

# **The Struggle Is Over**

## **Divine Healing Simplified**

### **STUDY GUIDE**

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# INTRODUCTION

## The Struggle Is Over!

**T**here are so many books, tapes and teachings on divine healing that one can easily become overwhelmed and confused. While some ministers do not believe it is God's will to heal, other ministers have put so many stipulations on divine healing that it can almost seem impossible. ***However, receiving healing from God is easy!*** Sadly, many Christians have gotten lost in "legalities" and the mechanics *they feel* are necessary to obtain divine healing. This leads to frustration. When one gets lost in "dos and don'ts", which is works, they quickly feel disqualified from receiving anything God offers. They feel as if they can never match up to all God requires. Many sincere believers have found themselves in a vicious cycle robbing them of the joy and peace in believing. The truth is: Jesus perfectly fulfilled all of God's requirements for us. Therefore, we are able to receive divine healing solely by the grace of God! This means that healing is ours because of Jesus!

There are many misconceptions about divine healing today. Most of these misconceptions have been birthed out of the failures and experiences of men and are putting stumbling blocks in front of those in dire need of healing. One of these stumbling blocks is the idea that one needs more faith to be healed. So many Christians have been hurt, wounded, and even died believing these kinds of doctrines. How these doctrines have grieved the heart of God. They have made people feel disqualified for the very healing God, Himself, has *already* qualified everyone for. If you are a Christian, ***God has already given you everything you will ever need to receive divine healing! God has made it easy!***

God wants the Church to be finished with doctrines that make room for failure! What people today really need is

someone who will help them make a connection with God that will liberate their bodies, heal them and make them whole. That is the purpose of this book. So, forget everything you thought you knew about divine healing! Let's allow God to re-teach us. In so doing, we will enjoy all He has provided for us! ***If you have been struggling in the area of healing get ready: The Struggle Is Over!***

# CHAPTER 1

## Divine Healing Is For Me!

**P**hysical healing in our redemption must be a settled fact if we are to obtain divine health or healing. Until we settle this one issue we are just wasting time. Without this knowledge we have no basis to stand on concerning divine health or healing. Before we can have a steadfast faith for healing we have to rid ourselves of all uncertainty concerning God's will to heal. After all, faith is simply trusting in the *known* will of God.

Therefore, until healing in our redemption is a settled fact in our mind we will be tossed back and forth in our theology and wavering

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in our faith. However, if physical healing is part of our redemption, that completely answers the question, "Is healing for me?" If physical healing is part of our redemption then it is God's will to heal each one of us, personally. ***Physical healing is part of our redemption!*** As we will see, the atonement of Christ lays the foundation equally for deliverance from sin and deliverance from disease. ***Divine healing, healing of the physical body, is not a side-issue to God!*** Everywhere in the bible God offered forgiveness, He also offered healing. God has provided complete provision for both. They both stand on the same ground: redemption! Therefore, the atoning sacrifice of Christ covers every physical as well as spiritual need of the human race. God has provided a complete redemption for the spirit, soul and *body* of man. Jesus went to the cross, spirit, soul, and *body*, to redeem man, spirit, soul, and *body*. If a Christian is not walking in divine health or healing it is because he is being cheated out of his inheritance in Christ. ***Divine healing is for you!***

Let's see, from the Scriptures, that physical healing is part of our redemption. There are many proofs; however, we will only look at a few. It would be a good idea to study this on your own until it is settled in your mind, "Divine healing belongs to me!" Let's look at Isaiah 53.

### **Isaiah 53:4-5**

**"Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed." – NKJ**

Surely He has borne our griefs (sicknesses, weaknesses, and distresses)... - **AMP**

But the fact is, it was our pains he carried--our disfigurements, all the things wrong with us... - **MESS**

...our diseases were put on him... – **BASIC**

...He took our troubles and made them His... - **ETR**

...by taking our punishment, he made us completely well. – **CEV**

...We are healed by the punishment he suffered, made whole by the blows he received. – **GN**

...The punishment, which made us well, was given to him, and we are healed because of his wounds. – **NCV**

...by his stripes, there is healing for us. – **RHM**

...the blows that fell on Him have brought us healing. – **MOFF**

This is a well-known prophecy about the Messiah, Jesus Christ. This prophecy is referring to Christ's redemptive work. Isaiah states, by the Holy Spirit, that Christ has borne our griefs.



The word translated “griefs” is found 23 other places in the Old Testament. Twelve times this word is translated “sickness”, once it is translated “sick”, and seven times it is translated “disease”. In every instance this word is used, it refers to physical sickness or disease. I believe it is clearly seen from this passage of scripture that physical healing is part of our redemption. The Scripture clearly states, “He bore our sicknesses, diseases, pains, weaknesses, disfigurements, etc.” and “by His stripes we are physically healed”. I don’t believe it could get any clearer than that. However, *some* theologians say, “This is talking about spiritual healing”. I believe these theologians have forgotten the basic principles of Hermeneutics. Hermeneutics is bible interpretation. It shows us how we are to correctly divide the Word of Truth. One of the basic laws of Hermeneutics is to let Scripture interpret Scripture. If we allow Scripture to interpret Scripture we will clearly find, in Matthew 8:16-17, that Isaiah 53:4-5 is talking about physical healing.

We are not alone; Jesus also faced the same struggles of misinterpretation with the religious leaders of His day. Like some theologians today, the Pharisees also misinterpreted Scripture based on their traditions, culture and/or experiences. However, traditions, culture and experiences should never be used to interpret Scripture. Scripture should always interpret how we see our traditions, culture and experiences. I know many people who have had a bad experience and allowed that experience to interpret the way they read the Bible. Thus, they made Scripture line up to their experience, rather than making their experience line up to Scripture (which robbed them of their miracle). Listen carefully. The Word of God has within itself the power to manifest what is spoken. In other words, the Scripture has the power to change situations, circumstances, experiences, your body, etc. Therefore, either your experiences will change the way you view Scripture; causing Scripture to line up with your experiences, or the Scripture will change your experiences; causing your experiences to line up with God’s Word (or God’s will). The choice is up to you. However,

allowing Scripture to change your experiences (culture, tradition, situations, circumstances, body, etc.) is where your miracle lies. Let me give you an example:

In 2003 I lived in Nigeria for about five months. I went to establish a healing school and to be an instructor in a local bible college. I arrived in Africa at the beginning of their malarial season. Of course, to most Africans, malaria is like a common cold, but to an American it is very deadly. One morning I awoke with a bad fever and a terrible headache. I was shivering and vomiting, weak and dizzy. All my symptoms pointed to malaria. I was so weak and disoriented that I could barely confess or meditate on any healing scriptures. However, I knew I had to do something. There were no good doctors to go to, I was in Africa. There were no pharmacies available for medication. I had no other choice than divine healing. God was my only hope. I had a great opportunity to allow my experiences (at that moment) to misinterpret Scripture. I could have said, "Healing must not be part of my redemption because here I am with symptoms comparable to malaria." I could have

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said, based on my experience, "God must have left me. Here I am doing His will and I got sick." I could have even said, "This must be

God's will, otherwise, why would I be sick." However, I refused to give sickness an excuse to stay on my body. ***Excuses never help you get healed; they only help you stay sick*** (I don't care if your mom had it or if this illness is in your family line. You don't have to have it! Neither does your family!). One of the secrets of divine healing is allowing God's Word to remove ANY and ALL excuses to be sick. We have to keep in mind that God's Word is spiritually discerned; it does not make sense to the natural mind, nor is it supposed to. It does NOT make sense that I would be sick when God's Word says, "He has

blessed my bread and water and has taken sickness away from the midst of me” (Ex. 23:25). However, this dilemma gives us a choice: We can either believe more in the Word of God than in the sickness, or we can believe more in the sickness than in God’s Word. If we do the former we will walk into our miracle and our body will be changed; lining up with God’s Word. If we do the latter we will begin to misinterpret God’s Word based on our experiences and thus walk into deception (This is because we are trying to understand the supernatural using our natural mind). ***Always remember that God’s Word gives us spiritual promises that change natural circumstances.*** So what did I do? I began to make myself confess, out loud, God’s Word over my body. As I did, I began to be strengthened through my spirit. As I was strengthened, I used that strength to step out further and meditate on God’s Word. As I was meditating, I got inspired by God’s Word and began to act on it! I paced back and forth in my room confessing and acting on God’s Word until every symptom of that malarial fever left my body and I was completely healed! I then ate, regained the rest of my strength, and preached that night! ***Divine healing is for today!***

So, allowing the power of the Scripture to change your experiences creates miracles. However, allowing your experiences to change Scripture creates deception, which robs you of the blessings of God. It was in this way that the Pharisees misinterpreted Scripture. This is clearly seen in the passage below. Jesus, the Word made flesh, would then have to explain to the Pharisees what was truly meant by what was written. Jesus is always the correct interpretation of Scripture. Why? Because Jesus is the Word in human form. Let’s look at Mark 7:1-16.

### **Mark 7:1-16**

**“[1] Then the Pharisees and some of the scribes came together to Him, having come from Jerusalem. [2] Now when they saw some of His disciples eat bread with defiled, that is, with unwashed hands, they found fault. [3] For the**

**Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands in a special way, holding the tradition of the elders. [4] When they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other things which they have received and hold, like the washing of cups, pitchers, copper vessels, and couches. [5] Then the Pharisees and scribes asked Him, ‘Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?’ [6] He answered and said to them, ‘Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: “This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. [7] And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.” [8] For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men – the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do.’ [9] He said to them, ‘All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition. [10] For Moses said, “Honor your father and your mother”; and “He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.” [11] But you say, “If a man says to his father or mother, ‘Whatever profit you might have received from me is Corban’” – (that is, a gift to God), [12] Then you no longer let him do anything for his father or his mother, [13] making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do.’ [14] When He had called all the multitude to Himself, He said to them, ‘Hear Me, everyone, and understand: [15] There is nothing that enters a man from outside which can defile him; but the things which come out of him, those are the things that defile a man. [16] If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear!’” - NKJ**

Here we see the Pharisees misinterpreting the Scripture, several times, because they tried to make the Scripture line up with their traditions. We also see Jesus (who is the Word) telling the people the true meaning of what was meant by what He said (before He came to the Earth). The best interpreter of

the written Word is the Word made flesh. Jesus knows the correct interpretation of the Word of God; He is the Word of God. We know that Jesus is the Word because of John 1:14.

### **John 1:14**

**“The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.” – NKJ**

This passage of Scripture is talking about our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Jesus is the Word which took upon Himself flesh. So, the Word and Jesus are one. Let me ask you a question, “If you want to know what someone meant by what they said wouldn’t you simply ask the person who said it?” After all, the person who spoke would be able to give the correct interpretation of what was spoken. This is because he would know what he meant when he said what he said. Any other source (such as some of the theologians of our day) could give their opinion of what was meant, but their opinion could be wrong. This is because they do not know what was going on in the mind of the person who spoke.

With this established let us view Jesus’ interpretation (the correct interpretation) of Isaiah 53:4-5 and see if His interpretation matches that of some theologians.

### **Matthew 8:16-17**

**“They brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: “He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses.” – NKJ**

The New Testament English Version for the Deaf better translates verse 17 this way: “Jesus did these things to make happen what Isaiah the prophet said.” Look how Jesus interpreted Isaiah 53:4-5. The Word, Himself, did not interpret the words found in Isaiah to mean spiritual healing but physical

healing. To make Isaiah's prophecy come true Jesus did not heal people's spirits, He healed their bodies. Jesus used the power within that Scripture to heal a multitude (ALL who were sick). That same power is still in that Scripture today! *If we will use it*, it will heal ALL of us too! So God's interpretation of Isaiah 53:4-5 is PHYSICAL HEALING as well as spiritual deliverance! To take any other view is equal to accusing God of making a mistake in fulfilling His own prophecy. To say that physical healing is NOT an equal part of our redemption is to say that God does not know His own Word. Verses 4 and 5, in this redemptive chapter, shows Jesus dying for: OUR sickness, OUR disease, OUR pains, OUR transgressions, OUR iniquities, OUR sin, OUR peace, and OUR healing! Like we said earlier, Jesus went to the cross spirit, soul, and body, to redeem man, spirit, soul, and body! Think about it, if the body were not included in redemption how could there be a resurrection of the body? The fact is, that 1 Corinthians 6:20 plainly tells us that God has bought our spirit, as well as our body, with a price; and we are to glorify him in our spirit and our body because they are both His. The redemption of the spirit and body are part of the same Gospel. They are both based on the same Atonement. Therefore, a living Church must be a healing Church, as well as, a soul-saving Church!

While pastoring in Arkansas, we had a jail ministry. It was in this jail ministry that I really saw this truth in action. We began to preach healing as an equal part of salvation. We preached it in such a way that the people expected to be healed the moment they accepted Jesus into their hearts; making Him the Lord and Savior of their lives. We saw great healings take place while people were being born again. There was one man whose eyes were crossed, and while He accepted Jesus Christ as the Lord of his life, God uncrossed his eyes. The jail ministry team watched the man's eyes uncross! The man then broke down into tears and fell on his knees before God. There was also a woman who was totally deaf in one ear and partially deaf in the other. Both ears were totally healed. We had her stand at

the back of the room, while whispering faintly from the front, and she could hear every faint whisper we made! God's redemption for man is physical, mental and spiritual! Every "evil" Adam brought upon man at the Fall, Jesus took off at the new birth! We are redeemed from sickness and disease! Physical healing is an equal part of our redemption!

