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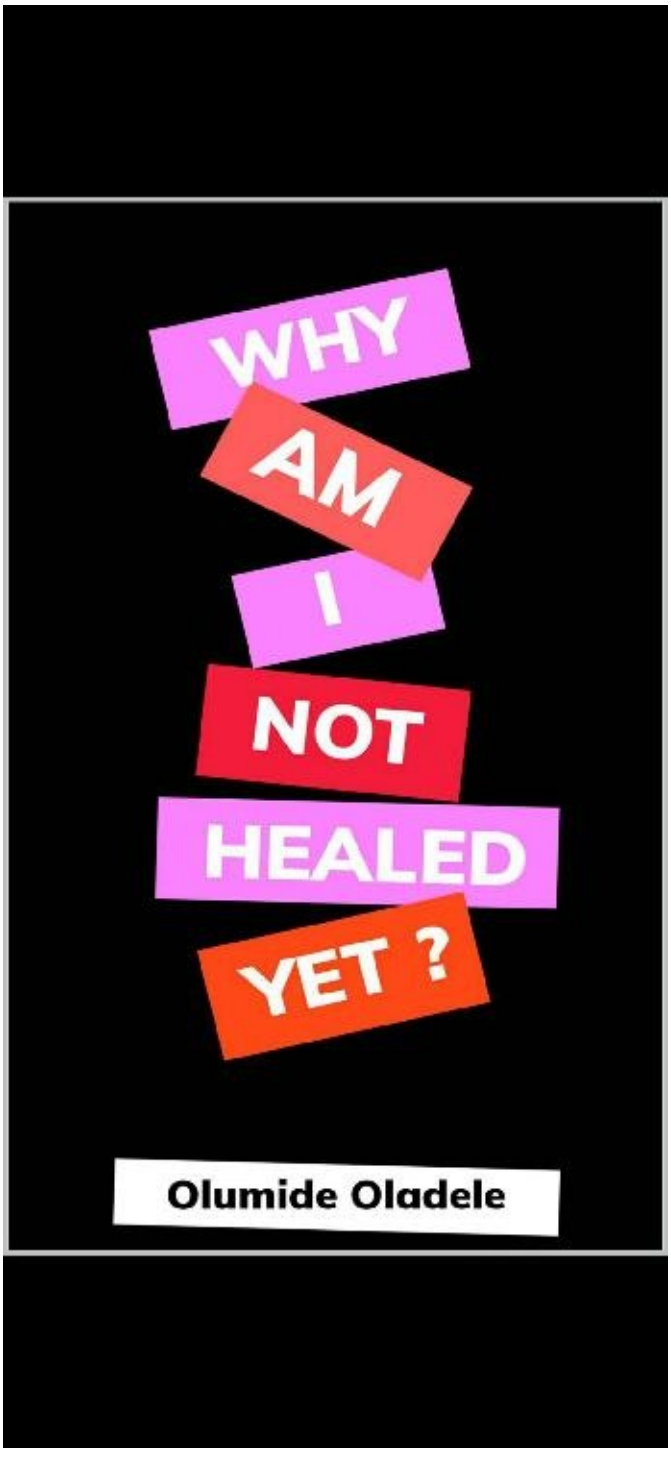
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1

GOD IS WILLING TO HEAL YOU

Healing is the act of bringing your body back to a sound state. It is the restoration of the body to a state of wholeness while divine healing achieves this through the power of God.

Sickness came as a result of the sin of Adam. Satan was the one who had the power of death, and sickness is a manifestation of death. Every sickness is a form of death; it may not take life but it brings great discomfort.

> *Acts 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.*

From this scripture, we see that:

A. Satan is the one oppressing with sickness. Your sickness may not be demonic but you MUST see it as oppression in your body. Don't endure any form of pain. Stand up against it!

B. God does not make people sick and not in support of it. He was with Jesus healing the sick and bringing comfort to the afflicted.

C. The solution to any sickness is the power of God. Jesus has the solution to the sickness caused either by demons or nature, or mismanagement of your body.

His healing power is alive and touching you right now from the pages of this book!

God specifically anointed Jesus to heal. God can't anoint Jesus to destroy His own work. Jesus came to destroy the work of Satan. In your fight against a sickness, God is backing you. Your healing is His will.

