

Healing and Deliverance

Is Healing for today?

Part 1

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Introduction

In the world today, there are so many people that have rejected the truth of God's Word as if it were a fairy tale.

They look at the improbability of some of the events that took place millennia ago and see them as impossible. Because, to the natural mind they are.

We have a choice as Christians to choose. DO WE BELIEVE GOD'S WORD OR NOT?

**I would like to make a statement clearly
HEALING IS FOR TODAY!**

Because Healing is in His redemptive plan.

Hearing a statement like that is like hearing a fairy tale.

So.... this begs the questions...

Why then are so many people sick?

Why are the cancer rates so high?

Why are our hospitals overflowing with sick people?

Why do Christians get sick and die?

Why, Pastor, Why is there so much pain and suffering in our world today?

Today, and over the next number of weeks, I hope to answer these questions for you.

FAITH

There is much in the Word of God about faith, I can take you to several hundred scriptures dealing with the issues of faith.

Actually, It is not possible that any person can legitimately be a Christian without faith.

Faith has to be understood clearly for us to be able to use the Word of God. Using the Word of God was God's plan from the beginning in the garden.

While the Word of God contains stunning poetry, prose, mystery, and intrigue, no love story can match its equal, no famous romance author can equal it's power. Many people read it from these perspective and enjoy its comforts in times of pain or sadness.

Others find hope in depression, many seek it's counsel concerning relationships, business, finance, and direction for living.

Others search the depths of the word of God to discover secrets only available to serious people wanting to go deeper in God.

If you have no determination to go deeper.

If you have no desire to study.

If you are not prepared to invest quality time.

You cannot go deeper.

if you are swayed by your culture or your upbringing to settle for the status quo you can not go deeper in God.

Sadly, our world has departed from the fundamental mandates presented in God's Word and as a result, unwittingly rejected the God and King and Friend they claim to serve.

If healing is for today, then why has it not become a reality?

We live in the greatest country on earth. In the greatest protections available in history. With the greatest scientific minds and breakthroughs in History. We have some of the greatest businesses that have ever been created. We have the greatest systems of transportation in History, we have the most efficient homes along with hot water, heat and air, and refuse disposal greater than any other society in History. We have the greatest arts and media, and the latest technology, that, over the last

20 years have revolutionized our way of living making it a better way to communicate, get information, run our lives effectively. Lastly we have the greatest medical systems in the world and that has ever been in the history of the world.

WHY DO WE NEED GOD? We have it all together. Right?

Yet, we are still sick, still hurt, still committing suicide, mental illness is at an all time high, the divorce rate is higher than ever, litigation is higher than ever, crime is at an all time high. Rebellion and lawlessness is continues unabated, we murder our unborn, we hate, we hurt, we cheat and steal and lie and satisfy our flesh. We think we know it all. In a Christian Culture, most cannot quote one scripture accurately from the multitude of translations available, most are sporadic in their church attendance, most serve other God's of money, greed, modernism, feelings, comfort, convenience, media, sex, sleep.

IS IT ANY WONDER WE DON'T HAVE POWER IN THE CHURCH TODAY?

BUT I HAVE GOOD NEWS!

NEWS THAT IS GOING TO HELP YOU!

I WANT YOU TO KNOW, GOD IS FOR YOU.

HE IS ON YOUR SIDE EDGING YOU ON TO GET CLOSER TO HIM.

HE IS REACHING OUT TO YOU, AND ME, AND GENTLY CALLING US TO FORSAKE OUR FALSE GOD'S AND SERVE HIM.

So, let's get back to our original question.

IS HEALING FOR TODAY?

Proverbs 4:20-22

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20 My son, attend to my words; consent *and* submit to my sayings.

21 Let them not depart from your sight; keep them in the center of your heart.

22 For they are life to those who find them, healing *and* health to all their flesh.

Notice God's instructions here.

- 1. "Incline your ear to My sayings". Faith comes by hearing God's word.**
- 2. "Keep My word in the midst of your heart, For they are life to those who find them". We must receive God's word into our heart.**
- 3. "Give attention to My words". This means to stop all other distraction and focus, think and attend to it. Or, do what the word says.**

**The word of God cannot be health to my body before it is 1) Heard,
2) Received into my heart,
3) And acted upon.**

It does not matter what kind of un-healthy flesh the person has. It could be cancer, goiters, tumors, blood diseases, skin diseases, blind eyes, deaf ears, lame legs.

**GOD'S WORD IS LIFE AND HEALTH TO ALL FLESH.
Any person who invents a medicine that can cure one disease will become very famous and wealthy.**

Here is the medicine for all diseases.

1 Peter 1:23

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23 You have been regenerated (born again), not from a mortal origin (seed, sperm), but from one that is immortal by the ever living and lasting Word of God.

God's word is incorruptible seed. In other words it will always produce a harvest.

Jesus said in Matt 13 : 23,

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23 As for what was sown on good soil, this is he who hears the Word and grasps *and* comprehends it (Understands it) (Here is you secret and key); he indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundred times as much as was sown, in another sixty times as much, and in another thirty.

While we are hearing God's Word, keeping God's Word in our hearts, and acting on God's Word, the incorruptible seed is in good ground. And will bring forth fruit.

When the farmer plants his seed in the ground, he does not dig it up every day to see how it is doing.