I have found, in ministering to people, that the majority of the Church world does not correctly understand our redemption. Nor do they understand that healing is an equal part of that redemption. This is clearly seen in the way they have put requirements on healing that they have not put on salvation. After all, if healing is an equal part of our redemption then the same way we access salvation would be the same way we access healing. I know this may sound elementary, but watch what people do in the area of healing. Let me illustrate:

If someone comes to you and wants to be born-again, you simply tell him (or her) the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ. You tell them how Jesus lived a blameless life, how He died, was buried, how He arose from the dead, and how He ascended into Heaven. Then you proceed to tell them what impact this divine process can have on their life, personally. When they receive and accept the message you told them, you say, "Are you ready to accept Jesus into your heart and make Him the Lord and Savior of your life?" When they say, "Yes" you simply say, "Repeat this prayer after me. Think about what you are saying and mean it with all your heart." When you have finished leading them in prayer you do not question his (or her) salvation. Instead, you immediately begin instructing them on the next steps to develop their new found spiritual life. In other words, you get them to *act out their faith*. However, if someone comes to us in need of *healing* we pull out our checklist and go to town. We ask, "How much have you been meditating? How about your confessions? What scriptures are you standing on? Do you have any sin in your life? Habitual

sin? Un-confessed sin? Do you have enough faith? What have you been doing to get more faith? Why do you think you are in this condition? Is God trying to teach you a lesson from it?" and our list goes on and on; hurting people instead of helping them. We have made healing much harder to receive than salvation. But I must ask, "Isn't salvation the greater miracle?" What we are saying and what we are doing is not lining up. We are saying, "Healing is in our redemption", but we are acting as if it is not. We are putting requirements and stipulations on healing that we are not putting on salvation. So we need to ask the question again, "Do we *truly* believe that divine healing is in our redemption?" If so, then our healing is not based on our works at all, nor is it based on how good of a life we have led; it is based solely on faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ! Our healing is not about what we have done or can do. Our healing is all about what Jesus Christ has *already* done for us! Healing is simply a benefit of our covenant with God.

### **Psalms 103:2-3**

**"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases." - NKJ**

Did you notice healing is not a bonus? Healing is a benefit. It is part of the benefit package we received when we came into God's family. However,

most of the Church world treats healing as a bonus rather than a benefit. A bonus is something you can

*Our healing is based solely on faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ! It is not based on what we have done. It is based on what Jesus has done for us!*

earn by doing above and beyond what is required of you. The key words here are "earn" and "doing". Most believers think they have to do something to earn their healing. Not many believers will actually say that (they have been taught not to). But, nevertheless, they think it and it is seen in the way they



treat divine healing. A benefit, however, is something you get just because you are a part of a company. You did not have to do anything to earn it. You received it because you became part of that company family. It does not matter how well or poorly you perform your job. Being part of the company is the **ONLY** qualification needed to tap into the benefits of that company. Did you know that healing is your personal benefit just because you are a part of God's family?

### **Colossians 1:12**

**“Giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.” - NKJ**

Part of the inheritance you have been qualified for is divine healing. Your being “in Christ” is the only qualification needed in order to obtain divine healing. The day you accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior was the day God placed you “in Christ” or “in Him”. And...

### **1 Corinthians 1:20**

**“All the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.” - NKJ**

Are you “in Him”? Is healing a promise of God? Then God's answer to you will always be “YES” concerning divine healing. Divine healing is not a bonus that you must earn by living a blameless life or meeting other criteria. It is simply a part of our redemption package. As a matter of fact, there is nothing we could do to earn or qualify ourselves in the sight of God for divine healing. That is why, in God's grace, He did it for us! ***God has qualified you for your healing (Col. 1:12)! Say out loud, “I am qualified for divine healing! I presently meet every qualification! God has made it so!”***

One of the main reasons why believers are cheated out of their inheritance, and healing, is because they are trying to access it by works instead of grace. However, we are saved, healed, prospered, etc. by GRACE! It is not of works lest any

man should boast (Eph. 2:8-9). Is there anything that you could have done in order to earn salvation? No, it was by the grace of God that you were saved. Did you know that salvation comes from the Greek word SOTERIA? SOTERIA means deliverance, safety, protection, preservation, healing, health, wholeness, and salvation. In other words, salvation means healing just as much as it means being saved from hell-fire. What are we saying? Healing is in our redemption and it is accessed the same way we accessed salvation; by grace through faith, not of works lest any man should boast.

### **Ephesians 2:8-9**

**“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.” – NKJ**

*Divine healing is in our redemption, divine healing is for today, divine healing is easy, and divine healing is for you!* Remember, grace is unearned and undeserved. In other words, there is nothing you can do to earn your healing. You may not even *feel* like you deserve to be healed, but God’s grace (His unconditional love and ability) has offered divine healing to you anyway, despite your faults and failures! ***God’s grace has done for you what you could not do for yourself!*** It is time to realize the grace (the unconditional love and ability) God has bestowed on us for our healing. His grace has given us everything we need to be healed! God’s grace is there to back us up every step of the way! 2 Corinthians 9:8 tells us that, “God is able to make ALL grace (ALL His unconditional love and ALL His ability) abound toward us!” Why? So we would have everything we need (all sufficiency) for our healing, and so we may have an abundance of it. Praise God, we have been given an abundance of grace; everything we need to be healed is already ours!

## **QUESTIONS FOR STUDY**

1. What must be a settled fact in your mind in order to obtain divine health and healing?

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2. What caused the Pharisees to constantly misinterpret Scripture?

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3. Is it God's will to heal YOU? Explain.

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4. Does divine healing have any more requirements than salvation? Explain.

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5. What should our healing be solely based upon? What should it not be based upon?

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6. Who has qualified you for divine healing? Explain.

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7. What does the Greek word translated "salvation" mean?

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8. What has God's grace given you?

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## CHAPTER 2

### **May Christians Pray “If It Be Thy Will” For Healing?**

Luke 11:1-4

“[1] Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.’ [2] So He said to them, ‘When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. [3] Give us day by day our daily bread. [4] And forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.’” – NKJ

*I* was not raised up knowing what the will of God was concerning divine healing. Like many people, I had to learn. I watched my cousin die of cancer while in his early twenties. People told me that it must have been the will of God. They said, “Some people just have certain burdens to carry”. Others said, “God works in mysterious ways”. They all left me with the impression that some “greater good” would come out of his death. I was very young, but I was not stupid. Cancer is evil! It was stealing the life of my cousin. I knew God well enough to know that He would never do anything evil. God is not a thief, the devil is. John 10:10 tells us that the devil comes to steal, kill and destroy. God gives life. Cancer steals, kills and destroys; therefore it is of the devil. Cancer does NOT give life; therefore it is NOT of God. It is that simple. After all, it is not the character of God to harm His children. The very nature of God refutes such an idea, for God’s very nature is love. God is in the healing business, not in the sickness business: the delivering business, not the bondage business.

Some would say, “Well what about the Old Testament? God put sickness on people back then.” First of all, we are not under the Old Testament. Secondly, 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 tells us that satan is the god of this world. Remember, satan stole Adam’s place in this earth at the fall of man. That act gave satan the place to wield the power of death over the people. You can’t separate sickness and disease from satan. Disease came with the fall of man. The Fall originated with the devil. Likewise, sickness and disease also find their origin with the devil. That is why Jesus’ attitude toward sickness was one of uncompromising warfare. His attitude towards sin and sickness were identical. Jesus dealt with sickness the same way He dealt with demons. In Acts 10:38, God calls sickness and disease an oppression of the devil. It states that Jesus healed “all who were oppressed of the devil”. This means the devil had something to do with every sickness and disease. This does not mean that a demon was present in every case. It simply means that satan is the author of sickness and disease; they originated from him. So, the devil, NOT God, is behind every sickness and every disease. People who believe God is the author of sickness have a distorted mental picture of God’s character. Acts 10:38 clearly states that Jesus is the Healer and satan is the oppressor. You must understand this or it will be a roadblock to your healing. However, from the natural standpoint, it is difficult for people to understand that most of the laws governing this earth today came into being through the fall of man. Because people do not understand this, they accuse God of accidents, sickness, disease, and even the deaths of loved ones. But God is not the author of any of these things, satan is. 1 Corinthians 15:25 clearly states that death is God’s enemy! It is the devil that steals, kills and destroys (John 10:10), not God! That is why the Father sent Jesus to defeat satan and establish a new rule in the Earth! Now anyone who is born again is released from the devil’s tyranny. This means that satan was

*God is in the healing and delivering business, not the sickness and bondage business.*

the author of sickness and disease even in the Old Testament. Back then, however, they did not know it; which is why it was not found in their writings. However, we do find this truth in the New Testament. Hermeneutics calls this the law of progressive revelation: in order to correctly interpret Scripture one must interpret the Old Testament in light of the New. Why? Because the New Testament gives us more light into who God really is. It gives us more understanding into the many workings of God. Some have said it this way, “The New Testament is in the Old concealed and the Old Testament is in the New revealed.” This means that we must examine the Old Testament in light of the New if we are going to come into a full revelation of the Bible. Remember, it was not until Jesus walked the earth that people really understood who God was. One of the reasons Jesus was sent was to reveal the Father to us (John 14:9). Therefore, Jesus is the true picture of God the Father. Jesus did not go around putting sickness or disease on people; He went around taking sickness and disease from people. Jesus plainly told us in John 5:19, “The Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He (God) does, the Son also does in like manner.” Therefore, it is impossible for God to put sickness or disease on anyone, because it was impossible for Jesus to put sickness or disease on anyone. No, sickness and disease are the enemies of God! God does not put sickness on people to teach them a lesson or for some greater good. ***Sickness and disease are of the devil!*** In both the Old and New Testament, God has always been opposed to sickness, not in favor of it. Sickness and disease are evil. Therefore, they CANNOT be from God.

### **James 1:16-17**

**“Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.” – NKJ**

Is cancer a good gift? Of course not! Therefore, it is not from God. Anyone who thinks that sickness or disease is

from God, according to James, is deceived! After all, how would God put cancer on someone anyhow? There is no cancer in Heaven. Where is God going to get cancer from? He doesn't have any. No! Cancer comes from the devil, not God. ***The Church should not tolerate sickness or disease any more than Jesus did.*** The Church is in union with Christ; it should bear the stamp of prosperity, success, victory, healing and health!

Many people who prayed for my cousin would pray, "Lord, if it be thy will, heal him." Of course they took Luke 11:1-4 and misinterpreted it. They took "Your will be done" out of context. There is a big difference between "Your will be done" verses "Your will be done on earth AS IT IS IN HEAVEN!" There is a mighty big difference! Think about it. If you could go on a tour of Heaven you would see that there is no sin there, nor is there any sickness or disease. If you asked God for the reason why there isn't any sin in Heaven, He would say, "Because the will of God (or My will) is being done here." Likewise, if you asked Him why there is no sickness or disease in Heaven He would again answer, "The will of God is being done here." That alone should forever settle the question of God's will concerning your healing. The only reason why sickness and disease are here in this earth is because God's will is NOT being done here. The only reason why sickness or disease is in someone's body is because God's will is NOT being done! That is why Jesus instructed us to pray that God's will would be done here on earth *like it is in Heaven*. God wants us to bring Heaven to earth! He wants you healed and whole! Matthew 26:39 is another Scripture people commonly misinterpret.

#### **Matthew 26:39**

**"He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, 'O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.'" – NKJ**

He prayed, "My Father, if it can be done, take away what is before Me..." – NL

People use this verse to pray, “Lord, if it be thy will, heal me.” However, we must understand what caused Jesus to pray this prayer. It was not that Jesus was suffering from sickness or disease. Jesus prayed this prayer because He knew He was going to the cross. Jesus knew the suffering He had to endure in order to save and redeem us from the punishment of our sin. Jesus was asking God if there was any other way He could redeem man without taking on man’s punishment and suffering. But there was no other way. Jesus understood this was the only way He could redeem man and free him from sin, sickness, disease, and death. Therefore, He says, “not as I will, but as You will.” Praise God He did!

In Matthew 26:39 Jesus was praying the prayer of commitment. He was consecrating Himself to the plan of redemption. You see, there are different kinds of prayer (Eph. 6:18). All Christians can pray, but not all Christians know how to pray effectively. We must become skillful in the art of prayer. Just like carpenters have various tools they use for different jobs, so also there are different kinds of prayer for different problems or circumstances. The prayer Jesus was praying here was NOT the prayer of faith; He was praying the prayer of commitment. The prayer of commitment is the ONLY

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prayer that “Lord, if it be thy will” is scripturally correct. The purpose for praying the prayer of commitment is NOT that you do not know what the will of God is. Jesus knew what the will of His Father was. As believers we should also know the will of the Father (If we do not, we first need to find out what the Father’s will is). The purpose for praying the prayer of commitment is that you *do know* God’s will but do not want to do it, and yet, you choose to submit to His will anyway. This prayer is NEVER for things that have already been given to you in redemption, such as healing, prosperity, peace, etc. It is ONLY for you to follow the leadings of the Holy Spirit and do



what God tells you, no matter what the cost. If God says to move to Africa, for example, and you don't want to, that would be the time to pray, "Father, not my will, but Yours be done." This prayer is total commitment to God's will, no matter what the price. It is total submission to the Father. This prayer can be prayed everyday! But it is *not* the prayer of faith.

The prayer of faith is quite different. The prayer of faith is a prevailing prayer! It is the kind of prayer that heals the sick (James 5:15), moves mountains (Mark 11:23-24), and raises the dead (John 11:41-42)! The prayer of faith changes things! The prayer of faith rests on the *known* will of God. This is because, of course, faith is awakened (or made active) by the knowledge of the scriptures which cover one's need or situation. After all, it is the knowledge of God's will that gives a person confidence in prayer. It is impossible to pray the prayer of faith apart from the knowledge of God's will, because without knowing the will of God there can be no confidence in prayer.

### **1 John 5:14-15**

**"Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him." – NKJ**

And this is the confidence (the assurance, the privilege of boldness) which we have in Him... - **AMP**

We can come to God with no doubts... – **ETR**

...(since) we [positively] know that He listens to us in whatever we ask, we also know [with settled and absolute knowledge] that we have [granted us as our present possessions] the requests made of Him. – **AMP**

The prayer of faith, when offered to God, believes it has the answer the very moment it says, "Amen". It works 100% of the time. The person praying the prayer of faith believes they

have already received their healing and their problem is already solved! They believe this before they see it come to pass and before they feel healed. They are not moved by what they see or feel. They are ONLY moved by the Word of God. They understand that their body has no choice, it must line up with God's Word because of the power released through their prayer. If you are waiting on a manifestation...that is not the prayer of faith. ***Faith believes that God's Word is the manifestation.*** Therefore, faith is not waiting on healing. Faith speaks and acts ONLY in harmony with God's Word. It is through that action that the power of the Word is released to work in the body of man, causing a healing and cure. God's promises work their wonders every second we see and act on these eternal realities.