> *1 Peter 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.*

His stripes purchased your divine health.

JESUS TOOK YOUR SICKNESS

Jesus healed a lot of people while on earth and He destroyed the power of sickness through his death. And he is still alive today healing the sick through believers.

> *Isaiah 53:5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.*

> *Matthew 8:17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.*

Jesus was bruised because of that sickness in your body. He took it all upon Himself on the cross.

He took cancer away, chest pain, eye issues, hepatitis, asthma, barrenness, growth and lumps...He took it all away!

The pain and discomfort in your body is an infirmity. It may be given a name by the doctors or yet unnamed, as long as it's causing discomfort, it is an infirmity and Jesus already took it away. He was sacrificed for your peace. Your healing is paid for. You don't have to struggle again.

Look at the verse again and you will see that Peter said "You were healed"

Why?

Because it is a past tense, it is a done deal. God already perfected all about your healing. There is a package of divine health with your name on it.

GOD IS WILLING

> *Jeremiah 30:17 For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the LORD; because they called thee an Outcast, saying, This is Zion, whom no man seeketh after.*

God said HE WILL. This is a strong affirmation of His continued willingness to heal of any sickness and disease.

> *Matthew 8:2-3 And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou*

canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I WILL; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

This leprous man knew Jesus is able but not sure of His willingness to heal Him. Many times we believe that God has power to heal or give a miracle but not sure He wants to do it. The problem has always been the issue of willingness and if you can get it right that He is willing, you will have your healing and miracle.

Jesus told the man I WILL! The same thing He is saying to you now...I WILL HEAL YOU. I want you to know that God is willing now to heal you.

God's time of healing was more than 2000 years ago. On the cross Jesus became sin and its consequence (sickness) for us. His body was broken to secure for us divine health. That was the timing of God, so as far as He is concerned, your healing is already given.

1 Peter 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

Peter in his writing here used the word "were". This signifies that the sufferings of Jesus took away diseases and sickness. We were healed! Jesus took your pain away! He took that infirmity in your body away!

The woman with the issue of blood heard about Jesus, she made up her mind that since Jesus is known as a healer and has the power to heal her and also the willingness, she decided the time of her healing and went forth to take it. She took her healing! The decision is yours, you can decide that today is the day you will take your healing that is already given by God in Christ Jesus.

2

HEALING IS ALREADY GIVEN

For anyone who is a child of God, healing is your bread. Jesus paid for your body with his blood.

> *1 Corinthians 6:19-20 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*

Your body is no longer your own. It is now God's temple and God has a responsibility to keep it and this He did in the death and resurrection of Jesus. The stripes of Jesus bought your healing. It broke the power of sickness and gave you divine health. It is the reality in your spirit which will only be seen in your body as you agree with the word of God on healing and how it is received.

> *1 Corinthians 3:1 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.*

This is how serious God is with your body. If he will destroy anyone who destroys your body, why won't He destroy anything that destroys your body? He will destroy the sick-

ness now! God is standing with you in this war against sickness. His power is on your side and right now you can have your healing and health back.

Therefore, I declare, that the sickness in your body is destroyed now!

NAME OF THE LORD

> *Proverbs 18:10 The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.*

You have been given the name of Jesus for safety. Salvation brought you into Christ and His victory. You are in it now!

> *John 14:14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.*

This name is above all names! It's above cancer, lumps, growth, heart disease, lungs disease, and any sickness you can name. In healing, you must call the sickness by its name and command it to go in the name above all names; the name of Jesus.

For example, let's say someone is diagnosed of prostate enlargement. Prostate enlargement is a name, Jesus is a name and if you put the two names together against one another, the name of Jesus will prevail.

Also, I want you to know that anything that has a name can hear a command given.

> *Mark 11:23: For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto*

this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Mountain is a name and Jesus said; it will hear you and move! Jesus even said 'anyone' so you don't have to be a Pastor or Bishop. Name the mountain now and pray. It will move! I see the sickness leave now! The hearing and sight issue is over now!

SATAN CANNOT STOP YOUR HEALING

Even Satan cannot stop your healing because Jesus defeated him on your behalf.

Hebrews 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

The word 'destroy' here means to render useless; to make him have no effect. Satan is defeated and paralyzed by Jesus for your sake. He did it for you!

