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An Apostolic Pentecostal Preacher's Pulpit Commentary on Divine Healing

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Preface

My booklet is written for anyone who needs a healing or miracle. Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, Teachers and congregations in the Apostolic Pentecostal tradition who preach, pray, and minister for divine healing. It sets out the biblical basis, apostolic practice, pastoral guidance, worship structure for healing services, sermon material, and practical steps for ministry teams. Its center is the atonement of The Lord Jesus Christ: He paid the price at calvary when he shed his blood for my sin and for sickness. We preach salvation (Acts 2:38) and expect the sign-work of God to follow as in the Book of Acts.

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Introduction: The Heart of God for Healing

God's people are to expect Jesus' compassion and power. The Lord Jesus healed the sick while He walked the earth. He continues to heal through His Church by the Holy Ghost. Healing is not a peripheral promise but a part of the redemptive blessing purchased by the Savior's blood. This booklet seeks to help preachers present that truth faithfully and to equip ministers to pray and minister responsibly and effectively.

Doctrinal Summary (Apostolic Pentecostal Perspective)

- Jesus' substitutionary atonement includes healing: Scripture declares that by His stripes we are healed (Isaiah 53:4–5; 1 Peter 2:24).
- The plan of salvation is Apostolic (Acts 2:38):

repentance, water baptism in Jesus' name, and receiving the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues. This sequence brings conversion and empowerment to minister—including gifts of healing.

• The gifts of the Spirit, including gifts of healing, are operative today (1 Corinthians 12:4–11, 28).

• Apostolic practice expects signs and wonders to follow the preaching of the Gospel and to confirm the Word (Acts 2; Heb 2:3–4).

• The means God uses include faith, prayer, laying on of hands, anointing with oil, speaking in Jesus' name, and Spirit-led activity (James 5:14–16; Mark 16:17–18, traditional reading; Acts 3; Acts 19).

Biblical Anchors
(Key Scriptures)

Primary proof-texts to teach from and to center ministry on:

• Isaiah 53:4–5
• 1 Peter 2:24
• Matthew 8:16–17
• Mark 16:17–18 (note textual-critical matters; widely used in Pentecostal practice)
• Acts 2:38–43
• Acts 3:1–10; Acts 5:12–16; Acts 9:32–42; Acts 19:11–12; Acts 28:7–9

- James 5:14–16
- 1 Corinthians 12:9,28

Part A — Healings and Miracles of Jesus in the Gospels (catalog)

(Select references and brief descriptions — consult the Gospels for full narratives.)

Matthew

- Matt 4:23–24 — general summary of Jesus healing all manner of sickness.
- Matt 8:1–4 — cleansing of a leper.
- Matt 8:5–13 — centurion's servant healed at a distance; faith commended.
- Matt 8:14–15 — Peter's mother-in-law healed of fever.
- Matt 8:16–17 — Jesus heals many, fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy.
- Matt 8:28–34 — demon-possessed men (Gerasenes/Gadarenes) delivered.
- Matt 9:1–8 — paralytic lowered through roof; faith of friends.
- Matt 9:18–26 — Jairus' daughter raised; hemorrhaging woman healed.
- Matt 9:27–31 — two blind men healed.
- Matt 9:32–34; 12:22–23 — demon-possessed mute healed/delivered.

• Matt 12:9–14 — man with withered hand healed on Sabbath.
• Matt 14:13–21; 15:32–39 — feedings of 5,000 and 4,000 (miracles of provision).
• Matt 15:21–28; 15:29–31 — Syrophoenician woman's daughter delivered; many healed.
• Matt 17:14–21 — boy with an unclean spirit healed; faith & prayer emphasized.
• Matt 20:29–34 — blind men near Jericho healed (Bartimaeus tradition).

Mark

• Mark 1:21–28 — casting out an unclean spirit.
• Mark 1:29–31 — Peter's mother-in-law healed.
• Mark 1:40–45 — leper cleansed.
• Mark 2:1–12 — paralytic healed.
• Mark 3:1–6 — withered hand healed.
• Mark 5:1–20 — Gerasene demoniac delivered.
• Mark 5:21–43 — Jairus' daughter & woman with chronic hemorrhage.
• Mark 6:5–6 — limited miracles at Nazareth due to unbelief.
• Mark 7:31–37 — deaf and mute man healed.
• Mark 8:22–26 — blind man of Bethsaida healed in stages.
• Mark 9:14–29 — boy with unclean spirit healed; faith & prayer needed.
• Mark 10:46–52 — Bartimaeus healed.

• Mark 16:17–18 — signs that follow believers (traditional Pentecostal reading).