The farmer walks away saying, "I am glad that is done". He believes the seed has begun to work.

Let us have the same faith in the imperishable seed of God.

IF THE FARMER CAN HAVE FAITH IN NATURE, WHY CAN'T THE CHRISTIAN HAVE FAITH IN THE GOD OF NATURE.

When our eyes are upon our symptoms, and our mind is occupied with thoughts of doubt and failure, we are planting the wrong seed.

We have planted seeds of doubt and failure. We cannot grow corn if we plant the seed that produces weeds.

Let us focus our mind and attention completely on God's word during these next bible studies on how to receive the healthy body Christ bought for us.

DID JESUS CHRIST'S DEATH ON THE CROSS BUY HEALING AS WELL AS FORGIVENESS?

Romans 5:12

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12 Therefore, as sin came into the world through one man, and death as the result of sin, so death spread to all men, [no one being able to stop it or to escape its power] because all men sinned.

In other words, if there had been no sin in the garden of Eden there would be no death.

In other words, disease entered into the world through sin. There was no sickness in the garden of Eden before Adam sinned.

The bible teaches us, that Jesus Christ bore all the problems on the cross, that we receive as a result of sin.

Galatians 3:13

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13 Christ purchased our freedom [redeeming us] from the curse (doom) of the Law [and its condemnation] by [Himself] becoming a curse for us, for it is written [in the Scriptures], Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree (is crucified);

Even in the Old Testament they received healing through the atonement of the sacrificial lamb. This was just a type of the true Lamb, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Once their sins were atoned for by partaking of the type they were healed. If this is true in the Old Testament how much more in the New Testament.

1 Corinthians 10:11

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11 Now these things befell them by way of a figure [as an example and warning to us]; they were written to admonish *and* fit us for right action by good instruction, we in whose days the ages have reached their climax (their consummation and concluding period).

Numbers 16:41-49

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41 But on the morrow all the congregation of the Israelites murmured against Moses and Aaron, saying, You have killed the people of the Lord.

42 When the congregation was gathered against Moses and Aaron, they looked at the Tent of Meeting, and behold, the cloud covered it and they saw the Lord's glory.

43 And Moses and Aaron came to the front of the Tent of Meeting.

44 And the Lord said to Moses,

45 Get away from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment. And Moses and Aaron fell on their faces.

46 And Moses said to Aaron, Take a censer and put fire in it from off the altar and lay incense on it, and carry it quickly to the congregation and make atonement for them. For there is wrath gone out from the Lord; the plague has begun!

47 So Aaron took the burning censer as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the congregation; and behold, the plague was begun among the people; and he put on the incense and made atonement for the people.

48 And he stood between the dead and the living, and the plague was stayed.

49 Now those who died in the plague were 14,700, besides those who died in the matter of Korah.

Sickness has no authority (NOTICE THIS) over the person who is forgiven. In this type or shadow of what Jesus bought at Calvary, we can see clearly that the forgiveness Jesus bought for us, also brings healing to our bodies.

Numbers 21:4-9

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4 And they journeyed from Mount Hor by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom, and the people became impatient (depressed, much discouraged), because [of the trials] of the way.

5 And the people spoke against God and against Moses, Why have you brought us out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no bread, neither is there any water, and we loathe this light (contemptible, unsubstantial) manna.

6 Then the Lord sent fiery (burning) serpents among the people; and they bit the people, and many Israelites died.

7 And the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord, that He may take away the serpents from us. So Moses prayed for the people.

8 And the Lord said to Moses, Make a fiery serpent [of bronze] and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live.

9 And Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it on a pole, and if a serpent had bitten any man, when he looked to the serpent of bronze [^a]attentively, expectantly, with a steady and absorbing gaze], he lived.

2 Corinthians 5:21

Amplified Bible (AMP)

21 For our sake He made Christ [virtually] to be sin Who knew no sin, so that in *and* through Him we might become [endued with, viewed as being in, and examples of] the righteousness of God [what

we ought to be, approved and acceptable and in right relationship with Him, by His goodness].

When Christ hung on the cross, He had become the sin of the entire world. He took our sin.

The serpent is a type of the sin that Christ had become when He hung on the cross.

The serpent on the pole was a type of Christ buying forgiveness for man.

When the children of Israel looked at that bronze serpent on the pole, while repenting for their sin, they were forgiven.

Once they were forgiven for their sin, there was no more need for God's wrath and judgment to be poured out on the children of Israel.

Those that looked and received forgiveness did not die from snake bite.

We who have received the real forgiveness of Jesus Christ, and stay cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ, are immune to all diseases, and to all tragedy, and Satan has no authority over us at all.

We have a right to be well because of Jesus Christ and Calvary.

When Jesus healed a man one time, He said to him "Go and sin no more lest a worse thing come upon you".

That is why it is so important to ask God to forgive us, if we make a mistake and sin.

Always stay cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ. Give the devil no place.

Psalm 103:2-3

Amplified Bible (AMP)

**2 Bless (affectionately, gratefully praise) the Lord,
O my soul, and forget not [one of] all His benefits—
3 Who forgives [every one of] all your iniquities,
Who heals [each one of] all your diseases, (How many diseases)**

When God forgave all our sins, that automatically bought healing for all our bodies.

Wrap Up and Close

Close in prayer.

How many of us here have been trusting in God for our healing? Come to the front and lets pray.