YOU ARE SEALED



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You Are Healed!

Is Healing God's Will?

To know God's will about healing, you must first know what His Word says because His Word is His will. *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

And the Word was made 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" (John 1:1,14).

Jesus of Nazareth was the Word of God made flesh—the total expression of God's will manifested in human form. *"Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work"* (John 4:34).

"Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me.

And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me" (John 12:44-45).

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also...he that hath seen me hath seen the Father" (see John 14:6-9).

If you want to see God, look at Jesus.

If you want to hear God, listen to Jesus.

If you want to know God's will, study the ministry of Jesus.

According to Hebrews 1:1-3, Jesus is God's Son—the heir of all things, the brightness of God's glory, the express image of God's person. *Jesus is the very image of Almighty God!* Everything He did, every move He made, every word He spoke was an extension of His Father in heaven.

There is no question that Jesus came to do the will of the Father. In John 10:10 He said, *"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."* Abundant life is God's will for the believer. In Luke 4, Jesus explained very clearly how He would bring that abundant life into manifestation:

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord (Luke 4:16-19).

When He had finished reading, He closed the book, sat down and said, *"This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears"* (Luke 4:21).

From that moment on, Jesus did what He said He would do: He preached the gospel, healed the sick, brought sight to the blind and delivered the captives. He taught in the synagogues of Galilee and the people were amazed. *"And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power"* (Luke 4:32). Every word going forth from His mouth brought deliverance and healing.

Jesus never turned away from healing anyone who came to Him in faith. He never said, "I can't heal you. God wants you to stay sick a little longer." He always responded to the faith of the people.

Acts 10:38 says: *"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."*

It is an absolute truth that God wants His people healed and whole. He demonstrated that through Jesus. You can see His will toward healing expressed very simply in Luke 5:12-13: *"And it came to pass, when he was in a certain city, behold a man full of leprosy: who seeing Jesus fell on his face, and besought him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And he put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will: be thou clean. And immediately the leprosy departed from him."*

When the leper asked, "Will you make me clean?" Jesus' answer was very simple: *"I will: be thou clean."*

The leper knew Jesus *could* heal him. The only question in his mind was whether

or not Jesus *would.* This is the key point in receiving healing—the determining factor in acting by faith or unbelief. You know God can heal. The problem comes in knowing for certain that God *will* heal and that He *will* heal *you!* Until you realize in your own heart that God wants to heal you, you will never receive from Him. You can watch other people receive healing and still never receive it yourself.

To realize the truth of God's will for healing, you need to understand the full extent of your redemption. **Healing is just as much a part of the plan of redemption as salvation, the Holy Spirit and Heaven as your eternal home.** To stay sick when Jesus has provided healing would be living far below your privileges as a child of God.

Let's view the plan of redemption through the eyes of Isaiah the prophet. In Isaiah 53, he describes what was to happen at Calvary—the sacrifice, the pain, the suffering, the death. He gave a very accurate picture of Calvary showing exactly what happened in both the physical world and the spiritual world.

"Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows..." (Isaiah 53:4). I want you to note the first word of this verse: *Surely*. *Surely—not maybe,* not *perhaps.* It is a fact. *Surely* Jesus has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows! The *King James Version* gives an inaccurate translation of the original Hebrew words. This verse should read,

"Surely he hath borne our sickness, and carried our disease."

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. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation?

for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with

the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief... (Isaiah *53:5*-10).

Most modern translations read, "It was God's will that He be bruised." It was the definite will and design of God that Jesus bare all sickness and disease. His purpose was to free mankind from it.

I want us to read verse 11 from *The Amplified Bible: "He [God] shall see the fruit of the travail of His [Jesus'] soul and be satisfied."* God will see the fruit of Jesus' travail *and be satisfied!*

It does not satisfy God to see sickness and disease on believers today. He was satisfied when that sickness and disease was laid on Jesus. Many people think God wants them to stay sick, so He can get glory out of their travail; but that kind of thinking is a lie straight from the pit of hell! To put sickness on you after it was put on Jesus would be a miscarriage of justice! You are not the sacrificial Lamb of Calvary. That sacrifice has already been made—you don't need to make it again. You need to receive it as a part of your own life.

What was the fruit of Jesus' travail? Salvation, healing, love, joy, peace—the kingdom of God being born in the hearts of men. Praise God!

From these scriptures alone, you can know beyond doubt that God's will is for every person in Jesus Christ to be healed and made well.

He paid the price, so we could receive it.

Any time a believer has a problem receiving healing, he usually suffers from ignorance of God's Word, ignorance of his rights and privileges in Jesus Christ. To fully understand your position, you need to realize what took place many centuries ago between God and a man named Abram. God approached Abram with a proposition. The agreement, or covenant, they made together is the basis of the entire New Testament. It was in behalf of this covenant that Jesus came to earth.