Right now, if you are reading this and under a demonic oppression, I decree your freedom right now in the name of Jesus! Rise up and begin to rejoice and declare your freedom. Satan is defeated for your sake.

3

JESUS HEALED THEM ALL

Luke 4:40 Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them.

Jesus healed them all not just a few. His power doesn't regard types or duration of sicknesses, as long as it is a sickness, there will be healing. You need to know this that the power of God has no respect for sickness. The medical practitioners in the bid of diagnosis has named certain sicknesses as incurable or terminal but all sicknesses before God is categorized as infirmity and it all submits to God's power.

Years ago, I was on a crusade ground and I made a call for those with pains in their bodies. There was a line and I ministered to them one after the other until I got to a man with a blind eye. I got shocked and didn't know what to do for few seconds because this was the first time I will be praying for someone with a blind eye but suddenly, I got a witness of the Spirit from within me that all healings happen through the same power.

Same power! I launched forward, cover the eye with my palm and raised a song that

adores the Lord and His wonder working power. We were still on the song when I asked the man, can you see? And he replied 'faintly'...my faith rose! If a total blind eye can move into faint sight, then it can be perfected. I raised another song and asked again. Now the sight was perfect! We were all full of joy for the miracle working power of Jesus.

JESUS IS ALIVE

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.

This Jesus is the same! He healed more than 2000years ago, He is still healing the sick today and tomorrow .He is here now and your healing is guarantee!

RECEIVING HIS HEALING POWER?

This is as simple as using His name.

Peter used the name and a lame man was raised. Don't say you are not Peter! All you need to use the name of Jesus is to be a believer.

Why did the name work for Peter?

He knew the name is above every other name. He knew when he utters the name, miracle will follow. He used it as a key that opens a door. After the miracle of the lame man who walked at the beautiful gate (Acts 3), many were shocked and amazed but he told them that the miracle occurred not because of his holiness or human ability but the faith he has in the name of Jesus.

Jesus already promised them that His name will work miracles...*Mark 16:17-18 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils...lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.*

This was a promise for every believer and this means you can also lay hands on yourself and others. The name of Jesus will always produce result.

> *John 14:13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.*

Here Jesus said, if you will ask in my name, I will do it. The meaning is that if you will ask in His name, He will make his healing power available now for your miracle.

Peter used the name and the lame man walked...It your time to use the name of Jesus now.

Do this now:

Be still, look at the sickness and look at the greatness of Jesus name. Lay your hand at where the sickness is and command it to go in the name of Jesus. Go ahead and check your body. You have a testimony now.

THE SPIRIT OF GOD IS IN YOU.

> *Romans 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.*

The Spirit of God in you now is a quickening Spirit. He has a job of giving life to our bodies.

Divine health already resides in you. The Spirit of God vitalizes! He gives life to bodies. If your body is decaying, He will give you new flesh. He gives new organs. He gives ease in place of dis-ease. The Holy Spirit has a job aside the spiritual ones---to heal you and keep you away from virus, sickness and diseases.

Shout this:

The Holy Spirit is in me! No more sickness! Now I am free from sickness!

4

WHY THE DELAY

Almost every one used of God in healing the sick has this question of why some people who sought healing returned from healing meetings without receiving their healing and miracle. There are varieties of reasons known and they will be explained in the following chapters. The focus of this book is to bring you to a right position for your healing and miracle. We serve a God who does the impossible and no matter what your condition may be, He is more than able and willing to set you free.

People in need of healing come for a healing meeting with different beliefs and mindset. They all do not have the same mind and this is one of the reasons why some gets their healing and miracle and others do not.

The focus of this book is that you will be enabled to lay hold on your healing and miracle. The revelation of God's word and my experience with people seeking healing over the years has revealed some basic truths about why some are not healed yet.

DOUBTS

Doubt is seen when a sick person is not sure of God's willingness to heal him NOW.

Mark 1:40-42

[40]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.

[41]And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean.

[42]And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed.

He came to Jesus but yet was not sure of the willingness of Jesus. That a sick person is in a healing service or came for prayers doesn't mean there is faith for healing. Doubt is having a second thought. It is so easy especially when the sickness has been there for a long time or if it's a seasonal one. It is revealed in a person when he is not sure God will heal. God's willingness to heal the sick NOW must be strongly believed for healing to occur.

