

## **FA37.** Calling on Elders to Pray and Anoint with Oil when Sick.

*We are to call on elders to pray and anoint with oil when sick.*

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

### **Key New Testament Scriptures**

James 5:14-15

*Is someone among you ill? He should call for the elders of the congregation. They will pray for him and rub olive oil on him in the name of the Lord. The prayer offered with trust will heal the one who is ill- the Lord will restore his health; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.*

### **Additional New Testament Scriptures**

Matthew 4:23, 8:13, 16, 9:35, 10:1, 8, 14:14

Mark 2:17

Luke 4:40, 9:1, 10:9

John 9:1-7

Acts 10:38, 28:8-9

1 Corinthians 12:9

1 Peter 2:24

### **Related New Testament Mitzvot**

FA18 Praying Together with Others

FA27 Praying for Our Brother and Our Neighbor

FA38 Praying for One Another

NA10 Ministering Healing

### **Supportive Tanakh Scriptures**

Exodus 23:25

*You are to serve ADONAI your God; and he will bless your food and water. I will take sickness away from among you.*

Deuteronomy 7:15

*ADONAI will remove all illness from you- he will not afflict you with any of Egypt's dreadful diseases, which you have known; instead, he will lay them on those who hate you.*

Psalms 30:3(2)

*ADONAI my God, I cried out to you, and you provided healing for me.*

Psalms 41:4(3)

*ADONAI sustains them on their sickbed; when they lie ill, you make them recover.*

Psalms 147:3

*He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.*

Isaiah 53:4-5

*In fact, it was our diseases he bore, our pains from which he suffered; yet we regarded him as punished, stricken and afflicted by God. <sup>5</sup> But he was wounded because of our crimes, crushed because of our sins; the disciplining that makes us whole fell on him, and by his bruises\* we are healed.*

Jeremiah 17:14

*Heal me, ADONAI, and I will be healed; save me, and I will be saved, for you are my praise.*

Jeremiah 30:17

*"For I will restore your health, I will heal you of your wounds," says ADONAI, "because they called you an outcast, Tziyon, with no one who cares about her."*

Hosea 6:1

*Come, let us return to ADONAI; for he has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck, and he will bind our wounds.*

### **Comment**

Matthew 13:58 and Mark 6:5-6 refer to the one situation in which persons were sometimes not healed. The reason given is unbelief:

*"And he did few miracles there because of their lack of trust [faith]. (Mat 13:58)*

*"So he could do no miracles there, other than lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. He was amazed at their lack of trust. Then he went through the surrounding towns and villages, teaching." (Mar 6:5-6)*

The foregoing has unfortunately resulted in two common conclusions, both of which are incorrect: (1) When healing does not occur after prayer it is always due to lack of faith; and (2) Supernatural healing is no longer available in today's world. There are other reasons put forward as well, but even during Yeshua's time the reason that some people were physically disabled and others were not was not always clear. A situation that confused Yeshua's disciples is described in John 9:1-2:

*"Yeshua passed along, he saw a man blind from birth. His talmidim asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned- this man or his parents- to cause him to be born blind?"*

Yeshua answered them in verse 3:

*"His blindness is due neither to his sin nor to that of his parents; it happened so that God's power might be seen at work in him."*

As we continue reading in verses 3-7 we learn that Yeshua healed him. We hear and have verified as legitimate, testimonies of supernatural healings that have occurred today from time to time, but do not know why they occur at some times and not at others.

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