

A DEVOTIONAL STUDY GUIDE

*for*

Andrew Murray's

# DIVINE HEALING

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Leader's Study Guide

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## Dedication

This *Study Guide*, based on Andrew Murray's book, *Divine Healing*,\* is dedicated to a man I admire and esteem in the Lord, Joseph Jacowitz. During my recovery from open-heart, triple by-pass heart surgery in 2013, Joe asked me an important question. "What spiritual lesson is God showing you through this ordeal?" This book is a partial answer to that penetrating, pastoral inquiry.

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## Introduction

Andrew Murray (May 9, 1928–January 18, 1917) was a South African writer, teacher, and Christian pastor within the Dutch Reformed Church. Prior to his death at the age of 88, Andrew Murray enjoyed a long and distinguished career in the ministry. His writing skill was greatly used by God for he authored over 240 books, including this work on Divine Healing.

As with any Christian worker, not everything in the ministry was easy. For a period of more than two years, Andrew Murray was incapacitated from engaging in active ministry. Then, in the providence of God, he was healed in answer to prayer. It was during this period of personal affliction that Andrew Murray learned something about Divine healing. Specifically, he saw an important distinction between suffering and sickness.

For Andrew Murray, Christians are to suffer for Christ's sake. Every Christian disciple is to bear his cross. "Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matt. 16:24). However, sickness is in a different category. Murray taught that Jesus speaks of sickness as an act of evil caused by sin and Satan. Because sickness is a work of the Devil, Jesus came to destroy it. Divine healing becomes possible today when this distinction is embraced, and specific gospel terms are met. What those gospel terms are, may be found in this study.

For those interested in the subject of Divine healing, this is an important book to read and study, and for this reason. Divine healing is a valid phenomenon. It is true that some people have an incurable sickness. It is true that some people are physically deformed and will remain so until their life has ended. It is true that God often uses medicine and the skills of doctors to restore health. It is true that the body is so marvelously designed that it can repair damage done to it. But, it is also true that there are times when God directly intervenes to heal a person in order to manifest His grace and power in a way that no other means can. Because Divine healing is real, the Christian should want to know as much as possible about the subject, and what the Bible has to say on the matter.

While Andrew Murray focuses on the positive aspect of believing in Divine healing, the whole counsel of God must be considered on this matter. To that end, the study notes I provide are designed to reveal another gospel truth, and that is the place for pain and suffering in the plan of God. There are many reasons for pain and suffering. In eternity, in the new heaven and the new earth, there will be no more pain, and no more sorrow. Occasionally, in matchless grace, God sometimes gives the Church a glimpse of the glory that is to come through acts of Divine healing. The Church is to believe in Divine healing, look for its manifestation, and pray for God to have mercy on those who are afflicted.

For anyone who may be opposed to the preaching of Divine healing today, and the practice of praying for healing, consider the words of the Reformer, Martin Bucer (1491–1551): “If you immediately condemn anyone who doesn’t quite believe the same as you do . . . pray tell, [who] can you still consider a brother?”

The longing of my heart is that the Lord will bless the reader, enhance faith in God’s goodness, and bring Divine healing to many



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people, for their good, and for His glory. And just in case you are thinking that Divine healing was reserved for the apostolic church exclusively, be sure to read the testimony of Eric Santos for just one example as evidence that God is still actively working among His people, healing them in supernatural ways.\*

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\* *Appendix A* on page 217.



# Preface

## *The God Who Heals*

“Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases” (Psa. 103:2–3).

### BEHOLD THE LORD:

- Healing a fever Matthew 8:14–15
- Healing a leper Matthew 8:1–4
- Healing a sick servant Matthew 8:5–13
- Healing a demon possessed person Matthew 8:28–32
- Healing a paralytic Matthew 9:1–8
- Healing internal bleeding Matthew 9:20–22
- Healing blindness Matthew 9:27–31
- Healing a withered hand Matthew 12:9–14
- Healing a deaf mute Matthew 9:32–33
- Healing a demoniac in Capernaum Mark 1:21–28
- Healing the weak Mark 6:53–56
- Healing a demon possessed child Mark 7:24–30
- Healing speech impediment Mark 7:31–37
- Healing blindness Mark 8:22–26

