

God's Part and Your Part

2 Chron. 16:12-13

Introduction: Some people believe that everything that happens is God's will, including sickness and death. Yet the Scripture says that Asa died from sickness, not because it was God's will but because he failed to do his part which was to seek the Lord. In every blessing God has a part to play and we have a part to play. Christian must recognize their part.

1. God's Part is to provide information concerning His will for us.

- a. Psalm 107:17-20
- b. "Some of you were sick because you'd lived a bad life, your bodies feeling the effects of your sin; You couldn't stand the sight of food, so miserable you thought you'd be better off dead. Then you called out to God in your desperate condition; he got you out in the nick of time. He spoke the word that healed you, that pulled you back from the brink of death. So thank God for his marvelous love, for his miracle mercy to the children he loves; Offer thanksgiving sacrifices, tell the world what he's done—sing it out!" (The Message)
- c. God makes clear in His written and spoken Word what His intents are for His people. God tells us these things to build our faith:
- d. 3 John 2; Romans 10:17
- e. God desire is that when we know His will for us that this will build confidence in us to seek Him.

2. God's Part is to perform the promise.

- a. Num. 23:19; 1 Kings 8:20; Jer. 33:14
- b. If God has promised to heal and protect us from sickness then it is His part to perform that.
- c. Exodus 15:26; James 5:15
- d. We cannot heal ourselves. This is God's part. However, God is quite committed to doing His part.

3. Why God cannot always do His part:

- a. God has given us freedom to receive or reject His will for our lives. He cannot force His desires on us:
- b. Psalm 81:10-16; Rev. 3:20
- c. As much as Jesus desired to heal people, He was unable to because of their unbelief:
- d. Mark 6:5-6
- e. God may have plans for people but if they refuse to cooperate with Him then He cannot do His part – Luke 7:30; 13:34.
- f. *But they mocked Elohim's messengers, despised his words, and made fun of his prophets until the Lord became angry with his people. **He could no longer heal them.*** (2 Chron. 36:16; God's Word Translation)

4. Your Part

- a. Your part is to attend to, study, and meditate on God's Word and promises – Proverbs 4:20-22
- b. Your part is to remember the benefits that God has made available to you – Psalm 103:1-5
- c. Your part is to believe what God has said concerning any promise or benefit – Acts 27:24-25
- d. Your part is to pray and seek God, thus inviting Him to do His part – Ezekiel 36:36-37
- e. Your part is to receive (take, claim) – Mark 11:24
- f. Your part is to exercise your God-given, delegated authority and command to leave anything going contrary to God's revealed will. – Luke 10:17-20; Mark 11:22-24

Conclusion: Christians must keep in mind that while God very much wants to bless His people, He is not the only One who has a part to play in our receiving them. Many Christians miss out on God's blessings because they forget their part. Don't be one of those Christians.