible, you must do a complete study of *all* the passages that pertain to it. This is where a concordance comes in very handy. Find all the verses and explore them in their context. For this exercise, I did a search of "heal" in biblegateway.com. Some passages can be eliminated because they don't actually deal with the topic. For example:

He fell asleep again and had a second dream: Seven heads of grain, *healthy* and good, were growing on a single stalk. *Genesis 41:5*

This passage will be picked up in biblegateway.com if you search for "heal" (healthy contains the word "heal") but it actually has nothing to do with healing.

Identify the type of passage and the message of the passage. For example:

Then Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelek, his wife and his female slaves so they could have children again, *Genesis 20:17*

This passage "type" is an example of healing. When explored in context (which requires a full study of the life of Abraham) we see that it is an example of God's promise to Abram in Genesis 12:3 -"I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

A chart such as the one below can help organize your research:

Bible passage	Contextual Message	Туре
He said, "If you listen carefully to the LORD your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, who heals you." <i>Exodus 15:26</i>	This is part of the old covenant law. God promised to the Israelites that if they obeyed him, they would not experience illness but would be healed Need to see if reaffirmed in New Testament.	OT promise

Only after you have studied all the verses of the Bible in this manner can you authoritatively speak on a topic. Most of your topical studies will probably be much simpler than a full study; you will use them to verify whether or not someone else is teaching authoritatively. E.g. If you

hear someone teaching that someone who does not get healed must have secret sin in their lives, you will want to find out if that's an accurate interpretation of the Bible.

As you read and study the Bible more, it will be easier to find verses that don't use specific terms. For example, in Job, he is inflicted with an illness even though he is righteous (Job1:1 – 2:7). Paul reports that he had a "thorn in his flesh" (2 Corinthians 12:7-10). Both these passages cannot be ignored when we study healing, especially the issue of whether there's a guarantee for healing, but they won't be picked up on a word search.

If you have access to biblegateway.com, some of your searches will be aided by the section headings that are included in the searches. For example, in John 9, Jesus heals a man born blind. The whole chapter is about that healing, the reason for it and the negative feedback Jesus got over it, but no form of the word "heal" appears in the chapter. In the NIV, the heading "[Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind]" will help you find the passage where a regular concordance will not pick it up.

Below, I have included the verses from a biblegateway.com search of "heal" so that you can explore this method of topical study in greater depth. Some passages I removed because they don't address healing. Other passages I have crossed out with explanations for why they don't apply even though healing is specifically referenced. There maybe other passages that need to be eliminated. I just gave you some examples to help you get started.

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Healing verses

He said, "If you listen carefully to the LORD your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, who heals you." *Exodus 15:26*

... the one who struck the blow will not be held liable if the other can get up and walk around outside with a staff; however, the guilty party must pay the injured person for any loss of time and see that the victim is completely healed. *Exodus 21:19* This passage is not applicable to our study. Though the use of "healed" is clearly about health, the passage is actually about personal liability rather than about healing.

"When someone has a boil on their skin and it heals, ..." *Leviticus 13:18* This passage is not applicable to our study. The passage on leprosy is about clean and unclean, not about healing itself.

If, however, the sore is unchanged so far as the priest can see, and if black hair has grown in it, the affected person is healed. They are clean, and the priest shall pronounce them clean. *Leviticus* 13:37 This passage is not applicable to our study. It is part of the passage on leprosy.

The priest is to go outside the camp and examine them. If they have been healed of their defiling skin disease, ... *Leviticus 14:3* This passage is not applicable to our study. It is part of the passage on leprosy.

So Moses cried out to the LORD, "Please, God, heal her!" Numbers 12:13

"See now that I myself am he! There is no god besides me. I put to death and I bring to life, I have wounded and I will heal, and no one can deliver out of my hand. *Deuteronomy 32:39*

And after the whole nation had been circumcised, they remained where they were in camp until they were healed. *Joshua 5:8*

They answered, "If you return the ark of the god of Israel, do not send it back to him without a gift; by all means send a guilt offering to him. Then you will be healed, and you will know why his hand has not been lifted from you." *I Samuel 6:3*

So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one." *I Samuel 16:12* In this passage, the health reference is more of an observation of what David looked like than actually about healing.

