

Recover

Two Kings 20:7- They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. (KJV)

Recovery is the hope and interest of the sick, the addicted and the alcoholic. The Lord God determines the degree of recovery that will occur for each person. The individual believer's hope, faith and effort contribute to the recovery process. External support through the Church, family and friends makes a difference. Hunger in the soul to abide by the will of God guides believers toward recovery. Determination to move forward in ways pleasing to the Lord facilitates recovery. The Lord makes recovery possible even in extreme forms of addiction and illness.

Psalms 39:13- O spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and be no more. (KJV)

The Holy Scriptures provide a frame of reference for believers seeking recovery. Circumstances vary among individuals as to the degree of illness and afflictions. The Lord knows the heart, mind and soul of each person and each person's goals. God's Holy Church provides the necessary support for recovery to take place. The final assessment of recovery rests with the Lord God and merits acceptance. The Lord's actions in the recovery process are not always immediately understood. Sinners benefit by trusting the Lord during difficult times of illness and addiction.

Isaiah 38:16- O LORD, by these things men live, and in all these things is the life of my spirit: so wilt thou recover me, and make me to live. (KJV)

Illnesses and addictions test the strength of the believer's commitment to recovery. Hope and support are important but the believer's commitment makes a difference. Setbacks, relapses and unanticipated complications lead to challenging frustrations. The believer's resolute patience is necessary in every stage of the recovery process. Professional guidance provides the attentive believer with a degree of reassurance. Personal habits and practices require evaluation so as not to deter recovery efforts. Joy arises in the ill and addicted when recovery occurs and continues unabated.

Mark 16:18- They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. (KJV)

Recovery has a place in each life as every believer suffers from the illness of sin. The Church's fasting periods offer opportunities for assessment and reflection. Recovery is the believer's move from illness and addiction to sobriety and health. Recognizing the need for help from the Lord God is essential for any recovery. The believer's efforts are in vain if they run contrary to the ways of the Lord God. God's Holy Church has innumerable records of recoveries through the centuries. Continuous gratitude to the Lord God is appropriate when believers recover,