God's Covenant of Healing

Healing is not a new provision brought into being with the ministry of Jesus. Healing was provided for under the Abrahamic covenant. This is how that covenant came into existence:

And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walkbefore me, and be thou perfect. And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying, As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram,but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee...And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee (Genesis 17:1-5,7).

When God appeared to Abram He said, *"I am the Almighty God."* The original Hebrew says, "I am El Shaddai." *El* means "supreme." *Shaddai* means "the Breasty One." He said, "I will be a God to you." In other words, "I will be all you need—your father, your mother, your nurse, your provider."

I want you to realize the full significance of what took place between God and Abraham. They entered into a contract together. They made covenant together —an everlasting covenant, an absolute agreement. God said, *"As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee."* Then He sealed His side of the agreement by swearing an oath. In Genesis 22:16 God said, *"By myself have I sworn."* There was no higher power to swear by, so He swore by Himself. He gave His own Word that He would bless Abraham and his seed. *"That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed....And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed..."* (Genesis 22:17-18).

The Hebrew word *covenant* means "to cut," implying "where blood flows." A blood covenant is the strongest form of agreement on earth. Two parties agree to certain terms and then seal their agreement by the shedding of blood. The covenant made between God and Abraham was sealed through the act of circumcision. *"This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised. And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; And it shall be a token of the covenant*

betwixt me and you" (Genesis 17:10-11).

The shedding of blood was the most vital act of the Old Testament. Through circumcision, it stood as a sign of agreement, a token of the covenant between God and man. El Shaddai agreed to bless Abraham and his descendants exceedingly. In return, He required them to live uprightly before Him.

But man continually sinned against God, failing to hold to the terms of the agreement.

Again, the shedding of blood held the answer. The Levitical priesthood was instituted to offer blood sacrifices that would atone (or cover) for sin.

Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sin (Hebrews 9:22). By offering a lamb on the altar, the priests could purchase forgiveness for one year. God accepted these sacrifices in order to keep the Abrahamic covenant in force. This was the only way to bridge the gap between sin and righteousness.

Then centuries later, the supreme blood sacrifice was made. Jesus of Nazareth came into the world, born of a virgin. When John the Baptist 15

first saw Jesus he said, *"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world"* (John 1:29). Jesus was the sacrificial lamb offered upon the altar of the cross. He was the last sacrifice of the Levitical priesthood. The blood He shed on the cross washed away forever the spot of sin. The Old Testament sacrifices only *covered sin;* the New Testament sacrifice—Jesus, the spotless Son of God—completely *did away with sin. "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us"* (Hebrews 9:12).

By accepting His sacrifice, you stand before God clean and pure—just as if you had never sinned.

Jesus died for sin and, at the same time, did away with all the effects of sin. When sin entered the world, it brought with it the forces of destruction: death, sickness, poverty, fear. The price Jesus paid at Calvary was the full price, covering every area of human life: spiritual, mental, physical, financial and social. Our redemption is complete.

"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith" (Galatians 3:13-14).

"The curse of the Law" was the penalty for any person who disobeyed the statutes of the Levitical Law. Though Jesus lived a life without sin, He gave Himself to bear that curse as if He had sinned and disobeyed the Law. He took the punishment for the sin of mankind. He bore the curse so that we could receive the blessing. *"And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise"* (Galatians 3:29).

Deuteronomy 28 sets out the stipulations of this blessing and curse:

And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God (verses 1-2).

Then verses 3-14 list all the blessings of the Law, describing prosperity in every area of life.

"The curse of the Law" begins in verse 15.

Here is found every kind of curse that could possibly come on mankind: sickness, disease, poverty, lack, pain, suffering, etc. Then verse 61

says, *"Also every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law..."*

Jesus bore the curse of the Law. He bore every sickness and every plague known to man. He bore pain and suffering. Why? So that the blessing could come on us when we accept His sacrifice as our own. Because we are in Christ, we are Abraham's seed and heirs to the blessing.

Jesus showed how healing is a part of this blessing when He ministered deliverance to a woman in Luke 13:11-13.

And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

Because Jesus healed this woman on the sabbath day, the ruler of the synagogue was indignant; but Jesus answered him saying:

"Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering? 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?" (verses 15-16).

The Abrahamic covenant had been in force for many, many years. God's people could have walked in health and well-being, but they had become too occupied with their religious traditions. The result was a standard of living far below that which God had intended for them.

This woman was a daughter of Abraham and, because of that, she had a right to be loosed from her infirmity. Satan had bound her for eighteen years for only one reason: because she was ignorant of her covenant with God. Jesus came and ministered as a prophet under the Abrahamic covenant. He healed the people according to that covenant. He came to set the captives free, and this woman was one of those captives. All she needed was for someone to tell her what was rightfully hers as a daughter of Abraham.