He looked David over and saw that he was little more than a boy, glowing with health and handsome, and he despised him. *1 Samuel 17:42*

Say to him: 'Long life to you! Good health to you and your household! And good health to all that is yours!" *I Samuel 25:6*

Then he went out to the spring and threw the salt into it, saying, "This is what the LORD says: 'I have healed this water. Never again will it cause death or make the land unproductive." 2 *Kings* 2:21

[Naaman Healed of Leprosy] Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the LORD had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy. *2 Kings 5:1* (Here's a passage where you need to read further and find the story of healing that is referenced in the heading.)

"Go back and tell Hezekiah, the ruler of my people, 'This is what the LORD, the God of your father David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will heal you. On the third day from now you will go up to the temple of the LORD." *2 Kings 20:5*

Hezekiah had asked Isaiah, "What will be the sign that the LORD will heal me and that I will go up to the temple of the LORD on the third day from now?" 2 *Kings 20:8*

... if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. *2 Chronicles 7:14*

And the LORD heard Hezekiah and healed the people. 2 Chronicles 30:20

For he wounds, but he also binds up; he injures, but his hands also heal. Job 5:18

Have mercy on me, LORD, for I am faint; heal me, LORD, for my bones are in agony. *Psalm* 6:2

LORD my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me. Psalm 30:2

Because of your wrath there is no health in my body; there is no soundness in my bones because of my sin. *Psalm 38:3*

My back is filled with searing pain; there is no health in my body. Psalm 38:7

I said, "Have mercy on me, LORD; heal me, for I have sinned against you." Psalm 41:4

They have no struggles; their bodies are healthy and strong. Psalm 73:4

... who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, ... Psalm 103:3

He sent out his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave. Psalm 107:20

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Psalm 147:3

This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. Proverbs 3:8

... for they are life to those who find them and health to one's whole body. *Proverbs* 4:22

The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing. *Proverbs* 12:18

A wicked messenger falls into trouble, but a trustworthy envoy brings healing. Proverbs 13:17

Light in a messenger's eyes brings joy to the heart, and good news gives health to the bones. *Proverbs 15:30*

Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. Proverbs 16:24

... a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, ... Ecclesiastes 3:3

"Make the heart of this people calloused; make their ears dull and close their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed." *Isaiah 6:10*

The LORD will strike Egypt with a plague; he will strike them and heal them. They will turn to the LORD, and he will respond to their pleas and heal them. *Isaiah 19:22*

The moon will shine like the sun, and the sunlight will be seven times brighter, like the light of seven full days, when the LORD binds up the bruises of his people and heals the wounds he inflicted. *Isaiah 30:26*

Lord, by such things people live; and my spirit finds life in them too. You restored me to health and let me live. *Isaiah 38:16*

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. *Isaiah 53:5*

"I have seen their ways, but I will heal them; I will guide them and restore comfort to Israel's mourners, creating praise on their lips. Peace, peace, to those far and near," says the LORD. "And I will heal them." *Isaiah* 57:18-19

Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard. *Isaiah* 58:8

We hoped for peace but no good has come, for a time of healing but there is only terror. *Jeremiah* 8:15

Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then is there no healing for the wound of my people? *Jeremiah* 8:22

Have you rejected Judah completely? Do you despise Zion? Why have you afflicted us so that we cannot be healed? We hoped for peace but no good has come, for a time of healing but there is only terror. *Jeremiah 14:19*

Heal me, LORD, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise. *Jeremiah* 17:14

This is what the LORD says: "Your wound is incurable, your injury beyond healing. There is no one to plead your cause, no remedy for your sore, no healing for you." *Jeremiah 30:12-13*

'But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds,' declares the LORD, 'because you are called an outcast, Zion for whom no one cares.' *Jeremiah 30:17*

"Nevertheless, I will bring health and healing to it; I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security." *Jeremiah 33:6*

