

HEALING 101

The Lord's Heart for Healing

Unless we know and believe the Lord's heart for us in the realms of healing, we will never be able to truly receive all the Lord desires for us. It's not good enough for us to only know about what the Lord *did* in the Bible and for others, but we must each get a revelation of His astounding love, His great mercy and His overwhelming passion to see each of His children whole and well. Some excellent examples of this are found in the scripture:

***Psalms 103:11** For as high as the heavens are above the earth, So great is His loving kindness toward those who fear Him. **12** As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us. **13** Just as a father has compassion on his children, So the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him. **14** For He Himself knows our frame; He is mindful that we are but dust.*

***Isaiah 30:18** Therefore the LORD longs to be gracious to you, And therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; How blessed are all those who long for Him.*

***Isaiah 4:13** Shout for joy, O heavens! And rejoice, O earth! Break forth into joyful shouting, O mountains! For the LORD has comforted His people, And will have compassion on His afflicted.*

***Matthew 9:36** And seeing the multitudes, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and downcast like sheep without a shepherd; **14:14** And when He went ashore, He saw a great multitude, and felt compassion for them, and healed their sick; **20:34** And moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes; and immediately they regained their sight and followed Him.*

The scriptures reveal that the Father's heart toward His children is revealed in His Son, Jesus Christ. **John 5:19** *Jesus therefore answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.*

From the scriptures we see the following things:

1) God desires to heal ANY who are sick. Luke 4:40 *And while the sun was setting, all who had any sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and laying His hands on every one of them, He was healing them.*

2) The Lord desires to heal ALL the sick, not just a special few. Luke 6:19 *And all the multitude were trying to touch Him, for power was coming from Him and healing them all.*

3) God is no respecter of persons. What he's done for others He can and will do for YOU! Acts 10:34 *Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:*

4) God NEVER kicks one of His kids when they're down, but instead picks them up and helps them out of their "ditch". Luke 13:11-17 *And behold, there was a woman who for eighteen years had had a sickness caused by a spirit; and she was bent double, and could not straighten up at all. **12** And when Jesus saw her, He called her over and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your sickness." **13** And He laid His hands upon her; and immediately she was made erect again, and began glorifying God. **14** And the synagogue official, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, began saying to the multitude in response, "There are six days in which work should be done; therefore come during them and get healed, and not on the Sabbath day." **15** But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites, does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the*

stall, and lead him away to water him? 16"And this woman, a daughter of Abraham as she is, whom Satan has bound for eighteen long years, should she not have been released from this bond on the Sabbath day?"

God, the Father is absolutely committed to seeing us freed from our afflictions, addictions, bondages and sicknesses. While the religious spirit asks questions like, "how can God do that?" or "why would God do it that way?" or "how can God do it to them? ". Rather than rejoicing at what God is doing, religion questions the how, why and what for. The religious spirit always glorifies what God did in the past while bitterly opposing what God is **now** doing. While religion wants to analyze *how we got in the ditch*, the Kindness and mercy of God just wants to pull us out!

Isaiah 42:3 *A bruised reed He will not break and a dimly burning wick He will not extinguish; He will faithfully bring forth justice.*

5) God doesn't resort to "making someone sick" or keeping someone suffering to "teach them" some kind of lesson. That violates everything God ever said or did in scripture.

Many times Christians use their lack of faith or personal experience to rationalize and explain these things. They cite Job, for example. But Job is an example of persevering faith and trust rather than just suffering. At the end, Job was given back double everything he lost to Satan's attacks and Job is listed in the Hebrews 11 "faith hall of fame" as one who still believed God when everything failed.

Some people also evoke **Hebrews 12:5** to explain why God supposedly likes making people sick. They use the passage about the discipline of the Lord to try to explain why they're sick without realizing the Greek word for discipline is *paidea*, which means the same as "training a child". How many parents do you know who *train* their child by inducing fear, sickness, giving them cancer, boils, meningitis or calamity? NONE, because parents don't! No loving parent would resort to torture to train their children. Still, Many Christians think God uses torture and pain to "deal with us" or "show us things". Even Pavlov's dog was treated with more kindness! God is a loving FATHER, not THE GODFATHER. God never needs to resort to evil and calamity to say what He can say with a loving whisper.

