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The Art of Prayer

16. Prayer for the Sick

Hagin teaches that healing is God's perfect will for every believer, yet it doesn't happen for everyone. Using Israel's conditional covenant and real-life stories, he shows why some aren't healed and how the Holy Spirit leads intercession for those who can't receive on their own.

Key takeaways

- Healing is provided for all and is God's perfect will, but it doesn't always happen — and not being healed doesn't mean a person is unsaved.
- God's healing covenant with Israel (Exodus 23) was conditional on obedience; sin broke it, as with David's child.
- You can sometimes carry a new Christian on your own faith or join faith through the prayer of agreement.
- Effective prayer for the sick depends on the Holy Spirit taking hold — you can't force Him. Let the Spirit use you.
- Hagin tells of a pastor's wife who groaned in prayer three nights and a brain-damaged woman recovered fully.

- When a man wouldn't put away sin, God wouldn't let Hagin pray for healing — only that his last days be better than his first. Grace still reached him.
- 'Identification' — physically feeling the sick person's symptoms — is a work of the Spirit, not something to seek.

Passages worth keeping

> *"Instead of using the Spirit, let the Spirit use you."*

Core point: prayer for the sick is Spirit-led, not self-worked.

Scripture referenced

- **Romans 8:26** -- The 'infirmity' the Spirit helps us with includes bodily sickness.
- **Exodus 23:25,26** -- God's conditional covenant to remove sickness and fulfill lifespan.
- **2 Samuel 12:14** -- David's child dies because sin broke the covenant — not God's perfect will.
- **Matthew 18:19** -- The prayer of agreement for another's healing.
- **1 Corinthians 5** -- Turning a persistent sinner over to Satan so his spirit may be saved.
- **Psalm 91** -- God's promise of long life, satisfied at 70 or 80 years.