The Bible never said the prayer of commitment will save the sick and the Lord will raise him up. It says, "The prayer of FAITH will save the sick and the Lord will raise him up" (James 5:15). The prayer of faith has NO "ifs" in it. "If" always doubts. ***The prayer of faith does not doubt because it knows the will of God.*** That is why it is important for the mind of those seeking divine healing to be renewed and brought into harmony with the will, or Word, of God. Unless our minds are renewed we won't understand that satan is the author of sickness, disease and everything that destroys. Our thinking will be wrong. But, once our minds are renewed there will be NO more "ifs" in our prayers! You see, the prayer of faith knows it is God's will to heal ALL just as much as it's God's will to save ALL! Therefore, we can be certain of what God will do! The bible says this is the kind of prayer that will heal the sick. Therefore, the prayer of faith is one of the tools we must use for the healing of our bodies. Once a Christian is sufficiently enlightened their attitude toward sickness and disease will be the same as their attitude toward sin. They will view sin and sickness the same way: works of the devil which need to be destroyed!

Remember, everything in redemption is available for man when he will present his claim in faith and take it! The second biggest reason why believers are cheated out of their inheritance and healing is because they do not take their healing by faith; or, they do not know how to correctly take their healing by faith (although they are honestly trying). This is one of the purposes of writing this book. By the end of this book you will know how to correctly take your healing by faith. By the end of this book you will be walking in divine healing!

There is no question in the mind of God concerning the healing of the sick any more than the salvation of a sinner. It is all a part of redemption! Therefore, we have NO right to pray “If it be thy will” concerning divine healing. We ought to know God’s will before we ever begin praying! The whole idea of “putting it in God’s hands”, as to put divine healing all off on God, is no different as praying “if it be thy will”. You cannot get around knowing the will of God! Remember, you are God’s hands in this earth! Healing is in your hands, your mouth, and your heart!

What is God’s will? God wishes above all things that we would prosper and be in *good* health, not bad health (3 John 1:2). That is the will of God for us. The question of God’s will was eternally settled long ago. There is NO question about the will of God for us concerning divine healing. We must, however, come to know His will for ourselves in a personal way. It is not good enough to know it is God’s will to heal.

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You must know it is God’s will to heal YOU! Throughout the seven years I have been in the healing ministry, I have found the biggest difficulty in getting people healed is convincing them that it is God’s will to heal THEM! Many people think, “I know God does heal, but it might not be His will to heal ME.”

One of the devil's greatest tricks is to make people feel disqualified for something God has already qualified them for. Remember, our qualification comes from God (Col. 1:12). Many people who feel like this only think about the mistakes they have made, the sins they have committed, and the way they *could have* served God. The answer to this is: Repent, move on, do what you know to do, and begin to think about what Jesus has *already* done for you. As we have stated in the last chapter, "Our healing is not based on our works, nor is it based on how good a life we have led; ***it is based solely on faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ!***" Let's look at Mark 1:40-45.

### **Mark 1:40-45**

**"And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, 'If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.' And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, 'I will, be thou clean.'" – KJ**

... "You have the power to make me well, if only you wanted to." – **CEV**

... "If you only choose, you can cure me." – **GSPD**

When Jesus saw this man's condition, He was moved with compassion. He reached out and touched him and said, "Of course I want you to be clean!" – **CW**

The leper knew that Jesus could heal him. However, he had to get a personal revelation that God *wanted* to heal HIM! Look at Jesus' response. Jesus does not hesitate! He does not go and pray to make sure it is the Father's will. Jesus already knows what the Father's will is for *everyone* concerning divine healing: **IT IS ALWAYS HIS WILL!** Of course God wants to heal you, God always wants to heal! Our God is a healing God! He is the Great Physician! Jesus' reply settled the question of God's will for the leper and should settle it for us. Jesus' reply is still, "Of course I want YOU to be healed!" Whether you are

praying for yourself, or for someone else, you **MUST** first know, ***“It is God’s will to heal ALL, every single time!”***

There was a man I ministered to in Illinois who had a ten year ongoing problem with his prostate. Can you image the pain he was going through for over ten years? The devil had him bound in torment. You ask, “Did you pray, ‘If it be thy will?’” Of course NOT! ***We KNOW the will of God!*** Before the night was over the man was completely healed! We prayed for several people that night who were also healed. Not one of them did we pray, “If it be thy will”. Instead, we rebuked the devil in the name of Jesus and told him, “You will no longer torment the children of God!” Then, we laid our hands on them and released the life of God into their bodies! Healing was the result. You always get results when you do things according to God’s Word; for God’s Word and His will are one.

Instead of praying, “Lord, if it be thy will”, do what Jesus commanded! He commanded us to lay our hands on the sick and pray the prayer of faith! I believe these are the days when believer’s voices will ring out into the world telling them the truth about Jesus. That Jesus is the redeemer even to the uttermost parts of the body, soul and spirit! Glory be to God!

## **QUESTIONS FOR STUDY**

1. What does the very nature of God refute?

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2. What does God call sickness and disease according to Acts 10:38?

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3. Who is the author of sickness and disease? Explain.

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4. What is the law of progressive revelation?

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5. Should a Christian tolerate sickness or disease?

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6. What is the difference between the prayer of faith and the prayer of commitment?

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7. What kind of prayer heals the sick?

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8. Does a Christian have any right to pray "If it by thy will" concerning divine healing? Explain.

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## CHAPTER 3

### The Better Covenant

#### Hebrews 8:6

“...(Jesus) has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises. – NKJ

...[Christ] has acquired a [priestly] ministry which is as much superior and more excellent [than the old] as the covenant (the agreement) of which He is the Mediator (the Arbiter, Agent) is superior and more excellent, [because] it is enacted and rests upon more important (sublimar, higher, and nobler) promises. – AMP

...He also brings a better promise from God that is based on better guarantees. – GW

...He's working from a far better plan. – MESS

...based on promises of better things. – GN

*T*he New Covenant is a far better covenant than the Old and much more superior. It is based on better promises and better guarantees! God did not go backward or regress. We have a far better plan with promises of better things! We have everything they had in the Old, plus more! Our covenant of healing is more excellent and far superior than the Old Testament's covenant of healing, as we will soon see.

Throughout the Old Testament God revealed Himself through seven main covenant names. They are:

1. **Jehovah Jireh** – The Lord Our Provider
2. **Jehovah Rapha** – The Lord Our Healer (or Physician)
3. **Jehovah Shalom** – The Lord Our Peace

4. **Jehovah Tsidkneu** – The Lord Our Righteousness
5. **Jehovah Shammah** – The Lord Ever Present
6. **Jehovah Nissi** – The Lord Our Banner (or Victory)
7. **Jehovah Raah** – The Lord Our Shepherd

God uses these names to reveal who He is. God wants people to know that He is a provider, a healer, a shepherd, a giver of peace and righteousness, one who will never leave us (because He is ever present) and one who is a banner over us; giving us His victory! These are not just names; they are much more than that. God *is* a Provider. That is simply who God *is*. God *is* a Healer. These are not just things God does from time to time, they are literally who God *is*. God can never stop being a Healer because it is God's nature to heal. It is part of His DNA. God can no more abandon His office as Healer than He can abandon His office as any of the other six redemptive names. God *is* Jehovah Rapha, it is that simple.

#### **Exodus 15:26**

**“...I am the LORD who heals you.” – NKJ**

...I am the Lord, the one who heals. – **GN**

...I, the Lord, will bring thee **ONLY** health. – **KNOX**

...I, the Lord, make you immune to them (diseases). - **GSPD**

...I the Lord am thy physician. – **LEESER**

God *is* the One who heals. God does not bring any sickness or disease upon us. He plainly declares that He brings us **ONLY** health! God's will for us is to walk in divine health. He wants us to be immune to sickness and disease. God offered *divine healing* in the Old Testament; He offers *divine life* in the New! God's best for us, made available through Jesus Christ, is for us to never have to suffer sickness or disease ever again. Instead, we are to be masters over them. God wants us to live in *divine life*! God has made a way for the Christian to live above sickness and disease.



I want you to see that God is your Physician. God is saying, in Exodus 15:26, "I will be your doctor." If you are in need of medical treatment there is not a better doctor than Dr. Jesus. Dr. Jesus holds the highest medical opinion in the universe! His opinion is above Mayo Clinic's. Whose report will you believe; the report of your doctor or the report of the Lord?

I know of many people the doctors have given up on and left to die, but Jesus healed and raised up. Dr. Jesus will never give up on you. He will never leave you to die. He is Jehovah Shammah and Jehovah Rapha: ***Your Ever Present Healer!*** What the doctors cannot do, Jesus can! ***It is never too late for Dr. Jesus!*** Remember, Jesus is our mediator (Heb. 8:6). A mediator has the last say. Your doctor does not have the final say concerning your condition, Jesus does!

When I was in Africa there was a man named Abel, whose wife was on the deathbed of tuberculosis. When Abel found out I was a healing minister, he asked what he could do for his wife to be healed. He told me that all of their doctors had already given up on her and had left her to die. He also told me that his wife did not have long to live. That night, while I was ministering to the sick, I laid hands on Abel and told him to



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go home and lay hands on his wife. I told him to release into her the power I was releasing into him and to tell her to get up because God has healed her. It was only a few months later until she was back in church, completely healed! That was the first time I was able to meet her. She was a precious daughter of God that satan would have robbed of life if we had not known our authority, given to us by Jesus, over sickness and disease. It is never too late for God to heal you! It does not matter if you only have five minutes left to live; God is able to heal you! So take your stand and put your disease on the run!

### **Exodus 23:25**

**“So you shall serve the LORD your God, and He will bless your bread and your water. And I will take sickness away from the midst of you.” – NKJ**

...I will take all disease away from among you. – **BASIC**

...I will free you from disease. – **GSPD**

...I will remove sickness from your midst. – **NASB**

...and keep sickness away from thy company. – **KNOX**

God is NOT the one who puts sickness on people. God is the one who removes sickness from people. God wants to free you from all sickness and disease. Not only does God want to free you from them, He wants to keep them away from you and your company! One thing you MUST understand about God is that He has set Himself against sickness and disease, period! He is NEVER for it.

### **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...” – NKJ**

God sent and anointed Jesus to do what? HEAL! Jesus did not only heal people’s hearts; He also healed their physical bodies! When God sent Jesus to heal, He set Him against sickness and disease. Jesus, knowing His commission and the Father’s heart, gave His twelve disciples authority over every sickness and disease along with the power to heal (Matt. 10:1). Jesus then sent His disciples into the world to HEAL! Just as the Father set Jesus against sickness and disease, so also Jesus set His disciples against sickness and disease. They were to find those who were suffering and heal them. We then see Jesus setting seventy other disciples against sickness and disease (Luke 10:1, 9). Jesus tells these seventy people to first heal the sick and then preach that God’s kingdom has come

near. Finally, Jesus tells the Church to heal the sick and gives us the authority and power to do so (Mark 16:18). Not only did Jesus set the twelve against sickness and disease, He also set the seventy against it. And Jesus did not stop there; He went ahead and set the entire Church against sickness and disease. What does this mean? It means that God *eagerly* wants YOU healed! God hates sickness! He hates disease! He hates anything that harms His children. So let's set ourselves against sickness and disease. Let's get into agreement with God!

I remember one particular meeting when God instructed me to call for all those in need of healing in their legs and knees. Several people came forward and all but one were instantly healed. As a matter of fact, when I laid hands on this particular woman I could tell she was not receiving the healing power of God. Yet, God's power was very present and His will was made known. I did not understand why I could not help this woman receive her healing. I tried working with her to help her make a connection with God, but sadly we had to sit the woman down and continue on with the meeting. The meeting was great and many people were healed, but I could not get this one lady off my mind. So, after the service I spoke with her. She began to tell me how God would never heal her and that she already knew it before she came forward. She said, "I don't deserve it." This was not because the woman was not in right standing with God. The woman was a good Christian. However, she did not realize that healing is by grace! It was part of God's *undeserved* blessings purchased for her at redemption! She viewed healing as though it were a bonus for living right. That is why, although she was a Christian, she could never match up to *her* standard for healing. She placed requirements on healing that were contrary to God's Word. This woman did not understand how much *God hates sickness!* Whether she deserved healing, or not, God has set himself against sickness and disease. They are satan's works! God wants satan's works destroyed! The perfection of her Christian walk had little to do, as far as God was concerned, with

allowing satan's works to remain on her body. This woman could have simply come into agreement with God and set herself against sickness and disease too! Instead, she gave them an excuse to stay in her body.

Remember, all the people Jesus healed while here on the earth were *sinner*s! Jesus never healed a Christian because salvation was not available until *after* Jesus rose again from the dead. "While we were dead in sin Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8)! Think about it, if Jesus never turned down a *sinner* why would we ever think He would turn down a *saint*? How much more does God want His family healed? Whether sinner or saint, God hates sickness and disease! God is never for any work of the devil in our lives! God has delivered us out of the kingdom of darkness and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of His love (Col. 1:13)! In other words, you are not in the kingdom of satan anymore! He cannot legally touch you. You are in God's kingdom where NO sicknesses or diseases are allowed! Why? Because God hates them!

Just think about this, God was known as Jehovah Rapha in the Old Testament. Under the Old Covenant God was able to keep Israel free from disease for 450 years through divine healing. These twelve tribes lived without doctors or medicine for 450 years. King David tells us, "There was not one feeble person among their tribes" (Psalm 105:37). This historic fact alone proves that absolute trust in God is the safest health policy available. It is also the greatest guarantee of national health known to man. If it worked for the Israelites, it WILL work for us. Remember, we have a BETTER covenant, with BETTER guarantees!!!

The covenant of healing in the Old Testament was great, but it is nothing in comparison to our covenant of healing today. Our covenant of healing is superior to that of the Old Testament's because our covenant is based on the blood of Jesus Christ! So, if the Old Covenant of healing could keep the

whole nation of Israel completely healed and whole for 450 years, just think what our covenant will do for someone who will dare to believe God and take Him at His Word. But, we must know what belongs to us and we must act on it in faith. No disease is too great and no condition is too developed for the covenant of healing God has given us! Healing is our redemptive covenant right.