- Healing various kinds of sickness Luke 4:40–41
- Healing dropsy Luke 14:1–6
- Healing leprosy Luke 17:11–19
- Healing blind Bartimaeus Luke 18:35–43
- Healing a severed ear Luke 22:45–54
- Healing an official’s son on his deathbed John 4:46–54
- Healing a man crippled for thirty eight years John 5:1–4
- Healing a paralytic at the Gate Beautiful Acts 3:1–7
- Healing every form of sickness Acts 5:12–16;  
19:11–12; 28:7–9
- Healing the palsy Acts 9:33–34
- Healing a cripple Acts 14:8–10
- Healing a person demon possessed Acts 16:16–18
- Healing a viper bite Acts 28:3–6

Neither the time of day, the passing of years, or geographical distance was a hindrance in Divine healing. The type of sickness, disease, or demon possession could not prevent Divine healing. Christian, rejoice. The LORD is able to heal all of thy diseases.

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## REVIEW

1. How is the publication on Divine Healing by Andrew Murray to be regarded?

*The publication on Divine Healing by Andrew Murray is to be regarded as his faith in Divine healing.*

## PREFACE

2. What produced such great faith in Divine healing in the heart of Andrew Murray?

*Andrew Murray was stopped for more than two years in the work of the ministry before he was healed by God in answer to prayer. This secured his faith in Divine healing.*

3. What is declared about the Lord in Exodus 15:26?

*Exodus 15:26 declares that it is "the Lord that healeth thee."*

4. What does the Church possess in Jesus?

*The Church possesses in Jesus their Divine Healer.*

5. What charge does Andrew Murray level against the Church?

*Andrew Murray says that the Church does not yet know how to appreciate Christ as the Divine Healer.*

6. What would be developed and sanctified if the presence of the Lord that healeth was realized by the Christians?

*The spiritual life of Christians would be developed and sanctified if the presence of the Lord that healeth was realized in the Church.*

7. What is the appointed means by God for the cure of the sick?

*The "prayer of faith" (Jas. 5:15) is the means appointed by God for the cure of the sick.*

## REFLECT

1. Do you think that if Andrew Murray had not been unable to minister for two years due to sickness he would have been interested in Divine healing?

2. What is your interest in this topic? Why are you reading and studying this material?
3. Do you have any preconceived ideas on this topic? What are they?
4. Why is the subject of Divine Healing such a controversial issue?
5. Do you believe the promise of Exodus 15:26 was restricted to the Exodus Generation, or is it valid for today?

### HEARTWORK

1. I do not believe that Divine healing is a valid Biblical teaching.  
True \_\_\_\_\_ False \_\_\_\_\_
2. I do believe that Divine healing is a valid Biblical teaching.  
True \_\_\_\_\_ False \_\_\_\_\_
3. I do not believe in Divine healers.  
True \_\_\_\_\_ False \_\_\_\_\_
4. I do believe that some Christians have a spiritual gift of healing.  
True \_\_\_\_\_ False \_\_\_\_\_
5. I would not want to be anointed with oil and prayed for.  
True \_\_\_\_\_ False \_\_\_\_\_
6. When I am sick, I want to be anointed with oil and prayed for.  
True \_\_\_\_\_ False \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL APPLICATION**

1. Begin to make a list of as many Biblical passages on healing as possible.
2. Consider what the prayer of faith means.
3. Ask God the Holy Spirit to illuminate His Word to your heart on this matter.
4. Guard your heart against any and all preconceived views on this subject that might stop faith from flowing.
5. If you are in good health, give God the glory, and thank Him for that health in this very hour.

**SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION**

“And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee” (Exod. 15:26).

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## Pardon and Healing

### REVIEW

1. What two natures are combined in every person?

*In each person there are two natures combined so that individuals are at the same time spirit and matter.*

2. Why are individuals doomed to destruction?

*Because of the Fall, individuals are doomed to destruction.*

3. What are two witnesses to the right of death over an individual?

*Sin in the soul and sickness in the body bear witness to the right of death over an individual.*

4. What two manifestations of Divine power went together in salvation which Jesus came to bring?

*The preaching of the gospel and the healing of the sick went together in salvation which Jesus came to bring.*

5. In the eyes of God, what are united as closely as the body and the soul?



*In the eyes of God, sin and sickness are as closely united as the body and the soul.*

6. What important distinction does Andrew Murray make between suffering and sickness?

*Suffering—Christians are to suffer for Christ's sake. Every Christian disciple is to bear his cross. "Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matt. 16:24).*