This is a way we must seek God and it is the way of faith.

James 1:6-8

6. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

Doubt is double mindedness. It is to mind the power of God, its ability and willingness to heal now and later mind the sickness and its ability to resist healing. This happens when the situation is highly exalted before the sick than the power of God. The solution to this is to spend time with the word of God. This helps you to be steadfast in the confession of your faith.

> *Hebrews 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.*

Jesus is our High priest and He is touched by all you are passing through because of our union with Him so, in lieu of this reality, we must hold fast our profession. The word 'profession' means 'homologia' in the Greek and it simply refers to saying the same thing in consent.

To receive your healing and miracle, your declaration must be the same. You should not say today that God is healing you and tomorrow say that the sickness will kill you or that it doesn't go or heal easily.

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UNBELIEF

Unbelief is seen when the sick do not believe God can heal them or when they do not believe in the minister as someone through whom they can be healed and this is the most common kind of unbelief. Receiving from a man you do not believe is anointed FOR YOU is difficult.

> *Mark 6:4-6 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house. And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them. And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching.*

There is nothing that draws the healing power out of a vessel like honor which is simply the recipients' expression of faith and honor for the minister. Jesus couldn't heal them means the ability was not manifesting. They used their unbelief to limit the flow of God's power to them. Many come to healing meetings as a trial, checking if it will work

or not. Don't receive prayers of healing with a trial and error mindset and don't also pray with this mindset too. Be assured according to the word of God that your request will be granted as you pray.

Unbelief is taken away as the sick see others share the testimony of how they got healed. This is one reason why testimonies are important session of a healing meeting.

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There is nothing that draws the healing power out of a vessel like honour which is simply the recipients' expression of faith in the healing minister as God's channel of healing. They used their unbelief to limit the flow of God's power to them. They were not rightly positioned for their miracle.

They saw Jesus not as a prophet sent from God but as a carpenter who grew amidst them. They put no honor on Him and His calling and this act of unbelief kept them away from the flow of God's power. The Bible

here didn't say Jesus will not heal them but He couldn't. He was willing but nothing happened when He tried to heal them. Unbelief can make a Christian live as an unbeliever. It short-circuits the flow of God's power to a life. It is evident in the honor we place on God's word and His servants sent to us.

Is there anyone around you that is anointed but yet you count as nothing? How do you see your pastor? Do you see him ordinarily as your friend or a spiritual leader?

In healing, God heals directly or through His anointed vessels. To receive from an anointed vessel, he must be received as an anointed vessel.

> *Matthew 10:41 He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward...*

A sister has been around me for over two years and yet had an infirmity in her body. For three years, she suffered an intense heat in her stomach that comes up at three days interval. She comes around to our meetings but will not come out to be prayed for as regard her health. It went on like this for a while until a brother who knew her condition pushed her and she came. After sharing the word of God with her, I prayed for her and the infirmity left her body. I saw her few months after and she was still healed. As long as you despise the men God has sent to you, your miracle will be delayed. We must be humble enough to ask for help when in need.

6

SINFUL LIFESTYLES AND HEALTH ABUSE

A man given to alcohol will find it difficult to be healed permanently of diabetes. Many desire healing and perfect health but kept doing the same thing that brought the ailment.

> *Phil 2:30 Because for the work of Christ he was nigh unto death, not regarding his life, to supply your lack of service toward me.*

Paul here showed us that the cause of Epaphroditus sickness is the abused of his body for the sake of the gospel work. We should learn to rest as ministers of the gospel.

Also, strife, anger and unforgiveness are strongholds that keep many in sickness.

> *1Cor 11:29-30*
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> *29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. {damnation: or, judgment}*
>
> *30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.*

The Corinthian church here was sick and some died because of this sinful lifestyle

of partaking of the communion table unworthily. They were exhibiting the works of the flesh.

> *James 3:16 16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work*

There are people that received their healing immediately they repented of sins like unforgiveness, hatred or dishonor. This happened because these sins had affected their souls and stood as a blockage to the flow of the healing power of God unto them. God wasn't the person holding back his power to heal but they were the ones not receiving because of the bad position in which they stood.