Luke

• Luke 4:33–36 — unclean spirit cast out in synagogue.
• Luke 4:38–39 — Peter's mother-in-law healed.
• Luke 5:12–16 — leper cleansed.
• Luke 5:17–26 — paralytic forgiven and healed.
• Luke 6:6–11 — withered hand healed.
• Luke 7:1–10 — centurion's servant healed.
• Luke 7:11–17 — raising the widow's son at Nain.
• Luke 8:26–39 — Gerasene demoniac delivered.
• Luke 8:40–56 — Jairus' daughter & hemorrhaging woman healed.
• Luke 9:1–6 — sending out the Twelve with power to heal.
• Luke 13:10–17 — woman crippled 18 years healed.
• Luke 14:1–6 — man with dropsy healed.
• Luke 17:11–19 — ten lepers cleansed; one returned with thanks.
• Luke 18:35–43 — blind man healed near Jericho.
• Luke 22:50–51 — Malchus' ear healed at Gethsemane.

John

• John 2:1–11 — water turned to wine (first sign).

• John 4:46–54 — nobleman's son healed at a distance.
• John 5:1–15 — Bethesda healing (invalid healed).
• John 6:5–14 — feeding of 5,000.
• John 9:1–41 — man born blind given sight (teaches spiritual sight).
• John 11:1–44 — Lazarus raised from the dead.
• John 20:21–29 — Jesus appears to Thomas (spiritual confirmation).

Gospel healings where faith is explicit: centurion's servant; hemorrhaging woman; Bartimaeus; nobleman's son; man born blind; paralytic; friends who lowered a paralytic; the boy with an unclean spirit. Many healings are directly connected to faith.

Part B — Healings and Miracles in the Book of Acts (catalog)

• Acts 2:43–47 — signs & wonders accompany the early church.
• Acts 3:1–10 — Peter and John heal the lame man at the Beautiful Gate.
• Acts 4:29–31; 4:33 — apostles accompany preaching with signs.
• Acts 5:12–16 — apostles do many signs and wonders; people bring the sick to be healed.
• Acts 6:8 — Stephen does signs and wonders.
• Acts 8:6–8 — Philip casts out spirits; paralyzed and

lame healed.
• Acts 9:32–35 — Peter heals Aeneas in Lydda (bedridden eight years).
• Acts 9:36–42 — Tabitha (Dorcas) raised from the dead by Peter.
• Acts 13:6–12 — Paul strikes Elymas with temporary blindness as a sign.
• Acts 14:8–10 — Paul heals a man lame from birth at Lystra.
• Acts 16:16–18 — Paul casts out spirit of divination from a slave girl.
• Acts 16:25–34 — earthquake, deliverance, and conversion of the Philippian jailer (miraculous deliverance).
• Acts 19:11–12 — extraordinary miracles through Paul; handkerchiefs/aprons heal the sick and cast out evil.
• Acts 20:7–12 — Paul raises Eutychus from the dead.
• Acts 28:1–9 — Paul heals Publius' father (fever and dysentery) on Malta, and others were healed.

Acts shows the apostolic pattern: the preaching of the Gospel accompanied by signs and wonders, methods of healing including laying on of hands, authoritative commands in Jesus' name, objects touched by apostolic ministry (handkerchiefs), anointing/elders, and raising the dead.

Theology Explained: Atonement, Faith, and the Holy Ghost

• Atonement: Jesus bore sin, curse, and the consequences of the Fall. Isaiah's prophecy and Peter's epistle connect Christ's suffering to our healing. Healing is a benefit of the atonement to be received by faith.
• Faith: Many healings in the Gospels and Acts involve the faith of the sick or of those who intercede (friends, family, rulers). Faith is not a magical formula but the Spirit-enabled trust and petition that reaches out to Christ.
• Holy Ghost: The baptism in the Holy Spirit empowers the Church to minister (Acts 2; Acts 8; Acts 19). Tongues and Spirit-filled prayer strengthen intercession and sign-gifts operate through the Spirit (1 Cor 12, 14).

Practical Ministry: How to Conduct a Healing Service

A. Preparation

• Corporate worship (praise sets the tone for God's presence) — 15–20 minutes.
• Short scriptural exhortation emphasizing the atonement (Isa 53; 1 Pet 2:24), faith, and the Apostolic plan of salvation (Acts 2:38).

• Call for repentance or reconciliation if the Spirit moves (James 5:16; Acts 2:38).
• Brief teaching of what people should expect and how to come forward (no pressure; respect dignity).

B. Ministry Segment

• Open the floor for those seeking prayer. Use ushers and trained teams to manage flow.
• Elders/pastors may anoint with oil (James 5:14), lay hands, and pray in faith.
• Use authoritative commands in Jesus' name where Scripture supports (e.g., "In the name of Jesus, be made whole").
• Be open to various manifestations of the Spirit (prayer in tongues, deliverance, prophetic words), but maintain order (1 Cor 14).
• Provide space for immediate testimonies, and also ask people to report back to the pastor/office with follow-up.

