

Title: Medical science can build your faith

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Opening video: Miracle trailer

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Watch the opening video:



We may feel that science opposes faith, but this does not need to be the case. Dr. Brown is a neuroscientist who investigates miracle claims and healing prayer in Jesus' name, and he finds strong evidence that miracles happen and that medical science can help us investigate them. Dr. Brown shares his own healing from a brain tumor and some of the miracles he has seen along the way.

Readings

READ Matthew 7:28-8:4

READ Leviticus 14:1-20 -- The Mosaic law about leprosy (all kinds of skin diseases, not just leprosy)

AFTER someone was healed of leprosy, they had to make atonement for their disease and be officially declared healed. The priests had the authority to determine whether someone was officially healed and could re-enter society. To do that, they had to:

- Sacrifice a bird, sprinkle its blood,
- The cleansed one had to shave their hair and
- wait seven days.
- Then sacrifice a lamb on the eighth day.

This told the rest of the community that the leper was ceremonially clean, not just physically healed.

Why did Jesus tell the leper "show yourself to the priest"?

(1) **For the leper:** The leper was already healed, but this restored him officially to society. (Infections could spread, so the leper had to keep away from people to contain the infection)

(2) **For the priests:** It was a testimony to the priests that Jesus heals.

(3) **For the gospel:** By having the priests officially declare the leper clean for the rest of society, they were validating Jesus' miracles, and thus giving credibility to his Messianic claims.

Exposition – what it means for us today

Missions are good, but we can also communicate the Gospel by working WITH cultural authority rather than against it:

*The church can claim someone was healed through prayer

*BUT doctors and scientists have the cultural authority today to say whether someone is sick or healed

*Christians are frankly behind relative to other religious groups. Lots of science studies of spiritual practices e.g. mindfulness, yoga, and claims of health benefits.

*Christian claims about healing through prayer will carry more weight with the broader public if they are investigated and confirmed by medical doctors and scientists

The church is now starting to do this – the story of GMRI

*Globalmri.org—GMRI was founded with the goal of rigorous scientific and medical investigation of miracle healing claims, and also of the effects of healing prayer

*Many medical cases of unexplained healing through prayer

*GMRI is now doing clinical trials of healing prayer in hospitals, e.g. the Baltimore prayer study

*This is not putting God to the test, but rather DECLARING with authority what God is doing

*We as Christians need to not be afraid of asking hard questions, like could a claimed healing really be a placebo effect

Application

***Jesus heals.** Today's "cultural priests", the medical and scientific research, show it.

***Pray for healing boldly.** The question is not "How can you believe that miracles happen" – rather it's "How can you NOT believe that miracles happen?"

***Share the evidence.** When the priests declared someone clean, **it was meant to be known.** So show your friends the evidence. See globalmri.org/library. And angel.com/miracle

***When you are healed by Jesus, maximize the impact.** Go and show yourself to the doctors. Get official confirmation, so you can declare it with the cultural authority of medicine. And tell GMRI about it too! Globalmri.org

Read Dr. Josh Brown's book *Proving a Miracle if you want more details, and give it to a friend.