Four Ways God Uses to Bring Healing

1) Faith of the one sick- faith comes and a person is healed. Romans 10- The faith of the one who is sick is what is working here; Ex: Woman with issue of blood-**Mark 5:25-36**

2) The Prayer of Faith-James 5:15 – *The prayer offered up in faith will save and heal the sick. This is offered up primarily on the faith of the elders or the one praying.*

3) The Word of Knowledge- "I only do what I see the Father doing". **John 5:19** *This is the release of the Spirit of Might or Power we see described in Isaiah 11. It's all about the sovereign unveiling of the sickness or malady initiated by the Holy Spirit's desire to heal! With this sovereign demonstration, the faith of each is activated and the person healed.*

4) The Healing Anointing-"Presence Healing"- *"The power of the Lord was present to heal...."* **This is a tangible anointing in that place/time to heal.** Luke 6:19- *"And all the multitude were trying to touch Him, for power was coming from Him and healing them all."* **This is also descriptive of someone who was just worshiping or walked in to a place that anointing was manifesting and was healed. It involves simply being in His Presence. This is when a healing comes based on the immersing oneself in the Lord's presence.**

4 Realms of Healing

There are at least four realms of our life God's healing power can touch and effect:

1) Physical Body- Where the power of God comes and touches and restores back to health the area(s) of the human body that are diseased, infected or invaded with tumors. God's power removes, dries up, withers and either instantaneously or gradually eradicates the disease, restoring that person to health. In the occasion where the sickness is caused by a demonic spirit, once the spirit is cast out, the person is instantly or soon thereafter healed.

Mark 4:23- "And Jesus was going about in all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people.

24 *And the news about Him went out into all Syria; and they brought to Him all who were ill, taken with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, paralytics; and He healed them."*

2) Demonic oppression, affliction, sicknesses and diseases

Acts 10:38- *"You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed by the devil; for God was with Him."*

Fully one-third of all Jesus' ministry involved the casting out of demons, many causing diseases and afflictions as well as many mental/emotional conditions(see#3) . The book of Mark chronicles many such occurrences.

Mark 9:17 –“ *And one of the crowd answered Him, "Teacher, I brought You my son, possessed with a spirit which makes him mute; 18 and whenever it seizes him, it dashes him to the ground and he foams at the mouth, and grinds his teeth, and stiffens out. And I told Your disciples to cast it out, and they could not do it." 19 And He answered them and said, "O unbelieving generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him to Me! " 20 And they brought the boy to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit threw him into a convulsion, and falling to the ground, he began rolling about and foaming at the mouth. 21 And He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. 22 "And it has often thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, take pity on us and help us!"23 And Jesus said to him, "If You can!" All things are possible to him who believes." 24 Immediately the boy's father cried out and began saying, "I do believe; help my unbelief." 25 And when Jesus saw that a crowd was rapidly gathering, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and do not enter him again." 26 And after crying out and throwing him into terrible convulsions, it came out; and the boy became so much like a corpse that most of them said, "He is dead!" 27 But Jesus took him by the hand and raised him; and he got up. 28 And when He had come into the house, His disciples began questioning Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" 29 And He said to them, "This kind cannot come out by anything but prayer."*

A Note on: Those experiencing recurring calamity, chronic lack, poverty and maladies with no apparent cause. Contrary to much of American church teaching, none of us were ever promised in scripture a problem-free life if we chose to become believers in Jesus. Persecution, difficulty, hindrances and setbacks were part of the apostolic lifestyle.

2 Corinthians 3 -giving no cause for offense in anything, in order that the ministry be not discredited, 4 but in everything commending ourselves as servants of God, in much endurance, in afflictions, in hardships, in distresses, 5 in beatings, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in hunger, 6 in purity, in knowledge, in patience, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in genuine love, 7 in the word of truth, in the power of God; by the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and the left,8 by glory and dishonor, by evil report and good report; regarded as deceivers and yet true; 9 as unknown yet well-known, as dying yet behold, we live; as punished yet not put to death, 10 as sorrowful yet always rejoicing, as poor yet making many rich, as having nothing yet possessing all things.