7

NOT PERSISTENT

Some people only want the sympathy and attention. They love the pity and the benefits their position brings into their lives. Also many have the thought that it may be God's will and that the sickness will go when it pleases God to do it.

> *Mark 8: 22-25 ¶And he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him.*
>
> *23 And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought.*
>
> *24 And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking.*
>
> *25 After that he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly.*

Healing can be gradual and instantaneous. Jesus laid hands on this blind man twice. People won't go for prayers again after they go once and nothing happens but yet will visit the doctor many times.

Luke 11:5 And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves;

6 For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? {in...: or, out of his way}

7 And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee.

8 I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.

9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Going again to the place of prayers for healing or commanding wholeness again in prayers is a proof of persistence and faith.

8

GUILT AND CONDEMNATION

There are sick people who believed their ailment is a result of their past lifestyle of sin. There are some sicknesses that are results of immoral and wicked living and most see this as the judgment of God but this is not true. They are the results of seeds sown over the years so God is not involved in the consequence. The sacrifice of Jesus has given every man that comes to Him freedom for their sins and its consequence.

Romans 8:10-11

> *[10]And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.*
>
> *[11]But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.*

No matter what has happened to the body of the sick because of sin, the Spirit of God will give it life because of the righteousness of God.

When a sin is confessed, the blood of Jesus wiped it off with its consequences. God has no record of sin against the sick that has come to Christ.

Hebrews 10:17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

YOUR PAST CAN'T STOP YOUR HEALING

James 1:5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

The word 'liberally' means bountifully. God gives bountifully; without holding back. To 'upbraid not' means God doesn't reproach; He doesn't look at your sins and decide not to answer. He won't because of the terrible life you've once lived, decide not to heal you. God answers us base on the merit of His son, Jesus Christ.

All those Jesus healed in the scriptures were not born again. They were sinners and He had on an occasion warned a healed man not to go back to his sins to avoid a more terrible affliction.

What Jesus did with people whose sins were the stronghold that kept them in sickness was to first give them forgiveness and afterwards healing. He didn't cast away sinners but loved them.

9

RELIGIOUS WAY OF PRAYERS

There are times that the sick expect to be ministered to in a specific way and when a minister is ministering healing in a different way, they are not focused.

Jesus ministered to the sick in different ways. He laid hands, commanded healing, used his spit and clay, told a blind man to go wash in the Siloam etc. The sick must be made to realize that the healing power of God can be demonstrated through different methods as long as these methods are established in the scriptures.

2Kings 5:9-14 ¶

9. So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha.

10 And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean.

11 But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and

stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper. {I thought: Heb. I said} {I thought...: or, I said with myself, He will surely come out, etc} {strike: Heb. move up and down}

12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage. {Abana: or, Amana}

13 And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean?

14 Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

Naaman would have missed his miracle if not for the intervention of his servants. He expected Elisha to come out to him and even to have specified different river for him. Many have missed their healing and miracles this way. They looked down on the method God is using for their healing.

10
REFUSAL OF MEDICAL AID

Medical assistance is not evil. There are sicknesses that are of natural causes and such can still be treated through medical assistance. The wisdom of medicine is also from God, though it has a limit but it is of great importance in the well being of man. Many all over the world have been saved from death and sicknesses through the aid of medicine.

The use of wine and oil in the scriptures for healing is simply because of its therapeutic and anti bacterial abilities. Oil and wine in scriptures are applied on wounds, injuries and sick people to aid the healing process.

> *Luke 10:33-34 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him [34]And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.*

Oil and wine was poured on the wound. Same thing was suggested in James 5.

> *James 5:14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:*

Paul told Timothy to use wine for his ailment.

> *1 Timothy 5:23 Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities.*

He was to use wine

11

ERRONEOUS THEOLOGY

There are people that hold to the knowledge that God doesn't heal the sick again. They believe the gifts of the Spirit and the miraculous are done away with.

The popular scripture used is this:

> *1 Corinthians 13:8-10, 12*
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> *[8]Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.*
>
> *[9]For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.*
>
> *[10]But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.*
>
> *[12]For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.*

That which is perfect here is the coming of Jesus. It is at the second coming that there won't be a need again for healing and the miraculous but as long as we are here on earth, the power of God will keep being manifested to heal bodies and wrought miracles.

