

“TO THOSE NEEDING HEALING”

healing was provided by the Atonement.

- d. If healing was not provided for all in redemption, how did all in the multitude obtain from Christ the healing that God did not provide?
- e. The Word said that **“He healed them all.”**

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“WHAT MEANS DOES GOD USE IN HEALING?”

XXIV. John G. Lake tells the story of Mrs. D.C. Tappan who was healed by one of his assistants.

- A. Her testimony: *“I am sixty three years of age. Two years ago a cancer formed in the end of my spine and it grew and spread in the form of a horseshoe until it became three inches in diameter, causing me great pain constantly. Many physicians of Portland and Seattle treated me from time to time, but the cancer grew steadily worse, and discharged more and more. When all of our funds were exhausted in this way and I was facing a miserable death, a friend sent word to us that Dr. Lake was praying for the sick and was having wonderful cures through prayer. A new hope was born in our hearts, and we immediately sought him, that his associates, Dr. Lake being absent from the city, would pray for us. His secretary, Rev. Harriet Graham, knelt with me and most earnestly prayed God to deliver me from this cancer. Immediately all the terrible pain left my body and has never returned. During the intervening three months the cancer dried up, and now there is nothing left but the scar to remind me of those awful, awful days. No one can ever know how the sun shines on us after the hand of God touched my body and scattered all our clouds. My daughter was also a great sufferer from violent headaches. It was she who brought me to the healers and, she was touched by its power and she, too, was immediately healed.”*

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1. By what means was this healing accomplished?
 - a. Does God use “means” in healing”
 - b. The term “means” is understood as the varied remedies, medicines, and potions commonly used by the world at large prescribed for the sick.
 - c. This would be an extremely easy question for anyone to decide today.
 - d. The world has its systems of healing and has since the beginning.
2. Jesus refused the “pain-reliever”(means) of His day. **“They gave Him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when He had tasted thereof, He would not drink”** (Matt. 27:34).
 - a. Vinegar is sour wine. Gall or bile was mixed with sour wine and would soothe or relieve pain.
3. A good question to ask then is, what means did Jesus have in mind as a substitute for the world’s system of healing, which He never used?
 - a. God’s means and remedy that Jesus ministered to the sick, was a spiritual one, it was the power of the Holy Spirit.
4. The key is found in Luke 6:19, **“And the whole multitude sought to touch Him: for there went virtue out of Him, and healed them all.”**
 - a. “Virtue” is from the Greek word *dunamis* and means force (literally or figuratively), specially miraculous power.
 - b. The word “power” in Acts 1:8 comes from the same Greek word *dunamis*, **“But you shall receive power after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you.....”**.
 - c. It is this force that flowed from Jesus that accomplished the healing.
 - d. It is the same force that flows from the Christian and accomplishes the same results.