Although all the promises in the New Covenant are better promises, which stand on better guarantees, there are seven main things which cause our covenant to be far superior. We won't be able to thoroughly discuss them all (see our ZOE-Life Study Guide); however, they are as follows:

1. In this New Covenant we are redeemed from the curse!
2. In this New Covenant we receive God's righteousness!
3. In this New Covenant we become new beings!
4. In this New Covenant we become one with God!
5. In this New Covenant we receive eternal life!
6. In this New Covenant we are delivered from satan!
7. Under this New Covenant God has greater power in the Earth.

All these things add greatly to our covenant of healing. We are redeemed from the curse of sickness and disease. We are made righteous, meaning that sickness and disease have no ground to remain in our body. We are new beings, made after the pattern of the Lord Jesus Christ. We have the same authority over sickness and disease that Christ has. We are one with God; we can draw from God's very own resources of health and healing. We have received eternal life, the same substance that came out of Jesus and healed multitudes! We are delivered from satan! He cannot touch us! And, if all that were not enough, Jesus defeated satan and took back the keys of death, hell and the grave. In our New Covenant Jesus has greater power in the earth because satan is now a defeated foe! He has been dethroned! Let's look at Galatians 3:13-14.

### Galatians 3:13-14

**“Christ has 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"), that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.” – NKJ**

The law put a curse on us. But Christ took away that curse. He changed places with us. Christ put himself under that curse...Christ did this so that God's blessing could be given to all people... - **DEAF**

Remember, under the Old Covenant if you broke God's law the curse would come. The curse is simply consequences of sin in the form of sickness, disease, plagues, poverty, slavery, bondage, oppression, etc. God told His people in Deuteronomy 30:19, “I call Heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live.” The law carried a blessing and curse; if it was followed then blessing would come to the people of God. However, if the Law was not followed it opened a way for the devil to curse God's people. The Law was given so people could know and choose God's blessing instead of falling victim to the devil's curse. It is important to note that sickness, disease, plagues, poverty, slavery, bondage, oppression, etc. did not come from God; they came as a result of disobedience. Sin always brings with it consequences. Through obedience to God's law these consequences were avoided. Galatians, however, tells us that Jesus took the curse of the Law (the devil's wages for sin) away so that *only* the blessings of God would fall upon His Church.

Hebrews 8:6 tells us that Jesus is the Mediator of a *better covenant*, which is established on *better promises*. The Old Covenant had a curse that came with it. The New Covenant, however, has NO curse! Jesus took the entire curse upon Himself at the cross! Jesus took *our curse* so we could have *His blessing*! This is called the law of substitution. Jesus

took our place, our sin, our curse, and our sickness, so we could have part in His authority, His righteousness, His blessing and His health. Because of this act, neither sicknesses nor diseases have any right to come upon the children of God. You might

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ask, “Why? Why would Jesus do all that for me?” The answer is, “Because of His unconditional love for you.” God takes no pleasure in seeing His creation under the devil’s

curse! God takes pleasure in seeing His creation liberated and free from the devil’s tyranny: the tyranny that came with the fall of man. This is what *Jesus* wanted; and as our Mediator, He has the last say! Neither sin, sickness, nor satan have the last say in our lives! Jesus says, “We have been redeemed from all curses! We’ve been redeemed from sickness and disease! We’ve been redeemed from the devil’s consequences of sin!” Hallelujah, aren’t you glad! We’ve been redeemed from the curse of the law.

Some will argue, “This gives people a license to sin. After all, if there is no consequence to sin then what will stop people from sinning?” First of all, people don’t need a license to sin; they are sinning just fine without it. Secondly, there are still consequences to sin. For example, if you cheat on your wife there are going to be repercussions. Your marriage will be in an uproar. This did not come from God, or the devil, these consequences came from your wife’s reaction to your sin. Likewise, if you murder someone you will go to prison. God did not put you in prison, nor did the devil, the government put you there. This is a consequence that came upon you because of your sin. However, because God is so kind He will reconcile your relationship with your wife, despite your sin. God will also miraculously get you out of prison. God will redeem you even from these consequences through true repentance, the blood of Jesus and faith in God’s Word.

Honestly, I have never found a sincere believer who wanted to sin anyway. The truths written in this book are for sincere believers, not those in rebellion to God. Every true believer I know desires to live right. They may not always succeed, but they desire to. I want you to see that the devil's curse; sickness, disease, plagues, poverty, slavery, bondage, oppression, etc. has NO right to come upon the born again believer, because of his redemption in Christ. Sin does not give any of these things a right in your life. You are redeemed from them, despite your shortcomings! Under the New Covenant, sin does NOT give the devil a place in your life! Paul told us to give no place to the devil (Eph. 4:27). Why? Because the devil can no longer take a place in our lives through sin, unless we allow him through the ignorance of our redemption.

The third thing we must realize is it is NOT the devil's curse that will stop people from sinning anyway; it is the goodness of our God! Romans 2:4, in the Amplified Bible, asks, "Are you so blind as to trifle with and presume upon and despise and underestimate the wealth of God's kindness and forbearance and long-suffering patience? Are you unmindful or actually ignorant of the fact that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repent (to change your mind and inner man to accept God's will)?" So, we see that God's way to bring men to repentance (or right living) is through His love and kindness to them. It is not through fear. 1 John 4:19 tells us, "We love God because He first loved us." It is by experiencing the love of God that we fall in love with God, and it is because of our love for God that we *choose* not to sin. Jesus clearly stated, in John 14:23, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word." Remember, it is God's love that never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end] (1 Cor. 13:8 AMP). According to Romans 2:4, any other view on this subject is blind and underestimates the ways of God. God is more concerned about your wellbeing than He is about the devil's curse. God loves YOU! It was God who said, "Mercy triumphs over judgment." God is more concerned about being merciful



to you than He is about judging you. All throughout the bible we see that God's mercy healed! Jesus, Himself, said that He did not come to condemn us, but to save us. You see, God truly believes that Jesus took care of the sin problem on the cross. He honestly believes that Jesus' sacrifice was enough to free us from ALL sin (past, present and future), ALL sickness, and ALL disease! Jesus' sacrifice was enough! ***We are living under a better covenant, one which ONLY brings us blessing!*** Since Christ has borne, in His body, all our physical liabilities (sickness, disease, pain, etc.), our bodies are therefore judicially released from every sickness and disease! Praise God, healing is legally ours! In the courts of Heaven, sickness and disease are considered illegal aliens. It is up to us to ship them back where they belong - hell!

I have ministered to many people who believed their sin to be the reason they were sick. However, sickness and disease fall on good people simply because they are living in a fallen world. It does not necessarily have anything to do with what they have done, or did not do. Sickness and disease are simply a result of the Fall. Because of the Fall, sickness and disease will try to attach themselves to everyone living in this world; but we do not have to let them! Yet, when people believe their sin is the *reason* they are sick it hinders them in receiving divine healing. The fact is, whether they are sick because of something they did, or did not do, they can still be healed! That is what redemption is all about! It does not matter if cancer is trying to attach itself to you for NO reason, or if you were a smoker and developed lung cancer as a result; ***God wants you healed!*** While pastoring, I've watched God heal people who were in all kinds of sin. Jesus' salvation extends to ALL! God will heal everyone who comes to Him in faith because of the work of Jesus! Jesus' work of salvation has redeemed us from even the curses we have brought upon ourselves! So, repent and move on into your healing!

There was a man we ministered to who had Parkinson's disease. He was shaking so badly that He could no longer walk without aid. We began to minister to him, but to no avail. It was then that God showed me why. God began to tell me that the man had made his occupation the god of his life, and he was allowing that sin to come between him and his healing. In other words, like Adam at the Fall, the man was trying to hide from God because he felt ashamed. I began to tell the man what God was showing me. As soon as I did, the man burst into tears, fell to his knees and began to repent. Once the man stopped running from God (who is the Healer) he stood up on his feet completely healed. He held his arms out perfectly still and began to walk without any assistance! Praise God! This man believed that his sin opened the door for a curse to come upon him and that belief robbed him of his boldness before God. However, God's will never changed concerning this man. God always wanted him healed! What changed was this man's position. When the man asked for forgiveness and tore down the wall he had built between himself and his Healer, nothing could hold his healing back! That is why it is important to be quick to repent. We are not repenting because sin can hold our healing back, it cannot! We repent because repentance keeps us in a position of boldness and confidence before the Father! This position of confidence is key in receiving divine healing. Jesus has made the way for us to partake of divine healing, despite our faults and failures! How? ***He took our curse on the cross and redeemed us from sickness and disease!***

So, one of the better promises which gives us a better covenant is, "In this New Covenant there is NO curse!" Jesus gave us all the blessings without ANY of the curses. We have all the blessings God has to offer because Jesus has given them to us, apart from the works of the law (apart from our performance). Jesus has given all these things to us through faith by grace.

Another promise that makes our covenant a better covenant is that Jesus has made us totally righteous “in Him”. In the Old Testament no one was righteous, not one. Even Abraham, God’s friend, was unrighteous. Yet, because Abraham believed God, God credited him with righteousness. Abraham, however, was not actually righteous. Romans 4:3, in the Amplified Bible, tells us, “For what does the Scripture say? Abraham believed in (trusted in) God, and it was credited to his account as righteousness (right living and right standing with God).” So, Abraham had right standing with God on credit. It was written about

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these men of old, that they all died in faith, *not* having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth (Heb. 11:13). We, on the other hand, do not just have righteousness credited to our account. We have received the promises these men of old longed for. We have received true righteousness, and have actually been made righteous! We have the kind of righteousness that Abraham saw afar off! ***We have the God kind of righteousness (2 Cor. 5:21).*** What a difference! Since we have been made the righteousness of God; neither sin nor its curse can fall upon us any more than they could fall upon Jesus. We have the same standing with God, the Father, that Jesus Christ has! After all, the righteousness (or right standing) we have been given is God’s! We are sharing Jesus’ righteousness! Therefore, sickness and disease have no legal right to attach themselves to us. Because of this act, we have been redeemed from all the curses the law could bring. These curses consist of sicknesses, diseases, plagues, poverty, slavery, bondage, etc. Here is a list of just a few of the things we have been redeemed from according to Deuteronomy 28. This list is taken from several bible translations: We are redeemed from diseases of all kinds,

all kinds of sicknesses, tuberculosis, infectious diseases, shingles, colds, fevers, malaria, infections, swellings, rashes, seizures, dehydration, jaundice, inflammatory diseases, sores, ulcers, boils, tumors, growths, cancer, hemorrhoids, skin diseases of any kind, insanity, becoming senile, loss of sight, arthritis, strokes, incurable diseases, halting breath, failing of appetite and any other kind of sickness or disease that is not mentioned. So, we have been redeemed from every sickness and every disease! This includes aids, cancer, hepatitis, bird flu and any other modern disease. Christ has already purchased our freedom from all these things. Christ has sprung open the jailhouse door of sickness! So why are we still standing inside? It is time to walk out of sickness and disease for good! It is time to walk in the freedom God has provided for us.

One thing you must understand is that there are NO special cases. God has redeemed all of humanity from sickness and disease; some just don't know it yet. I have prayed for people all over the world and many people believe that God heals, but that their case is different. ***That is a lie of the devil!*** Redemption is for everyone who wants it. Healing is a part of redemption. That means that God will heal anyone who wants healed. All we have to do is come to God the way the bible says to. God will NEVER turn us down when we come the right way. There are no special cases! Deuteronomy clearly tells us that every sickness and disease, whether it is mentioned or not, is under the curse. That means that Christ has redeemed us from it all! NO SPECIAL CASES!!! It is easier to receive divine healing when we understand that it is *already* a blood bought covenant right, and it *already* belongs to us! Divine healing is *already* ours! It is time for us to stop trying to get healed and simply walk in the healing we *already* have.

### **1 Peter 2:24**

**“Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness--by whose stripes you *were* healed.” – NKJ**

Jesus not only handled our “sin” problem on the cross, He handled our “sickness” problem there also. Jesus completely redeemed us from everything in the realm of sin, sickness included. God has redeemed us from sin, sickness and satan! Hebrews 9:12 tells us that we have an eternal redemption. That means that we are forever redeemed from sickness and disease! Halleluiah!

### **Matthew 8:17**

**“...He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses.” – NKJ**

...He took away our illnesses and lifted our disease from us. – **NEB**

When did Jesus take away our illnesses? The same time He took away our sin. If Jesus took away my illnesses then I do not have to carry them. Actually, I refuse to carry what Jesus has already carried for me. It is time for us to no longer tolerate sickness and disease in our bodies, or in our children! Our healing has already been paid for by the blood of Jesus Christ! This is our covenant right! We have a better covenant of healing; our healing has *already* been purchased! Because of Jesus, as we will continue to see, our struggle is truly over!

**Confession:** (Say this out loud and fill in the blanks.) I am redeemed from \_\_\_\_\_! It cannot stay in or on my body. It must completely go. Jesus lives in me. \_\_\_\_\_ is being destroyed and completely removed from my life because the Divine Healer lives in me and has freed me. There are no special cases! It is impossible for \_\_\_\_\_ to continue in my body. Jesus took the curse and consequence of my sin so that I can walk free! Whether I have sinned or not, I am free! Whether I slip up and sin again, I am still free! I am free and I am healed because Christ made it so! All glory goes to God! This is His work of grace in my life!

## QUESTIONS FOR STUDY

1. What curses can come upon the born again man under the New Covenant? Explain.

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2. Why can a curse no longer fall on us any more than it can fall on Jesus?

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3. Are there any special cases where God will not heal someone who comes the way the bible says to? Explain.

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4. What are the seven covenant names of God?

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5. What is “God’s best” which Jesus made available for us?

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6. Who all did God set against sickness and disease?

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7. What is the safest health policy known to man?

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8. When did God take away our illnesses?