> *Mark 16:20*

[20]And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

All over the world, as the gospel is preached, the Lord is confirming it with accompany signs and wonders. When the sick believes divine healing is done way, there is no way they can get healed.

Jesus said anything we ask in His name, He will do it for us and these include healing and miracles. If God will answer prayers on other areas of life today, He will do in the areas of divine healing.

The age of the Apostles is not different from our time so all that God did then; He is actively doing today through willing vessels.

Mark 16:15-18,20

[15]And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

[16]He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

[17]And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

[18]They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

[20]And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

There are two inseparable instructions here and both are to go side by side. It is the preaching of the gospel and its accompanying signs which includes healing for the sick through the laying on of hands.

Since preaching of the gospel has not ceased, then healing has not ceased.

12

NO HOPE OF HEALING

John 5:5-9

[5]And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.

[6]When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?

[7]The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.

[8]Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.

[9]And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.

This man had no hope of healing. If not for the intervention of Jesus, he would have been there for more than 38 years. He was close to the place of healing but had no hope because there was no man to help him. There are people in conditions that have persisted for so many years and they have resolved to live like that.

Some have even forgotten the sickness in their body. It's a sign of no hope. The enemy wants us to lose hope and go into depression. He wants the sick to get to a place where they believe they are past healing. Loss of hope keeps us out of faith and makes it difficult for us to lay hold on the promises of God.

> *Proverbs 23:18 Surely there is a future, And your hope will not be cut off.*

This is God's word for the sick. There is a future without sickness and that will be made possible by the power of God. Let faith arise in your heart because no matter how difficult the sickness is or how long it had been there, the healing power of God is able to take it away.

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GOD IS THE SOURCE

There are people who are sick who sees God as the source of their sickness and so expect him to take it away whenever he pleases.

This is a wrong understanding of the personality of God.

The story of Job shows us the misconception of God's character by man. Satan was the cause of all that happened to him, yet it was attributed to God.

Two things brought the calamity upon Job:

1. Fear

> *Job 3:25 For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.*

2. Ignorance of who God is.

> *Job 42:3,5-6*
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> *[3]Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.*
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> *[5]I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee.*

[6]Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.

Out of all the friends of Job, only Elihu wasn't rebuked by God. Why?

Job 37:23

[23]Touching the Almighty, we cannot find him out: he is excellent in power, and in judgment, and in plenty of justice: he will not afflict.

He knew God was not the one who afflicted Job. As Christians, we can be faced with difficult situations in our lives. It is not God testing us. It is the enemy tempting us.

James 1:12-13

[12]Blessed is the man that endureth temptation : for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

[13]Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

James showed us that trials are temptations that come from Satan and not God.

PAUL'S THORN IN THE FLESH

Some thought since Paul didn't get healed, they shouldn't expect to be healed.

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

[7]And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of

the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

[8]For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

[9]And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

[10]Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

Paul called what was given him a thorn in his flesh and a messenger of Satan.

Thorn in the flesh is a figure of speech which means a disturbance, a problem and this can be established in other scriptures.

Numbers 33:55 But if ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you; then it shall come to pass, that those which ye let remain of them shall be pricks in your eyes, and thorns in your sides, and shall vex you in the land wherein ye dwell.

Here, God is not saying the Canaanites will be sickness in their eyes and sides but a problem to them. It's like saying someone is a pain in the neck or an eyesore.

Joshua 23:13 Know for a certainty that the LORD your God will no more drive out any of these nations from before you; but they shall be snares and traps unto you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until ye perish from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you.

Paul got revelations from God and Satan gave him a messenger so that he won't do what God has called him to do. The "messenger of" showed us the thorn was sent by Satan.

The word 'messenger' is from the Greek word 'Angelos' and it was never used in the scriptures to denote or describe a thing like sickness or disease but a person or being. This demon went against Paul everywhere he went to. To buffet is to continually beat against. Paul faced intense suffering and persecution in the hand of this demon as it stirred up people against Paul's ministry.

2 Corinthians 11:25-27

[25]Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep;

[26]In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren;

> *[27]In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.*

One other thing to note also is that God didn't take this thorn away. Why will God not remove it?