I have news for you: If that woman could be delivered and set free because she was Abraham's seed, so can you on those same grounds. Because you believe in Jesus Christ and have accepted His sacrifice as your own, you are Abraham's seed and heir to the promise. Praise God, that promise includes physical healing. Satan has no right to put any sickness, disease or infirmity on your body.

You are a child of God, a joint-heir with Jesus and a citizen in the kingdom of God. You have a covenant with Almighty God, and one of your covenant rights is the right to a healthy body.

"I Want My People Well"

Some time ago, God dealt with me on the subject of healing and how important it is for believers to live free from sickness and disease.

His words to me then were so strong that they echoed in my spirit for weeks. He said, "I want My people well!"

God wants every believer to be healed and whole: *"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth"* (3 John 2).

After Jesus was raised from the dead, He appeared to His disciples and issued forth certain decrees that would affect the world forever.

Healing was one of those decrees. In Mark 16:15-18, Jesus said:

Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speakwith new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drinkany deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

These words are vitally important to every believer today. Jesus was commanding the Church to go forth in His Name, and a part of this Great Commission was that the believer lay hands on the sick. Right at that moment, Jesus set the Church against sickness and disease.

Healing is God's masterstroke of evidence that He is alive and doing well. It is physical proof of God's existence and of His willingness to meet our needs on any spiritual level.

No two people are exactly the same spiritually. Each of us is at our own particular level of spiritual growth. Basically, there are three categories of spiritual life:

1. The world—sinners or unbelievers, people who do not know God.

2. The carnally-minded Christians—spiritual babies, those who do not have God's Word working proficiently in their lives.

3. The mature Christians—spiritual adults, those who are skillful in the Word of God.

God's Word is designed to minister to the needs of each individual, no matter what their level of spiritual growth may be.

In 1 Corinthians 3:1-3, Paul refers to the two levels of spiritual maturity within the Body of Christ:

And I, brethren, could not speakunto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walkas men?

Paul could not teach the Corinthian believers about deeper spiritual things because they were not mature enough to understand. They were "babes in Christ," and he had to feed them with milk as you would feed a tiny baby. Hebrews 5:13 says, *"For every one that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe."*

First Peter 2:2 says, *"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby."*

When you accepted Jesus as Savior and made Him the Lord of your life, you were *"born of God"* (1 John 5:1).

According to 1 Peter 1:23, you were born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God. At that moment, you joined the family of God and entered into spiritual affairs as a newborn baby. If since that time you have never fed on the milk of the Word, you are still a spiritual baby. Don't expect to operate proficiently in faith without a knowledge of the Word.

It is no sin to be a baby and no disgrace to be a carnally-minded Christian. A baby does not grow to adulthood overnight, so a new believer should not expect to operate as a mature Christian after only a few days. It takes time spent in God's Word for him to grow and mature spiritually.

The first step to spiritual maturity is to realize your position before God. You are

a child of God and a joint-heir with Jesus. Consequently, you are entitled to all the rights and privileges in the kingdom of God, and one of these rights is health and healing.

You will never fully realize or understand healing until you know beyond any doubt that God's will is for *you* to be healed. God wants *you* healed! He wants *you* whole! He wants you to grow in the Word and walk in His perfect will just as Jesus did. Whether or not you accept that and purpose to walk in the reality of the truth is your own decision to make.

I urge you to accept it now and begin to see His will carried out in your life. Start seeing yourself healed and whole. Put God's Word concerning healing in your heart, meditate and think about it, then speak His Word boldly out your mouth. His Word will not return to Him void, but it *will* accomplish what it was sent to do (Isaiah 55:11).

Prayer for Salvation and Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Heavenly Father, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. Your Word says, *"Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved"* (Acts 2:21). I am calling on You. I pray and ask Jesus to come into my heart and be Lord over my life, according to Romans 10:9-10— *"If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."* I do that now. I confess that Jesus is Lord, and I believe in my heart that God raised Him from the dead.

I am now reborn! I am a Christian—a child of Almighty God! I am saved! You also said in Your Word, *"If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"* (Luke 11:13). I'm also asking You to fill me with the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit, rise up within me as I praise God. I fully expect to speak with other tongues as You give me utterance (Acts 2:4).

Begin to praise God for filling you with the Holy Spirit. Speak those words and syllables you receive—not in your own language, but the language given to you by the Holy Spirit. You have to use your own voice. God will not force you to

speak. Worship and praise Him in your heavenly language—in other tongues.

Continue with the blessing God has given you and pray in tongues each day.

You are a born-again, Spirit-filled believer.

You'll never be the same!

Find a good Word of God preaching church, and become a part of a church family who will love and care for you as you love and care for them.

We need to be connected to each other. It increases our strength in God. It's God's plan for us.

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