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## CHAPTER 4

### Our Body: The Temple Of God

#### 1 Thessalonians 5:23

**“Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” – NKJ**


We’re trusting the Father to make you clean and pure, a healed and whole human being waiting for Jesus to come to you. – **STREET**

...may your spirit, soul, and body be kept healthy and faultless until our Lord Jesus Christ returns. – **CEV**

May the very God of peace totally possess you... - **CP**

...May every part of you be set apart for God... - **NL**

...be preserved entire... - **ASV**

od’s will is for us to be clean and pure as well as healed and whole. For a body to be kept “whole” means for the body to be kept entire, complete, in good health, sound, and healthful (full of health), according to the Vines Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words. This is not something God is going to do; it is something God has *already* done. The God of peace, Himself, *has* sanctified us completely. 1 Corinthians 1:30 tells us that Jesus Christ *has* become our wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption. These are things we currently possess because we are “in Christ”. In other words, we possess all these things the moment we are born again. The apostles’ prayer for the Church, in 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians, was for the realities of the Spirit to be revealed in the flesh. Their prayer was for the Church to WALK IN all

that God has *already* given. Everything we need to live above sin, sickness and disease are *already* ours in Christ. We do not have to try to get them. 2 Peter 1:3 tells us that God’s divine power has *already* given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue. In other words, everything you will ever need pertaining to life and godliness are *already* yours. Healing pertains to life; therefore, it is *already* yours! Say it out loud, “Healing is *already* mine! I do not have to try to get it! It is mine right now!”

Many Christians get caught in the trap of trying to “work for” something they have *already* received! They pray, meditate, confess and confess, believing that their prayer, mediation, and confession will help them “get” divine healing. *It is a trap!* We do not confess in order to get. We are not calling on something we do not have. We confess because we possess. We *already* have our healing in Christ. We do not mediate in order to get. Instead, we meditate to

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become inspired, excited and spurred into action because of God’s Word. Finally, our prayers should be full of praise and thanksgiving knowing what we have *already* been given in Christ Jesus. We should know that our healing is *already* ours and that we *already* possess it in the spirit! Therefore, we are not trying to “get” anything. Instead, we are simply coming in line with what God has *already* given to us. Instead of trying to “get our healing”, we should simply be realizing and reinforcing what God has *already* done for us through Jesus Christ; that God has *already*, bought, paid for and given our healing to us!

When we realize that God is not withholding any good thing from us we will see that *the struggle is over* and that we have always been the victorious ones! Once this is understood our prayers will change from frustration to joy and



thanksgiving. Our meditations will become full of excitement and anticipation, and our confessions will simply become an outward expression of who we truly are inside! No more struggles, no more frustration, and no more fear! After all, your healing is *already* yours! Always remember, you started out a champion! Jesus has already defeated disease for you on the cross, and His victory is our victory!

Now, let's look again at 2 Peter 1:3. This verse gives us the key to unlock all the things God has *already* given to us in Christ; healing included. All of God's great and precious promises are unlocked "through the knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord". In other words, they are unlocked because of our knowledge of what Jesus Christ has past tense done for us! ***Our healing is unlocked as we come to the knowledge of what God has already done for us through the death, burial, resurrection and ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ.*** What has God *already* done for us? First of all, God has purchased and given our healing to us. Secondly, God has sanctified us completely; spirit, soul and body. Sanctification, in the New Testament, is simply the separation of the believer from anything evil. Sickness and disease are evil. Therefore, when God sanctified us He totally separated us from sickness and disease. So, not only has God paid for and given our healing to us, He has also separated us from sickness and disease so that we can live above them. ***God is not holding back our healing!*** This is what God has past tense done for us. You might say, "Well I don't feel like it. I still have sickness in my body." But you must remember that the key to unlock these truths in our lives starts with acknowledging them. Everything in God is accessed by faith. However, you cannot use faith for something you do not know. That is why faith is awakened by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God (Rom. 10:17). Therefore, you can be healed in the spirit, but remain sick in your body. How? Because it is not until we acknowledge these spiritual truths in our lives that they will be unlocked and become seen realities in the natural. After all, faith is simply the process of making the

realities of Heaven experienced on the earth. That is why the believer should not be moved by how he feels; he should be moved *only* by the Word of God; because God's Word has the power to change how we feel. What are we saying? The minute God sanctified us He set us apart for Himself **ONLY**. This means that sickness and disease are trespassing on God's property and are in violation to God's law. Your body has been separated from everything evil and set apart for God alone. Because of God's act of sanctification, sickness and disease have **NO** legal right to stay on your body. There are no legal grounds for sickness to be there, not even sin. This is simply the effect of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. Every believer has been sanctified in Christ Jesus (1 Cor. 1:2).

### **1 Corinthians 1:2**

**“To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.” – NKJ**

...to those consecrated and purified and made holy in Christ... - **AMP**

...Christians cleaned up by Jesus and set apart for a God-filled life... - **MESS**

...He (God) made you holy by means of Christ Jesus, just as He did all Christians everywhere – whoever calls upon the name of Jesus Christ... - **NLT**

God has made **ALL** Christians everywhere holy, set apart, purified and separated from anything evil! We have been totally sanctified spirit, soul and body! We have been made so holy that a holy God can live in us! Through the new birth we have been made the very temples of God!

## 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

**“Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.” – NKJ**

Are you not conscious that your body is a house for the Holy Spirit which is in you... – **NL**

...God's Holy Spirit is inside your body... - **STREET**

...your body is a sacred place... - **MESS**

...the very sanctuary of the Holy Spirit Who lives within you... – **AMP**

Your body is the very habitation of God! It is holy, sanctified and set apart for Him **ONLY**. It has been separated from everything evil and totally dedicated to Him. Sickness and disease have **NO** right in your body! Your body has been bought and paid for by God. Sickness and disease have **NO** more right in your body than they have in Jesus' body.

*Sickness and disease have **NO** more right in your body than they have in Jesus' body. After all, we are Jesus' body: the body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:27).*

After all, we are Jesus' body: the body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:27). Remember, God has predestined us to be conformed into the exact image of the Lord Jesus Christ (Rom. 8:29). Because of the new birth we can live in this earth exactly like Jesus lived (1 John 4:17), for we are His body. This is what God has done for us through the new birth.

The God of divine healing lives in you. The God of absolute health has purchased your body and bought your healing. He has bought it with a price. Your body no longer

belongs to the devil, sin, sickness, or disease. Your body does not even belong to you. Your body belongs to God ONLY! Therefore, God is against any sickness or disease being in your (actually His) body. Sickness and disease defile your body (God's temple) and anything that defiles the temple of God, sickness included, God wants destroyed!

### **1 Corinthians 3:17**

**“If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.” – NKJ**

If anyone hurts God's temple, God will hurt him. God's temple is a very holy thing – *and that's you*. You are yourselves the house of God. – **LOVETT**

If anyone damages that building, God will “Do him some damage” because His building is special to Him. – **STREET**

One thing we must understand is that we are very special to God. Not only are we special to Him, our bodies are also very special to Him. Our body is where the Spirit of God lives. It is holy to God and set apart for Him alone. God is very zealous over His house (John 2:17). Anything that hurts us, harms us, or tries to destroy us, God will destroy! This shows us how eager God truly is to heal us. Sickness and disease hurt, harm and try to destroy both us and our bodies. That is why God has set Himself against sickness and disease. That is also why it is God's will for every Christian to be healed! ***And God has made provision for the believer!*** The way God is going to destroy sickness and disease is through His Spirit that lives in us! That Spirit will totally annihilate sickness and disease from our lives!

### **Romans 8:11**

**“But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you (and He does), He who raised Christ from the**

**dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.” – NKJ**

...He Who raised up Christ Jesus from the dead will also restore to life your mortal (short-lived, perishable) bodies through His Spirit Who dwells in you. – **AMP**

In fact, as you live in union with the Spirit of God, even your physical body will experience something like the resurrection of Jesus Christ. – **JOHN**

...He will, by the same Spirit, bring to your whole being new strength and vitality. – **PHI**

...that Spirit will give life to the whole human organism. – **C. H. DODD**

It stands to reason, doesn't it, that if the alive-and-present God who raised Jesus from the dead moves into your life, he'll do the same thing in you that he did in Jesus, bringing you alive to himself? When God lives and breathes in you (and he does, as surely as he did in Jesus), you are delivered from that dead life. With his Spirit living in you, your body will be as alive as Christ's! – **MESS**

This verse is talking about what God's Spirit will do in our **PHYSICAL** body! This verse is **NOT** talking about when we get to Heaven. In Heaven this verse will not be needed because we will have glorified bodies. God's Spirit will give life, strength, vitality, health and resurrection power to our whole being, *here on earth!* It is through the life of God in our spirit, by the Holy Spirit, that God is going to destroy sickness and disease and restore life and health to our physical bodies. So, we are healed from the inside out! That is why there are times we do not see the effects of God's healing power right away. Divine healing starts working from the inside. Therefore, if all of your symptoms do not disappear right away it does not mean that God's power is not working. Give God's Word time to work. Remember, God is able to do exceedingly

abundantly above all you can ask or think according to the power that is already at work within you (Eph. 3:20). God's power is already in you and it is already working!

When we are born again God brings into us His very own life! This life is called ZOE. ZOE is the life of God. It is also the substance God uses to drive out sickness and disease from our bodies. The healing power of God is found in ZOE-life. That is why when God gives life (ZOE) to our physical body, healing is the result. The more we come in line with God's Word the more the Holy Spirit can release ZOE into our physical body. The more ZOE released into our body the faster our healing takes place. It is that simple!

God wants to destroy every sickness and disease that is afflicting our bodies. He wants above all things for us to prosper and be in *good* health (3 John 2). God has totally redeemed us from sickness and disease. He has made a covenant of healing with us. Divine healing is our covenant right! God has given us His life (ZOE) and His healing power. God has *legally* done everything needed to heal us and make us completely whole. However, God will never force His will upon us. We must come into agreement with God's will concerning divine healing. Then, we must join forces with God so His will can be accomplished in our bodies (and in His temple). Therefore, it is now time for us to make a stand!

## **Winners Make A Stand**

### **1 Timothy 6:12**

**“Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.” – NKJ**

Fight the good fight for what we believe. Hold tightly to the eternal life that God has given you... - NLT

**T**here is a struggle, or fight, of faith (or to stay in faith) when there is *sense* evidence contrary to God's Word. What is *sense* evidence? It is anything your five senses may tell you which is contrary to God's Word. This, however, is the **ONLY** fight, or struggle, God calls us to. However, if this fight is fought correctly it will turn into a rest. Actually, "the fight of faith" is a fight to enter into rest.

### **Hebrews 4:3, 9-11**

**"For we which have believed do enter into rest...There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief." – KJ**

So, we see, the fight God has called us into is a fight to enter into, and remain in, God's rest. Many people do not understand that this is the goal of faith. The goal of faith is to enter into God's rest concerning His promises. This is done because of absolute certainty that God is faithful to perform those promises in one's life. How do I enter into that rest? I enter into it by laying hold of eternal life (ZOE). It is the life (ZOE) that God has given me that will cause me to become confident in God's faithfulness concerning the fulfillment of His Word. John 5:13-14 tells us that it is the life of God, in us, that gives us confidence in Him. In other words, faith is a product of eternal life. Eternal life is the source of faith for the born again man. Eternal life, which we have received at the new birth, contains everything God is and has; including faith. This faith is not just any faith. It is the faith of God; a faith which cannot fail! So then, the born again man has become a possessor of the God-kind of faith. This is very important.

There are countless people that have been helped by this one revelation alone. There was a woman we were ministering

to with rheumatoid arthritis and fibromyalgia. As we began ministering to her we soon realized that she was not going to be healed because she thought she lacked the faith. She thought that God would heal anyone but her. She tried and tried to believe God for healing, it just never worked. So, I told her, "Listen, faith is not your problem!" She looked at me stunned and said, "It's not?" I said, "Of course not! You are born again, right?" She said, "Yes." I told her, "Then you have the faith of God! Faith is not your problem. You can believe for God's highest and best with the faith He has given you." Then, I began to teach her about the faith of God. Less than twenty minutes later she was completely healed. The following Sunday she was in church for the first time in months.

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Most Christians today are trying to work up enough faith to be healed. They are meditating on God's Word, praying, fasting, making confessions, and doing all kinds of things trying to get more faith. What they fail to realize is that, through the new birth, God has given them His kind of faith to use: the kind that never doubts (for there is no doubt in God) and the kind that never fails! So start saying, "Goodbye!" to faith failures! God has given us *more than enough* faith to be healed. He did this the very millisecond we were born again. This revelation alone will help the believer enter into God's rest. ***Instead of the believer working and trying to get more faith, all the believer needs to do is simply trust in the faith God has already given to him.*** Romans 12:3 tells us that God has dealt, or imparted, to every man faith. Paul tells us in Galatians 2:20 that he lives by Jesus' faith; "the faith of the Son of God", instead of his own. How can Paul do that? The same way we can. Because Jesus Christ lives in us. We are in union with Him. Therefore, what is His is ours and what is ours is His! What makes this all possible? Eternal life!



Like this woman who was healed of rheumatoid arthritis, many people today are trapped in the never ending cycle of trying to obtain enough faith to be healed. They have been told, “Faith comes by hearing and hearing by God’s Word (Rom. 10:17). Therefore, you need to keep on hearing and hearing and hearing until you have enough faith to be healed.” The problem with that is: How then can a person tell if they have heard enough, and possess enough faith, to be healed? They can’t. People who get trapped in this cycle are determining if they have heard enough, and possess enough faith, by their manifestation of healing. If they are healed, then they must have had enough faith, or heard enough. However, if they are not, then they must have not had enough faith and therefore must hear some more. Brothers, and sisters, that is NOT faith. That is sight. You are determining the status of your healing based upon what you see. However, God told us to walk by faith and not by sight (2 Cor. 5:7). This is a trap that many well meaning ministers have unknowingly helped people into. No minister wants to see his people hurting. However, this kind of teaching has caused many believers to start looking at the natural in order to determine the spiritual. Faith, however, is the other way around. Faith looks at the spiritual to determine the natural! That is why it is so important for people to realize that they *already do* possess enough faith to be healed! It is simply the product of their spirit. With this in mind, let us look at Romans 10:17 a little closer.

### **Romans 10:17**

**“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” – NKJ**

We conclude that faith is awakened by the message, and the message that awakens it comes through the word of Christ. – **NEB**

...faith arises from the message heard... - **HUDSON**

...faith is kindled through a message... - **LEWIS**

So then, faith is already in the heart (or spirit) of the born again man. When the believer then hears God's message, that message will awaken, kindle, inspire or trigger the faith of God in his spirit. Have you ever been listening to a message and, at certain points, your spirit leaped; something deep down inside of you jumped and caused you to get excited or stirred up? That was simply faith being awakened and inspired through God's message. That was God's faith wanting to get out! It was the God-kind of faith wanting you to use it. How do you use it? By speaking it out and acting on it.