God heals the sick. It is his will but this one; He didn't because it was not a sickness but suffering and persecution.

> *2 Timothy 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.*

God kept supplying Paul with His grace. More of His power and glory was demonstrated even in the midst of it all. The more persecution from the enemies of the gospel, the more he took the gospel to other places powerfully. This is God's grace. Paul was strengthened in the midst of it all.

14

DEMONIC ROOT

There are sicknesses that are caused by demons and they must be cast out for healing to take place. There are times that the sick may not open up and the minister is commanding headache to go when the problem is an emotional stress or depression caused by a demon.

Jesus had success in his healing ministry because he addressed the very root of the sicknesses

> *Luke 13:12-13,16*
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> *12 And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.*
>
> *13 And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.*
>
> *16 And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?*

He explained that the cause of the infirmity of this woman is the devil. It was an active work of a demon. He knew this by the Spirit of God. Healing may take time when

the cause is demonic and the demons are not cast out or they still find an atmosphere for their operations in the life of the sick. Demonic activities behind a sickness can be known by the Spirit and also through a closer observation of the effects of the sickness in the person.

In ministering to a person who is dumb and deaf, the spirit of dumb and deaf must be commanded to go.

A lady was once in my office, she had a pain from her neck region down to her back. As I prayed for her, a demon spoke and when I commanded the demon to go, she was healed immediately.

15

THE BRIDGE OF FAITH

> *Romans 3:26-27 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.*

This is saying, the way we got justified is by a law of faith. This means a principle that governs the release of the spiritual into the natural. Just as a man cannot be saved without faith, so a man cannot break from the hold of sickness and financial struggles without faith.

An unbeliever can use drugs and be free from sickness same way he can work and be rich but there is always a limit. Drugs can fail, hard work can fail but FAITH cannot fail. It always produces!

The law of faith is like the law of gravity...this isn't a correct comparison but the closest we can use. Many don't know there is a law of gravity and yet it works either against or for them, so is the law of faith.

> *2 Corinthians 4:13 We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore*

have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

This is the law of faith that produces anything in the natural that is in line with the word of God for you. Do you need a child, apply this law and it will produce a baby for you.

Law of faith = believe the word + confess it.

Romans 10:8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

Believe with your heart the word of God about the situation, put it in your mouth and say what is in your heart.

This was how we got born again and the same way we can create anything from the spiritual into the natural.

Faith is only seen by others by your confession.

It started with God.

Genesis 1:2-4 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

Your darkness may be a sickness.

Note, the spirit is already there. You too have the Holy Spirit but nothing will change until you speak from your heart.

God spoke and light came.

God saw it was good. This means he already know the light he is expecting in his heart.

So God believed in light appearing. He conceived the light first, then he spoke and the Spirit brought it into manifestation.

The Holy Spirit is the manifester of the will of God that is spoken forth. What is it that you want to see in your life? What is that thing you want to see before the end of this year?

Take a seat, find out scriptures about it, think on the scriptures and begin to declare those things.

How do you declare?

As though they were already!

> *Romans 4:17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.*

As an example, if you have a sickness now in your body.

First, you have to believe that Jesus' body was broken for your wholeness. By His stripes, you were healed! His death paid for both your spirit and body. Your body is now his temple and sickness is an illegal occupant.

So how do you declare: by calling yourself healed as though you were healed.

You say: I am healed, Jesus' body was broken for my wholeness, i am free from asthma, my body belongs to God so sickness is not permitted in me. When you talk like this, ensure you keep saying same thing. Don't negate it with another thought and words.

Many of us are prayerful but it's easy to nullify hours of prayers with negative confessions. What you say shows what you believe.

> *1 Corinthians 3:6 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.*

The increase here is the result seen in people's lives. So the seed is the word of God in your spirit. You water it by speaking forth and God by His Spirit brings manifestations.

I have seen the sick get healed as I lay hands on them because this is what I believe and have been confessing. It doesn't matter what God has planned out for you, they won't manifest physically until you believe and boldly declare them.

> *Matthew 12:37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.*

So a man can say something and he is declared innocent of all he has ever done wrong and also by speaking, another can be declared guilty.

