

# WHY DON'T SOME PEOPLE OF FAITH RECEIVE THEIR HEALING?

There are a lot of **Scriptural** reasons why people who **do** have **enough faith** don't get healed

## 1. A Thorn in the Flesh

- The **Apostle Paul** was given a **“thorn in the flesh”** as a **“messenger of Satan”** in order to keep him from being **“exalted beyond measure”** (2Cor. 12:7)
  - So too do we sometimes receive a **thorn in our flesh** to keep us **humble**

## 2. Chastisement

- The Lord **chastens His people** when they are **not following His commandments**:
  - *As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.* (Rev. 3:19)

## 3. Lessons to be Learned

- *My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, <sup>3</sup>knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. <sup>4</sup>But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.* (James 1:2-3)

## 4. As a Witness to Others

- *And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.* (Rev. 12:11)

## 5. To Enable us to Later Minister to Those Who are Similarly Afflicted

- *Who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.* (2Cor. 1:4)

## 6. To Refine Us in the Fire

- *For You, O God, have tested us; You have refined us as silver is refined. You brought us into the net; You laid affliction on our backs. <sup>12</sup>You have caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; but You brought us out to rich fulfillment.* (Psalm 66:10)

## THE PURPOSE OF SUFFERING

<sup>10</sup>My brethren, take the **prophets**, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as **an example of suffering and patience**. <sup>11</sup>Indeed we count them **blessed who endure**. You have heard of the **perseverance of Job** and seen the end intended by the Lord—that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful. (James 5:10)

<sup>19</sup>For this is **commendable**, if because of conscience toward God one **endures grief, suffering wrongfully**. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But **when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God**. <sup>21</sup>For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for <sup>□</sup>us, leaving <sup>□</sup>us an example, that you should follow His steps. (1Peter 2:19-25)

<sup>12</sup>Beloved, **do not think it strange** concerning the **fiery trial** which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; <sup>13</sup>but **rejoice** to the extent that you **partake of Christ's sufferings**, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. <sup>14</sup>If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, **for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you**. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. <sup>15</sup>But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. <sup>16</sup>Yet **if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed**, but let him **glorify God** in this matter. (1Peter 4:12-16)

<sup>16</sup>The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that **we are children of God**, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs—**heirs of God** and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we **suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together**. <sup>18</sup>For I consider that the **sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory** which shall be revealed in us. (Romans 8:16-18)

...to **establish** you and **encourage** you concerning your **faith**, <sup>3</sup>that no one should be **shaken** by these **afflictions**; for you yourselves know that **we are appointed to this**. (1Thess. 3:3)

<sup>17</sup>For our **light affliction**, which is but for a **moment**, is working for us a **far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory**, (2Cor. 4:17)

In the world you **will have tribulation**; but be of good cheer, I have **overcome the world**. (John 16:33)