**Mark 11:22-24**

**“So Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will come to pass, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.” – NKJ**

The phrase “Have faith in God” would be better translated “Have the God-kind of faith”. The following verses then explain how to use the God kind of faith. First, man must believe in his heart. Secondly, man must speak what he believes, out loud, with His mouth. Remember, God has placed within us a new heart. What kind of heart? A heart of faith! *It is impossible for the born again man to doubt in his heart.*

**Ezekiel 36:26**

**“A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you...” – KJ**

**Romans 10:8**

**“The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach.” – KJ**

Here's what the scripture says: "...the word of salvation is already at hand. In fact, it's already in your hearts and your mouths." And what is that word...faith. – **LOVETT**

God has placed a new heart in the born again man. This new heart is a heart of absolute faith. There is no speck of failure or doubt in the heart God has given. ***God has made every Christian a faith champion!*** At the new birth we were made with God's Word and God's faith built in. Therefore, the purpose of meditation was never meant to build faith into the believer. After all, a Christian is a believer, not a doubter! Instead, meditation was meant to bring the faith of God out of the believer. Meditation unleashes the power within. In meditation, the faith of God (in man's spirit) overtakes the soul until nothing else makes sense but God's Word!

Once our heart grabs hold of a promise of God, nothing can stop that promise from coming to pass. Doubt, which comes to man's head, cannot annul man's heart-hold of faith. Your heart has a grip that will not let go! The only way for doubt to affect your faith is by allowing it to cause you to choose (which is an act of your will) to no longer believe or to give up. The body of Christ has been tricked into giving up their faith way too easily. We've been taught, "If doubt comes, you have to stand in faith all over again. You've been a double minded man." Doubt in your head does not make you double minded. You cannot control what thoughts come to you. You can, however, control what you do with those thoughts that come. As one man said, "You cannot stop a bird from flying over your head, but you can make sure he does not build a nest in your hair." A double minded man is not a man with flying thoughts. A double minded man is someone who, by the act of their will, chooses to believe, then chooses (by act of their will) to not believe and give up. ***Thoughts do not control your decision to believe, your will does.*** You "choose" to believe. I don't care what thoughts may come. I "will" believe God! The **ONLY** thing that can short-circuit the believer's heart-hold of

faith is his will. Choose to side in with God and your faith cannot fail. There is NO doubt in you! Doubt does not exist in the spirit of the born again man!

So, the first ingredient found in Mark 11:22-24 is a heart full of faith, and we have that! The second ingredient is to speak what you've chosen to believe. Faith alone does not move mountains; faith must be put into operation through words and actions. You can have a heart full of faith and still die. You must release the faith you have! You must speak and act on your faith! Not speaking the Word of God in times of trouble is just as detrimental as making wrong confessions. ***It is only when you speak and act on what your heart believes that you unleash the power of Heaven to work on your behalf!*** The more you speak and act on God's Word the more power gets unleashed in your life. The words you speak from your spirit carry in them the creative ability of God! The same power, anointing and spirit found in the words of Jesus are also found in your words! Speak and act, then Heaven will move at your command! Remember, faith always has a voice!

### **Romans 10:10**

**“For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” – KJ**

For with the heart a person exercises faith... - **BLACK**

For it is the task of the heart to believe God's offer...and the task of the lips to affirm that his offer...has been accepted. – **LOVETT**

So, “lack of faith” is not the believer's problem in receiving healing from God. The believer's problem is not realizing that he possesses the God-kind of faith, which he can freely use, for healing.

Always remember that God's faith is inspired! This means that our faith must also be alive and ready to act on

God's Word. That is why we meditate on God's Word; it is because God's Word is the fuse that lights our faith! The Word of God inspires faith. This should cause the believer to get so excited that he has to act on God's Word because he cannot contain it anymore. In every healing meeting I've ever held, the people who allow God's Word to excite them to the point of action are always the first to be healed. These people have operated in the God-kind of faith without even knowing it. And they should. The believer is a supernatural being, so the supernatural is very natural to him. Using the God-kind of faith is one of the most natural things a believer can do. So don't make it hard. Just be who you are: a believer!

Some of the easiest people to get healed are those who are coming to Jesus for the first time. This is because they have not been indoctrinated with human theology. They know they can do nothing except trust and rely on God's mercy and grace. It is that simple trust in God which makes it easy for them to receive divine healing. They are just believing. They are not trying to believe; they are just being themselves and relying on God, like a child. The amount of faith needed to move a mountain is not a concern to them because they have not been taught to worry about their faith. We also should STOP worrying about our faith! In Florida there was a young man who came for healing with a broken finger. His cousin brought him to our meetings. The man just got saved that night. When he came forward for healing I told him to punch his cousin in the arm and he will be totally healed. The young man's finger was still broken before he punched his cousin in the arm, yet, he did not even hesitate. He punched his cousin as if his hand was completely well. Somewhere in the middle of it all God healed his hand. He was so excited! Many believers would have questioned this. They would have thought about the pain they would experience by punching someone's arm if they did not get healed. Others would have thought, "Why should I punch someone? That does not sound God-like." and they would have missed that opportunity for healing. This boy did not know any

better than to believe God. So don't make faith hard. Just be the believer you are! Have faith like a child and stop questioning, "What if...!" Instead, get excited about the Word of God and act like a child!

As we have previously established, the believer does not meditate on God's Word to get more faith. He meditates on God's Word to awaken and inspire the faith he already possesses. You might ask, "How do I know if I have awakened or inspired my faith with God's Word?" The answer is: You will be inspired yourself! God's Word will cause you to get excited, even thrilled, about all God has *already* done for you. Therefore, meditation is very important in order to stay in the rest, or excitement, of faith. The fight of faith is to remain excited and inspired, while resting and relying on God's Word. There are times sickness and symptoms overwhelm us. However, that is part of the purpose of meditating on the Word of God! As you meditate, God's Word will inspire your faith, even in the face of the worst of symptoms. Meditate and speak the Word (out loud) until you are inspired to act on that Word! Remember, God's Word must be the reason you act! People say, "I believe I have received. I am now just waiting on my manifestation." Like we said earlier, "The Word of God is your manifestation!" Acting on the Word always brings results! Faith is a law that works every time! So, let's look into the perfect law of liberty (God's Word), continuously! Let it always be on our lips.

## QUESTIONS FOR STUDY

1. List two traps, from this chapter, that Christians get caught in concerning divine healing.

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2. List three things that God has *already* given to the born again man.

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3. What is the key to unlock all the things God has *already* given to us?

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4. What causes there to be NO legal grounds for sickness or disease to stay on your body? Explain.

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5. What is “the fight of faith”? Explain.

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6. Is the born again man in need of more faith? Explain.

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7. What does hearing the Word of God do to our faith?

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8. How do we unleash the power of Heaven to work on our behalf?

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## CHAPTER 5

### Incline Thine Ear

Proverbs 4:20-23

**“My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.” – KJ**

Keep my message in plain view at all times. Concentrate! Learn it by heart! Those who discover these words live, really live; body and soul, they’re bursting with health. – **MESS**

...let a man master them, they will bring life and healing to his whole being. – **KNOX**

...let them (God’s Words) penetrate deep within... – **LB**

...They are life to those who find them and they heal the whole body. – **GW**

...The most important thing is for you to be careful in the things you think. Your thoughts control your life. – **ETR**

...your life is shaped by your thoughts. – **GN**

**T**he first step toward being healed is inclining our ears unto God’s sayings, or God’s Word. We need to know what the Bible clearly teaches and how eager God truly is to heal us. Each individual must be convinced, by God’s Word, that their healing is the will of God. Why? Because it is impossible to boldly claim God’s blessing of healing if we are not certain that God has offered that blessing. We will be wishing instead of believing. Remember, our healing rests on the *known* will of God, not just on our desires or wishes. If you need a miracle, get in tune with the Miracle-Worker! How? By



inclining your ears unto the Miracle-Worker's sayings! This is what we mean when we say, "Let's get into agreement with God". Getting into agreement with God is as simple as inclining your ears unto God's sayings and agreeing with Him by your words and actions.

The fact that the Lord told us to attend to His Word and incline our ears unto His saying is a good indication that there will be many other things that will try to capture our attention, especially when we are in need of healing. There are so many things that try to draw our attention away from God's Word. We can get so busy with doctors, researching our illness, studying what the next medical step might be, that we don't put God's Word first place in our lives. Instead, it is very easy to put the modern day "medical *practice*" first place. However, I do not want the medical industry *practicing* on me. There is something about that word "*practice*" that I do not like. God's Word has always been designed to be first place in our lives, especially His Word on healing! All the other things that try to take our attention away from God's Word, thus making God's Word second or third place, cannot heal our body. God alone is the Healer. Doctor's CANNOT heal. They can set a bone, but that bone has to heal by itself. Doctors can try to remove cancer, but still need your body (which God designed) to perform the healing. God's Word, however, unlike all the other things battling for our attention, is health to all our flesh. So, why do we put all these other things first place? None of these other things can heal, only God can do that!

The Hebrew word for health is MARPE. The word MARPE means, "cure, healing, health, remedy, sound, and medicine". In other words, God's Word is a medicine that causes health and a cure, which makes us sound and healed! That is why we need to make God's Word the final authority in our lives. Proverbs 4:20-22 gives us plain and easy instructions on how to experience God's life and health in our bodies.

John 6:63 tells us that God's Word is spirit and life. In other words, God's Word is full of life, health, and healing. As we have seen in Proverbs 4:20-22, God's Word acts like a medicine, which heals all our flesh, whenever we incline our ears to it. We need to give God's Word our undivided attention. By this I mean that we are opening our ears to God's sayings, while closing our ears to the sayings of others. In other words, we are taking heed how we hear. We are guarding our heart with all diligence. This is because we are to always look to God's Word instead of the circumstances we want God's Word to change! Proverbs 4:23 tells us that the most important thing for us to do is to be careful about the things we allow ourselves to think upon. It tells us plainly that our thoughts will shape our lives. That is why we are to fight the good fight of faith and enter into God's rest. While we are in God's rest our thoughts are on God's Word; and God's Word is then able to work mightily in our bodies causing a healing and cure. Every time we bask in God's Word and God's presence healing is taking place in our bodies. It is like a farmer that sows seed. He gives the seed time to work, and that seed grows and begins to manifest before the farmer ever sees any signs of it. You could also liken this process to a man chopping down a tree. A man can cut down a tree, yet the tree may still have green leaves and look alive for a small time even though it's source of life is destroyed. Likewise, as we claim God's promises, we receive the finished work! In other words, the "sword of the Spirit" strikes the death blow to sickness and disease. For a little time symptoms may remain; but the eyes of those looking into God's Word sees disease totally destroyed and health freely given.

While ministering in Pennsylvania four women came forward to be healed of lumps or tumors. Two of them were healed instantly. The lump or tumor was completely gone! Another had a lump in her side that shrunk, but it was a few days later until it completely left. The last woman, however, saw no change at all. Yet, she remembered me saying, "The doctors will not be able to find the tumor!" Although she could

still feel the tumor in her breast, she counted the “sword of the Spirit” as having struck the death blow. Later, she went to her doctor’s appointment and the x-rays did not show any signs of a tumor. The doctors were baffled because they could still feel it. They said, “We do not understand! We have the x-rays from before showing us the tumor. Today we can still feel the tumor, but cannot find it with our equipment.” As soon as she heard this she laughed and said, “I will be alright. That young preacher told me you wouldn’t be able to find that tumor anymore.” She left the doctor’s room rejoicing. By the time she got back to her car she felt her breast again and the tumor was totally gone! Praise the Lord! This is why it is so important to incline your ears to what God says and not trust in the physical evidence you might see or feel. If this lady had allowed the physical evidence to take priority over God’s Word she would have robbed herself of her healing. Instead, she did not consider the tumor in her body; she inclined her ears unto God’s sayings and kept them in the midst of her heart!

Many people have a problem with saying they are healed when symptoms still remain in their body. They feel like they would be lying if they said that they were healed. Most of these Christians are very good hearted people, but they do not understand the authority found in their words. There is a battle between God and satan for your tongue! James 3:3-4 tells us that our tongue directs our life. There is power in our words! Even the Old Testament people knew that life and death was

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found in the power of the tongue (Pr. 18:21). Your words have power to impart life and health to your body. When you come into agreement with God’s Word and say the same thing that God says (about yourself), you are imparting that healing life to work mightily on your behalf. You are not lying any more than God is; and God cannot lie! However, if you come into agreement with the devil’s sickness and say the same thing that that sickness is

saying about you, then you will not be imparting life. Instead, you will be imparting death. It is up to you to decide whether you will allow the hiss of that old serpent, the devil, to rise above the voice of God in your life. But let me ask you a question, “No matter how real your symptoms may seem, who is the liar? Is it God, or is it the devil (the father of lies)?” I like what Jonah did in the belly of that whale. He gave the name “lying vanities” to the symptoms and circumstances that seemed to stand in the way of God’s mercy. We too must realize that it is our symptoms, and not God, who is lying to us. Jonah 2:8 says, “They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy.” In other words, the people who observe their symptoms, above God’s Word, forsakes the mercy of healing that God has offered to them. It is not that God refuses to give them healing. It is that they forsake the healing God is willing to give. Yes symptoms are real, but they become “lying vanities” anytime they come against the Word of God! Let God be true and every man, symptom, or vanity a liar!