*Sickness—Jesus speaks of sickness as an act of evil caused by sin and Satan.*

7. What did Jesus never teach a sick person to do?

*Jesus never taught a sick person to resign himself to being sick.*

8. Why did Jesus come into the world according to 1 John 3:8?

*Jesus came into the world to destroy the works of the Devil, according to 1 John 3:8. "The Son of God was manifested that He might destroy the works of the Devil."*

9. What is one way Jesus makes known the love of the Father?

*Jesus makes known the love of the Father by delivering individuals from sin and sickness.*

10. What two doctrines did Jesus unite in His teaching of the disciples?

*Jesus united pardon and healing in His teaching of the disciples.*

11. Why did Jesus heal?

*Jesus healed in order to influence hearts to receive Himself as the One who is able to pardon sin.*

12. What were the Jews, in the days of Jesus, more ready to believe: pardon for sin or Divine healing?

*The Jews, in the days of Jesus, were more ready to believe in Divine healing than in pardon for sin.*

13. What are Christians in the Church today more ready to believe?

*Christians in the Church today are more ready to believe in forgiveness of sin than in Divine healing.*

14. What two gospel conditions must be met in order to receive Divine healing today?

*Confession of sin and a purpose to live a holy life are two pre-conditions for receiving Divine healing.*

15. List four natural results of receiving Divine healing.

- *Those who enjoy Divine healing receive a new spiritual blessing.*
- *Those who enjoy Divine healing feel more closely united to the Lord Jesus.*
- *Those who enjoy Divine healing learn to love Jesus more.*
- *Those who enjoy Divine healing learn to serve Jesus better.*

16. What two truths does unbelief attempt to separate?

*Unbelief attempts to separate pardon for sin and healing.*

17. Whose praise may the redeemed always cry out?

*The redeemed may always cry, “Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases” (Psa. 103:2–3).*

## REFLECTION

1. Can sickness show any proof of the love and grace of God?

*SUGGESTION. Certainly, sickness is proof of God's sovereignty. "And the LORD said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD?" (Exod. 4:11).*

*Sickness can also be an occasion to manifest the love and grace of God in His sovereignty, reflected in the healing by Jesus of a man born blind. When Jesus was asked who sinned that the man should be born blind. Jesus replied, "Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:3-4).*

*The truth of the matter is that there are many reasons for suffering in life.*

2. Do you agree that sickness belongs to the spiritual domain? Why?

*SUGGESTION. If there had been no Fall, there would be no curse, and therefore no sickness. The promise of God is that one day the curse will be removed. "And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. <sup>2</sup> In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup> And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him" (Rev. 22:1-3).*

3. If sickness is dramatically distinct from suffering, if sickness is an evil rooted in sin and Satan, can Divine healing take place according to gospel terms?
4. What difference is there between Divine healing, natural healing, and medical healing?

5. If sickness is a work of the Devil, can the Devil cure the sickness he has induced? What effect would this have in the Church and society?

*SUGGESTION. If the Devil can cure a sickness he has induced it would enhance the authority of practitioners of false religions.*

### HEARTWORK

1. I find it easy to believe in forgiveness of sin.  
True \_\_\_\_\_ False \_\_\_\_\_
2. I find it difficult to believe in Divine healing.  
True \_\_\_\_\_ False \_\_\_\_\_
3. When I am sick, I blame God for my poor health.  
True \_\_\_\_\_ False \_\_\_\_\_
4. When someone I love is sick or dying, I am angry with God.  
True \_\_\_\_\_ False \_\_\_\_\_
5. There is a valid distinction to be made between sickness and suffering.  
True \_\_\_\_\_ False \_\_\_\_\_

### PERSONAL APPLICATION

1. Determine whether or not you embrace the concept of a dramatic distinction between sickness and suffering.

2. If you believe in Divine healing, make a commitment to honoring the gospel terms to receive it. The gospel terms include confession of sin, and a purpose to live a holy life.
3. Take a moment, right now, to pray and bless the LORD, and to remember His benefits.
4. Remember this Grand Principle: “Jesus came to deliver men from sin and sickness that He might make known the love of the Father.” (Andrew Murray)
5. Sing a song of praise.

“When upon life’s billows you are tempest tossed,  
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,  
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,  
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

Count your blessings, name them one by one,  
Count your blessings, see what God hath done!  
Count your blessings, name them one by one,  
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.”

—Johnson Oatman, Jr. 1897

### SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

“But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins (then saith he to the sick of the palsy), Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house” (Matt. 9:6).

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