"Go up to Gilead and get balm, Virgin Daughter Egypt. But you try many medicines in vain; there is no healing for you." *Jeremiah 46:11*

Babylon will suddenly fall and be broken. Wail over her! Get balm for her pain; perhaps she can be healed. "We would have healed Babylon, but she cannot be healed; let us leave her and each go to our own land, for her judgment reaches to the skies, it rises as high as the heavens." *Jeremiah 51:8-9*

What can I say for you? With what can I compare you, Daughter Jerusalem? To what can I liken you, that I may comfort you, Virgin Daughter Zion? Your wound is as deep as the sea. Who can heal you? *Lamentations 2:13*

"You have not strengthened the weak or healed the sick or bound up the injured. You have not brought back the strays or searched for the lost. You have ruled them harshly and brutally." *Ezekiel 34:4*

"Fruit trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of the river. Their leaves will not wither, nor will their fruit fail. Every month they will bear fruit, because the water from the sanctuary flows to them. Their fruit will serve for food and their leaves for healing." *Ezekiel 47:12*

At the end of the ten days they looked healthier and better nourished than any of the young men who ate the royal food. *Daniel 1:15*

"When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah his sores, then Ephraim turned to Assyria, and sent to the great king for help. But he is not able to cure you, not able to heal your sores." *Hosea 5:13*

"Come, let us return to the LORD. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds." *Hosea 6:1*

... whenever I would heal Israel, the sins of Ephraim are exposed and the crimes of Samaria revealed. They practice deceit, thieves break into houses, bandits rob in the streets; ... *Hosea 7:1*

It was I who taught Ephraim to walk, taking them by the arms; but they did not realize it was I who healed them. *Hosea 11:3*

"I will heal their waywardness and love them freely, for my anger has turned away from them." *Hosea 14:4*

Nothing can heal you; your wound is fatal. All who hear the news about you clap their hands at your fall, for who has not felt your endless cruelty? *Nahum 3:19*

For I am going to raise up a shepherd over the land who will not care for the lost, or seek the young, or heal the injured, or feed the healthy, but will eat the meat of the choice sheep, tearing off their hooves. *Zechariah 11:16*

But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves. *Malachi 4:2*

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them. *Matthew* 4:23-24

"The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light." *Matthew* 6:22

[Jesus Heals a Man With Leprosy] When Jesus came down from the mountainside, large crowds followed him. *Matthew 8:1*

Jesus said to him, "Shall I come and heal him?" The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed." *Matthew* 8:7-8

Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would." And his servant was healed at that moment. [Jesus Heals Many] When Jesus came into Peter's house, he saw Peter's mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever. *Matthew* 8:13-14

When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick. *Matthew* 8:16

[Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralyzed Man] Jesus stepped into a boat, crossed over and came to his own town. *Matthew 9:1*

On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick." Matthew 9:12

She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed." Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed at that moment. *Matthew* 9:21-22

[Jesus Heals the Blind and the Mute] As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, calling out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" *Matthew* 9:27

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. *Matthew* 9:35

Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. *Matthew 10:1*

"Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give." *Matthew 10:8*

... and a man with a shriveled hand was there. Looking for a reason to bring charges against Jesus, they asked him, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?" *Matthew 12:10*

Aware of this, Jesus withdrew from that place. A large crowd followed him, and he healed all who were ill. *Matthew 12:15*

Then they brought him a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute, and Jesus healed him, so that he could both talk and see. *Matthew* 12:22

'For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.' *Matthew 13:15*

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. *Matthew 14:14*

... and begged him to let the sick just touch the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed. *Matthew 14:36*

Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment. *Matthew 15:28*

Great crowds came to him, bringing the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute and many others, and laid them at his feet; and he healed them. *Matthew* 15:30

"I brought him to your disciples, but they could not heal him." Matthew 17:16

Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed at that moment. *Matthew 17:18*

Large crowds followed him, and he healed them there. *Matthew 19:2*

The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them. Matthew 21:14

[Jesus Heals Many] As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. *Mark 1:29*

... and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was. *Mark 1:34*

[Jesus Heals a Man With Leprosy] A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean." *Mark 1:40*

[Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralyzed Man] A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. *Mark 2:1*

On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." *Mark 2:17*

[Jesus Heals on the Sabbath] Another time Jesus went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. *Mark 3: 1-2*

For he had healed many, so that those with diseases were pushing forward to touch him. *Mark* 3:10

He pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." *Mark 5:23*

... because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." Mark 5:28

He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering." *Mark 5:34*

He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. *Mark 6:5*

They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them. *Mark* 6:13

And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed. *Mark* 6:56

[Jesus Heals a Deaf and Mute Man] Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. *Mark* 7:31

[Jesus Heals a Blind Man at Bethsaida] They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. *Mark* 8:22

"Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road. *Mark 10:52*

Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself!' And you will tell me, 'Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.'" *Luke 4:23*

[Jesus Heals Many] Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. *Luke 4:38*

At sunset, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them. *Luke 4:40*

[Jesus Heals a Man With Leprosy] 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." *Luke 5:12*

Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. *Luke 5:15*

[Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralyzed Man] One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick. *Luke* 5:17

Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick." Luke 5:31

The Pharisees and the teachers of the law were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal on the Sabbath. *Luke 6:7*

... who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all. *Luke 6:18-19*

The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. *Luke 7:3*

"That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed." *Luke 7:7*

And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her. *Luke* 8:43

Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed. Then he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace." *Luke* 8:47-48

Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed." *Luke* 8:50

and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. Luke 9:2

So they set out and went from village to village, proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere. *Luke 9:6*

... but the crowds learned about it and followed him. He welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed healing. *Luke 9:11*

Even while the boy was coming, the demon threw him to the ground in a convulsion. But Jesus rebuked the impure spirit, healed the boy and gave him back to his father. *Luke 9:42*

"Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you."" *Luke* 10:9

"Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eyes are healthy, your whole body also is full of light. But when they are unhealthy, your body also is full of darkness." *Luke 11:34*

Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, "There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath." *Luke* 13:14

He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal." *Luke 13:32*

Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in the law, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?" *Luke 14:3*

But they remained silent. So taking hold of the man, he healed him and sent him on his way. *Luke 14:4*

One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. Luke 17:15

Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you." Luke 18:42

But Jesus answered, "No more of this!" And he touched the man's ear and healed him. *Luke* 22:51

When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and begged him to come and heal his son, who was close to death. *John 4:47*

... and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat." *John 5:10*

The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there. *John 5:13*

... and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. John 6:2

"Now if a boy can be circumcised on the Sabbath so that the law of Moses may not be broken, why are you angry with me for healing a man's whole body on the Sabbath?" *John* 7:23

[Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind] As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. *John 9:1* (*Whole Chapter*)

"He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, so they can neither see with their eyes, nor understand with their hearts, nor turn—and I would heal them." *John 12:40*

"By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see." *Acts 3:16*

"If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed." *Acts* 4:9-10

But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say. *Acts* 4:14

For the man who was miraculously healed was over forty years old. Acts 4:22

"Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." *Acts 4:30*

Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by impure spirits, and all of them were healed. *Acts 5:16*

For with shrieks, impure spirits came out of many, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. *Acts 8:7*

"Aeneas," Peter said to him, "Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and roll up your mat." Immediately Aeneas got up. *Acts 9:34*

"...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." *Acts 10:38*

He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed... Acts 14:9

His father was sick in bed, suffering from fever and dysentery. Paul went in to see him and, after prayer, placed his hands on him and healed him. *Acts* 28:8

'For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.' *Acts* 28:27

... to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ... 1 Corinthians 12:9

And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. *1 Corinthians 12:28*

Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? 1 Corinthians 12:30

"Make level paths for your feet," so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed. *Hebrews 12:13*

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. *James 5:16*

"He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." *1 Peter 2:24*

Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well. *3 John 1:2*

One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed. The whole world was filled with wonder and followed the beast. *Revelation 13:3*

It exercised all the authority of the first beast on its behalf, and made the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed. *Revelation 13:12*

... down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. *Revelation 22:2*

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