We can learn from Peter not to look at our circumstances or feelings because they will cause us to forsake the mercy of God. Peter walked to Jesus on top of the water, and as long as his eyes were on Jesus (the Word), Peter was a walking miracle. However, when Peter began to look at the wind and the waves he began to sink. Yet, as long as Peter was not paying attention to what he saw (the waves) or felt (the wind), nothing could hinder him or his miracle. Many have taught that you loose faith by looking at what you can see or feel. This is because Jesus said to Peter, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” But I want you to understand that it is not a lack of Peter’s faith that caused him to sink. Nor is it a lack of faith that causes us to remain sick. We have the faith of God! We have all the faith we need! Yet, if we continue to look at symptoms and circumstances, they can *cause us to forsake* God’s mercy (Jonah 2:8). Like Peter, we will get our eyes off of God’s promises. If our eyes get off of God’s promises, and His promises are no longer the meditation of our heart, then we

will stop speaking them out of our mouth. This is because, “Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks” (Matt. 12:34). So, when we stop speaking and acting on God’s Word we stop unleashing the power of that Word to change our bodies, situations and circumstances. Therefore, like Peter, we forsake (leave, give up or abandon) the mercy of God because we stopped putting God’s Word in our mouths and hearts; allowing His Word to be first place.

Someone would ask, “If God is able to heal then why doesn’t He just do it? Why doesn’t God just heal everybody?” Well, let me ask you a question, “Why doesn’t God just make all sinners get saved? Why doesn’t God make all Christians tithes?” It is because, although God is omnipotent (all powerful), He will only do in a person’s life what that person allows Him to do. God will not violate our free will. We must choose His way and come into agreement with His Word. You have a choice! So, will you choose to attend to God’s Word and incline your ear to it? Will you keep it before your eyes and in the midst of your heart? The choice is up to you! However, if you are struggling today with sickness and disease, stop struggling and start inclining! Put God’s Word first and you will have abundant life! Look to God’s Word continually; do not let God’s Word depart from your eyes! Don’t just “glance” at the Word; keep it in the midst of your heart until you are completely healed!

Instead of listening to the “father of lies”, let’s make the “father of lies” listen to us. Let’s start to praise God for the redemption He has given us! Stop trying to confess your healing in, instead, praise God for it! Remember, your healing is *already* in! Now is time to start praising God! Praise God that it is finished! That you *are* healed (not going to be, you *are*) because the Word says so! Faith does not wait for the walls to fall down; faith shouts them down! Take the redemptive promise of healing and begin to shout about it!

## **The Exercise of Faith**

**F**as we have said earlier, “Faith is not our problem!” We have all the faith we need for divine healing! At the new birth we have been given the kind of faith that created the world. We have been given God’s faith; the kind that moves mountains!

“Faith is the central concept of Christianity. One may be called a Christian only if one has faith...Faith is also called a fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22) – something God creates in a person.” – **Holman Bible Dictionary**

*God has created faith inside the believer! We possess the faith of God!*

### **2 Peter 1:1**

**“Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ.” - NKJ**

...to those to whom there has been allotted the same precious faith. – **WEY**

...I am writing to those who have received the same faith as ours...This faith comes from our God and Jesus Christ, the One Who saves. – **NL**

...To all of you who have our kind of faith. The faith I speak of is the kind that Jesus Christ our God and Savior gives to us. How precious it is, and how just and good He is to give this same faith to each of us. – **LB**

With this established, we need to understand that faith without works is dead (James 2:20). That is why you can have the faith of God in your spirit and still have sickness in your body. We said earlier, “You can die with a heart full of faith.” Why is that? Because faith has to be released! We must exercise our faith.

Jesus said to the man with the withered hand, “Stretch forth thy hand.” Why? Because Jesus knew that if He could get the man to exercise faith in God’s Word, healing would be the result. The only way for this man’s hand to be restored was by him exercising faith in the words of Jesus. As the man put forth the effort to do what he physically could not do, he released the power of God to work mightily in him and he was healed. We see this as a pattern in Jesus’ ministry. Actually, it is a pattern seen all throughout the bible. Naaman the leper, in 2 Kings chapter 5, also was commanded to do something to exercise his faith. He was told to go wash in the Jordan River seven times. What was so special about the Jordan River? Nothing, it was not the river that healed Naaman, nor was it the fact that he washed seven times. The thing that healed Naaman was that he obeyed the Word of God and exercised his faith, through his actions, in that Word. We also see this with the blind man that Jesus told to wash in the pool of Siloam. Also, with the ten lepers that Jesus told “Go show yourself to the priests”, and as they went (exercised their faith in Jesus’ word) they were healed. Jesus took a blind man out of the city and challenged him to exercise his faith to see. The first time the man exercised his faith to see, although he got better, his sight was not completely restored. So Jesus just kept challenging Him to continue to exercise his faith. As the man did his sight was totally restored. We do not know for certain if this man’s total healing took five minutes or five hours, that is not the important part. The important part is that the man began to exercise his faith and continued to get better the more he did.

Please remember, there are many cases of healing in the Bible where people “began to amend”. In other words, their healing was not instant, but they were seeing improvements until they were totally healed. These are the *only* two things that can happen when a proper connection with God is

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made. Therefore, if you have been standing for healing over a week or two and are constantly getting worse instead of better, be honest with yourself: you have not made the proper connection. After all, if it took two years to drive to a grocery store that is only fifteen miles away, something is wrong! Church, when a connection with God is made you will either be healed instantly or you will begin to amend (get better)! These are the only two things that can happen. However, take note, when one begins to amend they may not see the results right away. Sometimes, even their symptoms will temporarily get worse (for a short time, not a long time). This is satan's last grasp to knock them out of exercising their faith, causing them to give up. But satan's last grasp cannot last long. Your body has no choice but to respond to the Word of God! So, although we cannot look for a physical manifestation to determine whether or not we made the correct connection, a physical manifestation will be evident shortly after a correct connection is made. It does not take long for God's Word to work, even when the devil is trying his last grasp. So, if you have been standing for healing and getting worse and worse, then check up on what you are believing, saying and doing. We need to constantly be exercising our faith, acting on God's Word, and giving that Word a chance to work! Let me illustrate.

I remember a time my mother was down with terrible back pain and diagnosed with a herniated disk. The pain was so great that she was just about bed ridden. We were just coming into the revelation of God's will to heal. My mother had scriptures she was standing on and confessing. She was using her authority over sickness and pain. She was doing everything she knew to do, but had no result. One day, a minister came over to the house and asked her if she was believing God to heal her. She said, "Yes, of course I am." He said to her, "Then what are you doing in that bed?" She said, "I can only stand the pain for a few minutes until I have to lie back down." The man told her, "Well, I will show you what to do." He then bent over and put his hand on his back as if he was in pain. He began



walking and praising God that he was healed. He told my mother to do the same thing. She then got up and walked as long as she could, praising God that she was healed. She continued to walk around praising God until she could stand the pain no longer. She would then rest a few minutes, get up and do it again. Soon the intense pain was gone! Every time she put action to her faith she got better and better! Today, my mother believes she would never have been bed ridden for those four months if she had known to put action to her faith. Although she was doing everything else correctly, my mother still had to release her faith by acting on God's Word. Take note that acting on God's Word did cause my mother pain at first, but she did not stop! When we put forth effort, in reliance on God, God will always meet us with divine power! Remember, "We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us" (Phil. 4:13)! Through our union with Christ that strength is *already* ours! We, however, still must put it to use. It was my mother's effort to walk that room, while in pain, quoting God's Word and acting on that Word that opened the way for divine life (healing power) to flow to her body! My mother did not just do this once or twice. She did it until the healing was totally complete! The full exercise of faith means that we think faith, speak faith, and act faith! However, we do not act to act! We act because we are excited about God's Word! *God's Word must be the reason we act!* That is where many people miss it.

There are a lot of people who want to see instant healings every time. If these people do not get healed instantly then they feel like God is not going to heal them. But, like with my mother, this is not true. Remember, "*God has already healed them!*" Yet still, we must position ourselves to come in line with God's Word. Sometimes we are in a better position and we are healed very quickly. And yet, sometimes we are doing all the "right things" but have not been putting action to our faith, or fellowshiping with the Father, and it takes a little longer. Either way, don't quit and don't feel like you are any

less spiritual. We all go through times in our Christian walk where we feel very intimate with the Father, and yet, at other times we feel like He is afar off. At these times, instead of quitting, press into the presence of God and allow God's Word time to work on your behalf. This will allow the Holy Spirit to help position you for your healing. Just because your healing did not instantly manifest does NOT mean that it is not God's will; ***it is always God's will for you to be completely healed!*** That is why believers need to learn how to correctly take God's medicine. Once we have correctly learned the process of receiving healing from God, we have also learned how to receive everything else God offers too.

## QUESTIONS FOR STUDY

1. What is the first step toward being healed?  
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2. What do we mean when we say, “Let’s get into agreement with God?”  
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3. What are “lying vanities”?  
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4. Since God is able to heal, why doesn’t He just do it?  
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5. Why is faith for healing not our problem? Explain.  
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6. Why can a Christian be full of faith and still have sickness in his, or her, body? Explain.  
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7. What are the *only* two things that can happen when a proper connection with God is made for healing?  
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8. What is the full exercise of faith?  
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9. What must be the reason we act out our faith?  
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## CHAPTER 6

### Using Your Authority

Luke 9:1

**“Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases.”**  
– NKJ

...and gave them complete power over all demons and diseases.  
– CEV

...power and authority over every demon... - GW

...He gave the apostles power to heal sicknesses and power to force demons out of people. – ETR

...and to heal all diseases. – NLT

*A*s believers God has delegated to us authority over every sickness, disease, devil and work of the enemy! We have authority, by God, to tell those things what to do. We have power to force diseases to obey us! That is why sicknesses and diseases don't stand a chance! God has given us the Name of Jesus and we, as believers, have a right to use that Name. There is tremendous power and authority in that Name.

John 14:12-14

**“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.”** – NKJ

...[Yes] I will grant [I Myself will do for you] whatever you shall ask in My Name [as presenting all that I AM]. – AMP

...Whatever you request in this way, I'll do. – MESS

We need to know the authority God has given to us, believe in that authority, and exercise it! If we do not know the authority of Jesus' Name as we should, we could actually be taking the Lord's Name in vain. There are many places in the bible that warn us to never use the Lord's Name in vain. Today, however, we think the only way to use the Lord's Name in vain is by using it as a curse word. But, that is not so. The word "vain" means "to lack substance or worth, to be fruitless or empty, irreverent, lacking value and substance, to be used lightly or misused, to use carelessly, or in a wrong way." Therefore, if we do not understand the power and authority found in the Name of Jesus, and what that Name truly represents, *we could be using Jesus' name in vain.* In other words, Jesus' Name could be lacking value and substance to us. When we use that Name, our prayers could be fruitless or empty. We could be careless and use His Name lightly; therefore, misusing His Name. If we misuse the Name of Jesus, we will not have results in prayer. Instead, our prayers will be fruitless; thus, we have used God's Name in an unworthy manner. Just tagging on "in the Name of Jesus" at the end of a prayer is misusing the Name of Jesus! Jesus' Name carries weight! We need to reverence His Name.

Do you remember the story of the seven sons of Sceva, in Acts 19, who tried to cast out evil spirits using Jesus' Name, as if it were some magical phrase? They did not understand the authority and power in the Name; therefore, they were misusing the Name of Jesus. To them, that name was lacking value and substance. Because of that, the evils spirits overpowered them and prevailed against them. Many people today feel like the forces of hell are overpowering them and prevailing against them. That is a sure indication that they do not correctly understand the authority vested in the Name of Jesus! ***Once you understand your authority through that Name, you will be the one overpowering and prevailing against sickness, disease, devils and any other forces hell brings!***

Jesus' Name was never meant to be used as a magic phrase to try and "open" the blessings of God. It doesn't just work because you say, "Open Sesame". You must understand the power vested *in* that Name. You must believe *on* the Name. It is when the authority *of* that Name becomes real to you that the Name of Jesus will produce God-results for you. If you don't feel like you truly know the authority of God vested in the Name of Jesus, or that Name has not yet become real to you, then meditate on the Scriptures which tell you who you are in Christ and the authority which God has given us in Jesus' Name. I will say that again. Meditate on the Scriptures that tell you who you are in Christ and the authority which God has vested in Jesus' Name! It is important for us to understand that all of heaven moves when we use that Name! Once you have a revelation of the power and authority *you have* "in the Name", no one can steal that revelation from you. It is through the Name of Jesus that you exercise authority over the power of the enemy in your life and experience deliverance, healing, health and victory! Once the revelation of *your* authority in the Name of Jesus dawns on you (becomes real to you), your days of trying to be healed will be over and your days of being healed will begin!

***We have power to force sickness and disease to obey us! Sickness and diseases do not stand a chance!***

We need to reverence His Name. Remember, it is at His Name that every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that He is Lord! We must realize the tremendous power God has vested in the Name of Jesus! At the Name of Jesus demons tremble, sicknesses disperse, mountains move, and the galaxies quake! There is power in that Name! There is life in that Name (John 20:31)! There is forgiveness in that Name (Acts 2:38)! There is healing in that Name (Acts 3:6)! There is deliverance in the Name of Jesus (Acts 16:18)! Signs and wonders are done through that Name (Acts 4:30)! The Name of Jesus is so powerful that the Pharisees forbid the disciples to even speak

about, or teach anything, in the Name (Acts 4:18)! It was the Name of Jesus that washed us, sanctified us, and justified us (1 Cor. 6:11)! Men of old so understood the authority and power in the Name of Jesus that they risked their very lives for that Name (Acts 15:26)! Still today, God's commandment is for us to believe on the Name of Jesus (1 John 3:23). Jesus' Name belongs to you!

Thank God you have a right to freedom from pain, sickness and disease in the Name of Jesus! It is time for us to exercise the authority which belongs to us! Take authority over every sickness and disease in your body and command them to leave! Actually, you are *demanding* them to leave. John 14:14 would be better translated, "If ye *demand* anything in my Name, I will do it!" The word "ask" means to "demand". Now, we are not demanding anything of God; we are demanding something of the devil, because sickness and disease come from the devil. We are demanding sickness and disease to leave our body! That is why, when you use your authority, you speak to the sickness or disease afflicting you. You command it to GO, in the Name of Jesus. Then, you speak to your body and command it to be whole, because you have authority over your body (Rom. 12:1, 1 Cor. 9:27)! You are not commanding God to do anything. Instead you are using God's authority while speaking to sickness, disease, and your body.