C. Follow-Up

• Pastoral visits and discipleship for those prayed with.
• Encourage appropriate medical evaluation alongside prayer—healing ministry does not forbid medical care.
• Document testimonies and keep confidentiality as

requested.
• Celebrate and promote testimonies responsibly to build faith and witness.

Preaching Material:
Sermon Outline and Illustrations

Sermon Title: "You Can Be Healed — Healing in the Blood of Jesus"

Outline:
1. Introduction — God's heart for the sick; personal need in the congregation.
2. Scripture — Isaiah 53:4–5 and 1 Peter 2:24: the atonement includes healing.
3. Demonstration from the Gospels — Mark 5 (the hemorrhaging woman): faith reaches; the touch of Jesus heals.
4. Apostolic Example — Acts 3: the lame man healed at the Beautiful Gate; the Gospel confirmed by signs.
5. Practical Call — repentance (Acts 2:38), baptism in Jesus' name, receive the Holy Ghost; invitation to come for prayer.
6. Ministry Time — anointing and laying on of hands; pray in faith.
7. Closing — testimony, thanksgiving, pastoral follow-up.

Illustrations/Testimonies to Use

- The hemorrhaging woman reaching and touching the hem of Jesus' garment—faith in action.
- The centurion's understanding of authority—Jesus heals at a distance.
- The lame man at the Beautiful Gate—apostolic authority and evangelism.

Ministry Methods and Biblical Bases

- Laying on of hands: Acts 8:14–17; Acts 9:17; Hebrews/Pauline precedent.
- Anointing with oil: James 5:14.
- Prayer in Jesus' name and authoritative command: Acts 3:6; Mark 16:17 (traditional reading).
- Prayer in tongues and Spirit-led intercession: Acts 2; Romans 8:26; 1 Cor 14.
- Use of personal items/handkerchiefs in apostolic examples: Acts 19:11–12 (historical apostolic practice).
- Deliverance/exorcism: Gospel and Acts examples (Mark 1; Mark 5; Acts 16).

Pastoral Cautions, Counseling, and Follow-Up

- Jesus still instantly heals today — God is sovereign. Avoid blaming individuals for "lack of faith" when healing does not come immediately.

• Always encourage medical care when appropriate and cooperate with health professionals.
• Offer long-term pastoral care for chronic situations (prayer, discipleship, support groups).
• Avoid financial or manipulative promises tied to healing (protect church integrity).
• Maintain confidentiality, verify testimonies before broadcasting, and avoid sensationalism.
• Teach perseverance in prayer and thanksgiving (Luke 18; Luke 17:11–19).

Training and Organization for Ministry Teams

• Team training topics: biblical basis for healing, how to pray (laying hands, anointing, speaking in tongues), discernment, deliverance protocol, documentation, medical/legal boundaries, confidentiality, and pastoral care follow-up.
• Team roles: prayer ministers, anointing/elder team, ushers, testimony recorder, pastoral follow-up coordinator.
• Screening and accountability: keep records of ministry actions, encourage medical referral when needed, require team members to operate under pastoral oversight.

Sample Prayers, Declarations, and Litanies

A. Prayer for Healing (corporate)

“Lord Jesus, we come to You by faith. We claim the healing You purchased by Your blood. By Isaiah 53 and 1 Peter 2:24 we stand on the atonement of Christ. In the name of Jesus, we command sickness to go from [name]; be made whole now. We anoint with oil and pray in faith. Amen.”

B. Prayer Invoking the Spirit
“Father, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us. Baptize us afresh in power. Release gifts and signs to confirm Your Word. Fill us with boldness to minister the Gospel and compassion to touch the sick. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

C. Prayer for Those Not Immediately Healed
“Heavenly Father, we bring these needs to You. We believe You hear us and care for us. If it be Your will, move to heal. Give us grace, strength, and peace to trust You in every season. We ask for wisdom for doctors and for supernatural comfort. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

D. Short Altar Litanies

- Leader: “Whoever wants prayer, come forward.”
Congregation responds by coming or praying silently.
- Prayer minister: “In Jesus’ name, be healed.”
Person prays and ministers with humility and faith.

Appendix:
Short Proof-Text Handout

Isaiah 53:4–5; 1 Peter 2:24; Matthew 8:16–17; Mark 16:17–18; Luke 9:1–2; Acts 2:38–43; Acts 3:1–10; Acts 5:12–16; Acts 9:32–42; Acts 19:11–12; James 5:14–16; 1 Corinthians 12:9,28.

Closing Exhortation

Beloved, the Lord Jesus Christ healed the sick and raised the dead while He walked among men, and He entrusted His Church to carry on the ministry of the Gospel with signs following. The atonement He purchased on Calvary includes our healing. Preach the Gospel clearly (Acts 2:38).

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