> *Proverbs 18:20-21 A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his*

mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled. Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Your belly(life) will be full of the things you say. Your words can bring either death or life to your health, bank account, marriage, business, ministry etc.

John 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

Words are spirit...they release spiritual activities...either the Holy Ghost activity, angelic activities or demonic activities in your life. Your word is the vehicle that carries spirits operations in your life and ministry. Demons and angels responds to words.

To enjoy the benefits of redemption, pay attention to your thoughts, what you really believe and what you say.

TAKE IT RADICALLY

Healing doesn't just happen to people, you are the one that will take it. Years ago,I was on my bed and suddenly Ifelt a sharp pain in my stomach. I couldn't bend nor stood. So Ibegan to rebuke it EVEN AS I TRIED TO STAND, the pain reduced a bit and I was able to stand. I had a lecture in school, so I had to decide either to stay back or go to school. I believed in the power of God at work in my body, so I left the room with the pain and

took a bike, as I got to school and alighted, the pain wasn't there again. I TOOK MY HEALING.

THAT IS FAITH. It is forceful and radical!

The faith that receives healing is already in you. You already have faith for your healing.

> *Romans 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath *dealt to every man the measure of faith.*

It must be expressed and it is simply by doing what you cannot do before even as you expect a miracle.

I was ministering at Ekiti State University, Nigeria sometimes back, and in the course of the prayers, a brother had numbness in his hand and couldn't lift anything. He ran out of the church auditorium and carried a block and as he did, he realized his healing. THIS IS RADICAL FAITH.

A lady who couldn't chew because of pains in her tooth was in the meeting with biscuits and as soon as I declared healing, she tried to chew and realized she was healed.

Another sister couldn't see with her left eye for years and I told her to keep looking with the eye while blocking the good one and lo and behold, it opened. She put all her energy on seeing with the eyes and she saw...THIS IS RADICAL FAITH.

I picked up a woman who couldn't walk, threw her walking stick away and commanded her to walk and she took few steps weakly and after about 2mins, she was walking and dancing. THIS IS RADICAL FAITH.

Let me explain something to you about the place of feelings in receiving healing

A sick person will want to feel healed. You can't feel what you don't have so possession is before feeling. You want the symptoms to disappear...it will happen immediately you receive your healing. Many fail at this point, because they are yet to feel the healing, they assume nothing has happened.

No!

Jesus prayed for 10 lepers and ask them to go show themselves to the priest. They left Jesus still with the leprosy but as they went their way to testify of a healing they haven't seen physically, they got healed. The point I'm making here is not that you have to testify of a healing you haven't seen to have it but that their faith in Jesus was so strong that they believed they have received even before the symptoms and feelings changed.

HOW DO YOU RECEIVE YOUR HEALING?

By Faith, it is in knowing you have your healing the moment you pray or received prayers, as you await the expectation of the change of symptoms and feelings.

The very moment you know you have it because the word of God says you have it and because the man of God just prayed for you.

Your faith should begin to make you rejoice immediately you are prayed for. You should begin to see that the healing power of God is already in you.

Let me explain this further with the story of the lame man at the beautiful gate.

> *Acts 3:6-8 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.*

Here Peter prayed and immediately the healing power of God entered the lame man but it seems nothing happened.

> *[7]And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.*

Note that Peter didn't pray again but lifted him up and his feet and bones received strength. The lifting up was the radical faith.

> *[8]And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.*

He leaped, stood and walk...this shows that it was gradual. When the man was limping, there was a bit of difficulty but he continued and his miracle was perfected. So it's very possible immediately after prayers, you felt nothing but you have to believe something has happened and you do what you couldn't do before.

Let me give you two personal testimonies...

In a crusade, a man was blind in the left eye, I prayed for him once and he said nothing happened. I told him to look at me again and we did this for seven times until he saw. His miracle happened because I believed the healing power of Jesus entered his body the very moment I prayed for him and since it wasn't an instant healing, we added action to our belief.

A man had serious back pains, I prayed and told him to bend but he had a little discomfort, I told him to bend again and lo and behold, the pain wasn't there again.

The healing power of Jesus enters you through prayer declaration or the revelation of word but you see your healing as you believe you have your healing and do what you cannot do before. Healing is mostly instantly but can also be gradual.

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