### **Luke 10:19**

**"Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you." – NKJ**

Behold! I have given you authority and power to trample upon serpents and scorpions, and [physical and mental strength and ability] over all the power that the enemy [possesses]; and nothing shall in any way harm you. – **AMP**

Listen! I gave you power to walk on snakes and scorpions. I gave you more power than the Enemy (the devil) has... - **ETR**

...I have given you power over all the power of the one who works against you... - **NL**

I have given you the authority...to destroy the enemy's power...  
- **GW**

...to trample on all the power of the Enemy... - **WEY**

See what I've given you? Safe passage as you walk on snakes and scorpions, and protection from every assault of the Enemy. No one can put a hand on you. – **MESS**

God has given us authority and power to destroy sickness and disease because they are works of the enemy. We have more power than the devil has! We are to trample his power underfoot! Satan is truly under our feet! Sickness and disease are under our feet! They do not have a choice, they must obey us! Your body must respond when you use your God-given authority! Sickness and disease do not stand a chance! You are much more powerful than they could ever be. You have the law of the spirit of life working in you! That law is much more powerful than the law of sin and death! Release the life of God that is in you to work! How? By using your God-given authority! All faith really is, is believing in the authority God has given you and boldly using it! Always remember, you have the exact same authority that Jesus has. How? Because it was Jesus that delegated His authority to you, and it is Jesus living in you! You are the body of Christ!

#### **Matthew 28:18-20**

**“Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’ Amen.”**  
– **NKJ**



Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: "God authorized and commanded me to commission you:... - **MESS**

...All authority (all power of rule) in heaven and on earth has been given to Me... – **AMP**

...complete authority...And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." – **NLT**

Jesus was authorized and commanded to commission us, by God the Father, and to delegate His authority to us so we could move any mountain that stood in our way of making disciples of all nations. ***We have Jesus' authority!*** Jesus' authority always works! Any sickness, disease, or devil that stands in our way, hindering us, from making disciples of all nations is under our feet! God has given us ALL authority, ALL power of rule, complete authority in this earth and in heaven! Heaven will back up our every command! Hallelujah!

#### **Luke 4:31-36**

**"Then He went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and was teaching them on the Sabbaths. And they were astonished at His teaching, for His word was with authority. Now in the synagogue there was a man who had a spirit of an unclean demon. And he cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are--the Holy One of God!" But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him in their midst, it came out of him and did not hurt him. Then they were all amazed and spoke among themselves, saying, "What a word this is! For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out." – NKJ**

The exact same power Jesus used to command this unclean spirit to come out is the exact same authority that you now possess! Actually, you have been given more authority

than Jesus had at this time in His life. This is because the work of redemption was not yet complete and Jesus had not yet crushed and paralyzed the devil. But now, that old serpent has been crushed, paralyzed and dethroned! In Matthew 28:18, Jesus delegated His new found authority to the Church. The authority He was given *after* He defeated the enemy (the devil)! When you realize this, satan has no choice! Satan must listen to your God-given authority because he has been completely dethroned! Likewise, sickness and disease have NO choice; they must listen to the authority God has given you. What authority and power did Jesus command evil spirits to come out with? The same power and authority you now possess because of the new birth! Speak the Word and demons will run in terror! Speak the Word and sickness will flee in fear! Use your authority over the works of the devil! No one else can make you use *your* authority! YOU must use YOUR authority! Let's begin to use that authority and send sickness running! Whether you like it or not; your healing is under your authority! You, yourself, possess the authority needed to be healed!

## **Taking God's Medicine**

*T*he greatest unstoppable force of divine healing in the world is a man who: [1] knows that divine healing is part of his redemption, [2] knows the will of God concerning divine healing, [3] understands that his healing is based solely on faith in the finished work of Christ, and not on his own performance (therefore, nothing can hold back his healing), [4] inclines his ear unto God's Word and gives that Word first place in his life, [5] realizes that he *already* possesses divine healing (he is not going to get it, it is a finished work), [6] understands that he is a possessor of the God-kind of faith (faith for healing is not a problem), and begins to unleash that faith through his words and actions, [7] understands his God-given authority and begins to use that authority, and last but not least, [8] *takes God's medicine.*

Taking God's medicine is an action! You may not feel like doing it but you make yourself anyway! Why? Because using your faith and authority, while taking God's medicine, is a 100% positive, without fail, way to be healed. It works 100% of the time! So, let's learn how to take God's medicine.

As we have already established, divine healing in our redemption must be a settled fact in our heart for us to receive divine healing. We must know that God has *already* provided and paid for our healing. The instructions on how to take God's medicine are found in Proverbs 4:20-22.

#### **Proverbs 4:20-22**

**“[20] My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. [21] Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. [22] For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.” - KJ**

God's Word is health to our flesh! It is a cure, healing, remedy and medicine. God's Word is a medicine and a cure, to make us completely sound and whole! To partake of this medicine we must: [1] attend to God's Word, [2] incline our ears to it, [3] let God's Word not depart from our eyes, [4] keep God's Word in the midst of our heart. At that time, God's Word becomes medicine to our bodies (curing even the incurable)! All these instructions denote a continual and ongoing action. In other words, you don't just take one dose and quit. You cannot just take God's medicine whenever you *feel* like it. Like medicine prescribed by a doctor, sometimes you will have to take this medicine when you don't *feel* like it. Sometimes you will just have to make yourself get happy about doing it and do it. The more of God's medicine you take, the faster your healing will be seen. It is impossible to “O.D.” on God's medicine, so don't be afraid to take all you want.

#### **Psalm 107:20**

**“He sent His Word and healed them...” - KJ**

Jesus was the Word made flesh (John 1:14). Jesus is the perfect example of what the Word of God will always do. We never see Jesus refusing to heal anyone that came to him. Coming to the Word of God is the same way. God's Word will never refuse anyone either. God's Word is a medicine to all our flesh. God's Medicine (His Word) is much like prescribed medicine; it must be taken internally for it to affect a cure. In other words, the Word of God must be put in our mouth! We must speak the Word of God out loud for it to work! Why? Because...

**Proverbs 12:18**

**"...the tongue of the wise is health." - KJ**

**Proverbs 18:21**

**"Death and life are in the power of the tongue..." - KJ**

Remember, Jesus is the High Priest over our confession (Heb. 3:1). "Confession" is the Greek word "HOMELEGEIO", which means, "to say the same thing". We are to do this at all times, but especially during meditation. Agree with the Word of God using your mouth! Let God's words remain on your lips. Get excited about them! Like the centurion said, "Speak the Word only!" (Matthew 8:8) and let it inspire you. Always remember that no confession is just as bad as a bad confession. God created the entire universe with His words. He spoke and it became. Now that we are born of God, He has given us the same spirit of faith (2 Cor. 4:13)! We too must speak in order for our world to line up with God's Word. No one else can do our speaking for us. If we do not use our mouth, the Word of God will not be performed in our life. It is just that simple. Remember, God is watching over His words to perform them (Jer. 1:12). He is waiting on our mouth to come in line with His promises. So, speaking God's Word "out loud" is a big part in taking God's medicine. Remember, in the parable of the sower (Mark 4:14) Jesus tells us that the Word of God is likened unto seed. The law of the seed is that it has the ability to reproduce

itself. That is why the farmer plants seed; to reproduce a crop. God's Word also has the ability to reproduce itself in you! You are to plant God's seed (His Word) with your mouth. The Word planted will penetrate your spirit. Your spirit will then send the divine healing power of God to the part of your body that is sick or diseased and cause healing to come.

### **Romans 8:11**

**“He who raised the Messiah Jesus from the dead will thrill with a new life your very bodies – those mortal bodies of yours – by the Agency of his own Spirit, which now has its home in you.” - WAY**

Every time you take God's medicine, the Holy Spirit takes that Word spoken and sends it to the part of your body that needs divine life. God's life destroys sickness and disease.

Another big part in taking God's medicine is our meditation on God's Word. To “meditate” means to ponder, to gaze, to study, to think on and to read with care and application. Christian meditation is first employed of inward utterance; the words man speaks to himself. Then, it gives open and loud expression to those inward thoughts. Finally, Christian meditation acts upon the Word. However, since Christian meditation has become a lost art in much of the Church today, we need to discuss how to meditate correctly. Meditation involves three main things: talking the Word of God out loud to yourself, thinking about what you are saying, and seeing yourself only as God's Word says you are. If meditation is done correctly it will inspire you to act on God's Word. The first thing we must understand is that no amount of meditation will help us if we do not believe we already possess the things we are meditating on. All meditation does is simply brings the divine realities that are *already* in the born again man out from his spirit to his soul and body. So, we do not meditate in order to possess. We meditate because we possess! There is a difference. I meditate because I have! I do not meditate in order to get! This is one of the greatest misunderstandings in

meditation. God has already given us all things that pertain to life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3). Divine healing is in that. It pertains to life!

Let me show you how to take God's medicine. First, find healing scriptures that mean something special to *you*. Find a scripture that jumps out at you. Many times a scripture will jump out at you because God is trying to show you something very special in that verse. Revelation, enlightenment and joy will come as you begin to meditate on these scriptures correctly. As you meditate, allow the Holy Spirit to get involved! Meditation was not meant to be structured. It is meant to be Spirit led. Meditation is not successful until nothing else in the world makes sense but God's Word. The scriptures you meditate on should become more real to you than your doctor's report, what you see in the natural, or what your five senses tell you. A Christian is to live by his sixth sense: FAITH! In the natural, you cannot always touch, see, hear or taste what you smell. Does

that mean that what you smell is not real? Of course not! It is just blind to those other senses. So it

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until nothing else makes  
sense but God's Word!***

is with faith. Faith is our sixth sense. Although our other senses may be blind to it at times, that does not make it any less real. Therefore, we are to meditate on God's Word until our sixth sense far outweighs the other five; until God's Word is the only thing that makes sense! This is what is called, "Getting a RHEMA from God". At this moment something great takes place: The faith of your spirit begins to take possession of your soul. You will become enthused about God's Word. Instead of being fearful you feel full of faith! However, you were full of faith the whole time. Yet, meditation seems to bring faith to the forefront! The Spirit of Christ will then begin to flow through your whole being. His Spirit can even start to emanate through your hands, your heart, and every pore of your body. From the inside-out your condition begins to change!

Let me give you an example of how to take God's medicine. Let's take Psalm 103:2-3...

### **Psalm 103:2-3**

**“Bless the Lord O my soul, and forget not all his benefits; who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases.” - KJ**

After I have found a scripture that is special to me, I then read it over and over many times. I will continue to read over that scripture until I have a clear understanding of what that scripture is saying to me, personally. Then, I will begin to think about the scripture and what God is saying to *me* through it. I will analyze, ponder and take the scripture apart in my mind. Finally, I mutter the scripture to myself *out loud*. In other words, I will talk it to myself. Here is an example:

***“I bless you Lord with all my soul – I thank You for ALL the benefits You have given to me. I thank You that they are mine right now! Lord, You have forgiven ALL my iniquities and all my sin so that nothing can hold back my healing! I thank you for that! I praise you for that! Father, you did not stop there, You have already healed ALL, EVERY SINGLE ONE, ALL my sicknesses and diseases. I thank You Father, that You sent Your Word and it healed me! I thank you Father that I am healed! Your Word says you heal ALL my diseases. Thank You, Father, that Your Word is causing health to come to my physical body this very instant! I thank You, Father, that healing is a benefit of my covenant. I will NOT forget your benefits, you forgave my sin and healed my diseases!”***

I will repeat this process of taking God's medicine until my healing is totally complete. I do NOT just take one dose of God's medicine and quit. Remember, you cannot O.D. on God's Word. I continue this process until I am walking in all God promised!

So, find some scriptures that mean something special to you. Follow the directions on taking “God’s Medicine”, and then give God’s medicine time to work!

***Remember, your body has no choice; it must respond to the Word! It always works (EVERY TIME) when you take God’s medicine!***

### **1 Corinthians 1:20**

**“Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?” – NKJ**

...God has made them all look foolish and has shown their wisdom to be useless nonsense. – NLT

Always remember, we are no longer meant to function in this world as ordinary people. We are meant to function as God-men; son’s of Almighty God. We have become present day “Supermen”! We do not have to play by the world’s rules! The Christian was made to live far above the rules of this world! So, let God’s Word consume you. When God’s Word consumes you, you will act on it! God’s Word should always inspire you to act!

### **John 3:21**

**“But he that *doeth truth* cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.” – KJ**

When God’s Word inspires you to act (*doeth truth*) you are coming to the light. The light manifests those deeds; those things you acted upon. It also shows that what you have done was in obedience to God. In other words, action is where manifestation resides. We are not waiting on a manifestation from God. Our manifestation is waiting on us to act! Act on the Word and it will become a seen reality in your life. Faith is an action word! While taking God’s medicine you will begin to receive God-logic. Meditation will cause your mind to think so



much like God's Word until acting on God's Word is the only sensible thing to do. Listen, if you do the things today that others won't do, you can have the things tomorrow that others won't have. Meditation requires discipline. But it's rewards far outweigh it's hardships.

One of the greatest things in learning how to take God's medicine is, (not only does it heal you) it is what causes one to walk in divine health. God's medicine can keep you well! If you take God's medicine while you are sick, it will heal you. However, if you continue to take God's medicine, on a semi-regular basis, while you are well, it will make you immune to sickness and disease! Your spirit will literally repel sickness and disease! Taking God's medicine, while you are well, will cause God's divine life to daily flow through your body destroying anything that would cause sickness or disease in your life. Remember, taking God's medicine is a daily process. Although you may easily achieve it, it must be maintained. God bless you! Today is your day to walk sickness free for the rest of your life!

Your reading is now over! But remember, reading alone does not heal you. It is time to practice what you have read! Put these words into practice and your life will never be the same!

Amen.

## **QUESTIONS FOR STUDY**

1. What does it mean to take the Lord's Name in vain?  
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2. When will you be overpowering and prevailing against sickness, disease, devils and any other forces hell brings?  
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3. What kind of scriptures should you meditate on in order for the power in the Name of Jesus to be revealed to you?  
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4. Do you have the exact same authority Jesus has? Explain.  
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5. What are the eight things that cause a man to become an unstoppable force of healing to the world?  
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6. Why is speaking God's Word "out loud" a big part in taking God's medicine?  
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7. What are the three main things meditation involves?  
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8. What happens when meditation is done correctly?  
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9. What should we do until our healing is totally complete?  
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