Yet there is a clear difference between being persecuted **for the faith** versus experiencing calamity, trouble and a lifestyle of defeat due to a lack of knowledge of the truth. As believers, we

have access to **all** the blessings and provision of the New Covenant in Jesus Christ which includes; an ability to hear God, healing, prosperity and the abundant life. It is not part of the Christians normal way of living to suffer chronic sickness, lack, calamity and defeat. These things may happen due to a battle or even war we are in. In Christ we have **all** the provision we need to win the victory and victory is assured! No weapon formed against us will prevail. We may have battles and even wars to fight, but in the long run, if we wage our war in faith, we will win! Too often we have “microwave faith” which brings us only “microwave victories”. Christianity has never been a faith for the impatient and the Lord is training us to have a long-term mentality.

Galatians 3:13 says: *Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us-- for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE"--14 in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.*

The only clear instance in the New Testament where we see believers living under a curse is **Galatians 4:15** *Where then is that sense of blessing you had? For I bear you witness, that if possible, you would have plucked out your eyes and given them to me. 16 Have I therefore become your enemy by telling you the truth? 17 They eagerly seek you, not commendably, but they wish to shut you out, in order that you may seek them.*

The reason we see this lack of victory and the loss of “the sense of blessing” among these Galatian believers is because “false brethren” came in **among** them and introduced **false teaching** that cut out from them their ability to walk in faith. The purpose of these false apostles was to “shut them out” of the Kingdom and then draw them to themselves so they would seek them, instead of Christ. **Luke 11:52** *-Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge; you did not enter in yourselves, and those who were entering in you hindered."*

Greed, selfish ambition and jealousy were motivating the intentions of these false brethren and the acceptance of their teaching was at the root of the Galatians’ defeat. I say defeat because once the Galatians left the arena of faith and grace and reverted back to law and works, the game was already over.

Then can we **break** curses over believers? Actually, when believers are in this ditch of defeat and difficulty they need to be pulled out and then empowered to press on into a walk of faith. We can pray to expel any deceiving or deluding religious spirits and then neutralize the effects by releasing faith. (Romans 12:3) Believers must stay out of this “arena of Law” the enemy cleverly lures us into successfully time and again!

3) Mental and Emotional Bondages

Luke 4:18 *"The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; 19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD."*

When Jesus read this passage in the synagogue that day He was describing not just His public ministry, which was just beginning, but gave a clear description of the gospel ministry, the good news! *Healing the broken hearted* is an essential part of the gospel because emotional pain and hurts are one of the prime causes of physical sicknesses and until this area is dealt with, many times there is no healing.

Psalms 34:17 *The righteous cry and the LORD hears, And delivers them out of all their troubles.18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted, And saves those who are crushed in spirit.*

It is absolutely the Lord's heart to remove the pain that comes from the loss of a loved one; to remove the hurts caused by rejection, divorce, rape, abuse and neglect. Many times these traumatic events are doorways for the demonic to enter into a person's thought-life. For example, Bob Jones feels that head trauma many times opens a door to allow fear to come in. Experiencing a crime or violence can make one fearful of others. Being attacked or accused verbally can have a chilling effect, causing the accused to distrust or become isolated. Only through forgiving those who attacked them and receiving the Lord's healing can a person truly love and relate again.

4) Relationships

Because we are living in the last days the potential for relationships to come under attack is at an all-time high. **Matthew 24:12** *"And because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold.* Today, more Christians are getting divorces than non-Christians! Church splits, division, discord and conflict is primarily caused because of the hardening of hearts due to the lawlessness in our land.

But like God is no respecter of persons, His healing anointing is also no respecter of areas that need His healing and restoration. He's more than able to repair any damaged relationships. God's love is the most powerful force on this planet, melting cold hearts and repairing what man thinks is irreparable. God's desire is to mend what is broken, heal what can be repaired and bring wholeness where there is a rift.

Matthew 6:14 *"For if you forgive men for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.15"But if you do not forgive men, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.*

Pride, offenses and bitterness are key reasons relationships break down. There has to be a choice both persons make to let things go and move on. Humility is key because there has to be a willingness to forgive, let go of our agendas and move on. Rick Joyner likes to say that when there were only 2 brothers on earth (Cain and Abel), they couldn't get along. How true! The terrorism we fight today is rooted in Isaac and Ishmael's feud that became the present-day war between Israel and the Arab world. We can't expect to "all just get along", without God's love being poured out into us, releasing in us a humility, love and a desire to truly act like Christ.

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