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Kingdom Foundations, a school on healing and impartation is purposed to equip, build faith, encourage you to press in and renew your passion for the Kingdom. The first day is centered on EQUIPPING. Randy's desire is to see every Christian equipped to bring the Kingdom of God to earth. The sessions are designed to equip you to operate in words of knowledge, become comfortable praying for the sick and understanding common revival phenomena.





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The second day is centered on BUILDING FAITH. Randy is a legendary story teller. He draws from his vast experience of praying for the sick to encourage and build your faith. He shares his victories and his defeats in relevant, easy to understand sessions. Randy's life theme of "God can use little ole' me" will encourage you.

The third day is entitled PRESSING IN and Randy's message by the same title has changed many people's lives. This day is designed help define what God is doing in our time and encourage you to become His vessel that will invade earth with the reality of heaven.

The last day of this great event is focused on PASSION. In Romans 12: 11, we are told to never be lacking in passion. We trust that you will leave this Kingdom Foundations school with a renewed passion for the things of the Kingdom.



THE COMMISSION

Healing was Central to the Ministry of Jesus

Healing the sick was an integral part of the ministry of Jesus. In most places where the gospel speaks generally about His ministry, healing is mentioned. Matthew 4:23 is one example:

Matthew 4:23

Now Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

Healing was part of Jesus' assignment to the twelve disciples:

Matthew 10:1, 5, 7-8

And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease... These twelve Jesus sent out and

commanded them, saying, "... as you go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give."

and to the seventy:

Luke 10:1-2, 9

After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. Then He said to them, "...And heal the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come

Healing is part of the great commission assigned now to all believers:

Mark 16:15-18

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Therefore, ministering in the name of Jesus to the sick, with laying on of hands, is for "those who believe". This includes every member of the body of Christ!

Your Preparation

Preparation for ministry for the healing of others is very important.

Be a clean, clear channel for God to use!

Be "prayed up"! Pray a lot in tongues both before and during ministry time. If you don't pray in tongues, ask God fervently and specifically to be with you and to help you. He is the healer. If He doesn't come, the person you pray for won't get healed.

Take a moment to ask the Holy Spirit if there is anyone you need to forgive. If there is, forgive him or her at once from your heart. See Matthew 6:14-15.

Ask the Holy Spirit to show you any unconfessed sin in your life. If He does, repent sincerely at once and ask God's forgiveness for it. See Luke 13:2-5.

Ask God to give you His love for each person you pray for. A loving ministry will impact the sick person for good, whether or not his body is healed. He may not really know that God loves him. Your ministry may be his first experience of God's love.

Be aware that physical healing may take different routes. It may be instantaneous. It may come gradually in stages as you pray. It may come after repeated times of ministry. Or it may not come at all. God is sovereign. He heals when, how and whom He chooses in His own wisdom. Do not be put off if God does not heal someone you minister to. Our job is to pray. God is responsible for what does or does not happen.

Do not worry if the sick person does not seem to have faith for his healing. Faith helps. But God sometimes heals sick people who don't believe He can or will heal them. (And sometimes when the one who prays does not have much faith either!)

Be flexible. There is no universal rule about how to pray that will apply to all cases. There is nothing special in particular words. The Holy Spirit is the only sure guide. He may lead you differently from time to time. Practice listening to Him and following His leading.

The Holy Spirit may ask you to pray for something the person has not mentioned to you. In that case, include it in your prayer. But be clear, careful and tactful!

A FIVE¯STEP PRAYER MODEL FOR HEALING

There are different ways of praying for the sick. The following Five-Step Prayer model is not the only one. If you have found one that is effective for you, use it in your own personal ministry.

This Five-Step Prayer model is used by Randy Clark and ministry teams at Global Awakening crusades and events. It is quiet, loving and effective. It can be used by anyone.

The five steps are:

1. **The Interview**
2. **Prayer Selection**
3. **Prayer Ministry**
4. **Stop and Re-interview**
5. **Post-prayer Suggestions**

STEP ONE: THE INTERVIEW

Briefly interview the person requesting prayer. Be attentive and gentle. A loving attitude on your part will do much to reassure the person that he is in good hands. Ask him or her what the physical need is, but do not go into lengthy detail. For example:

"What is your name?" (A question or two to put the person at ease.) "What

would you like prayer for?"

"How long have you had this condition?"

"Do you know what the cause is?"

"Have you seen a doctor?"... "What does he say is the matter?"

"Do you remember what was happening in your life when this condition started?"

"Did anything traumatic happen to you about the time your condition began, or within a few months prior to it starting?"

[You may need to explain to the prayee why you are asking these last two questions.]

This is often sufficient for the initial interview. You may now know the nature and cause of the condition. In some cases you won't know and must ask additional questions, or simply ask the Holy Spirit for His leading. If His leading isn't clear to you, you must make an educated guess as to the nature and cause of the condition.

For example:

Perhaps there was an accident, which would usually suggest a natural cause. (But, he may need to forgive the person who caused the accident. This could mean himself, if he caused it.)

Perhaps he was born with the condition, which would often suggest a natural cause, or possibly a generational curse.

The condition may be partly or totally caused by emotional stress. Perhaps the person has had headaches ever since he lost a job. Maybe his back has hurt ever since someone cheated him. Or perhaps cancer was discovered a few months after a divorce, or after the death of a parent or child.

The cause might be spiritual. Perhaps the person has had nightmares since an occult experience he had. Maye his condition is the result of a habitual sin, or perhaps the effect of a curse of some kind.

As noted above, if the cause is not known, ask the Holy Spirit for His leading as to the nature and possible cause of the condition. However, during your prayer for healing you may want to consider possible other causes of the condition than the one you first considered, or you may want to go back to the interview stage and ask further questions. (See the comments under Step Four on re-interviewing the person.)

STEP TWO: PRAYER SELECTION

In the prayer selection, one must decide on the appropriate

type of prayer ministry. Types of prayer ministry:

Petition: A request to heal, addressed to God, to Jesus, or to the Holy Spirit. "Father, in the name of Jesus **I** ask you to restore sight to this eye."

"Father, **I** pray in Jesus' name, come and straighten this spine."

"Father, release Your power to heal, in Jim's body, in the name of Jesus." "Come, Holy Spirit. Release your power. Touch Jim's back, in Jesus' name."

Command: A command addressed to a condition of the body, or to a part of the body, or to a troubling spirit such as a spirit of pain, or infirmity, or of affliction.

"In the name of Jesus, I command this tumor to shrivel up and dissolve." "In the name of Jesus, spine, be straight! Be healed!"

"In Jesus' name, I command every afflicting spirit; get out of Jim's body." "In the name of Jesus, I command all pain and swelling to leave this ankle." A command is appropriate:

As your initial step, unless you are led otherwise by the Holy Spirit.

When there has been a word of knowledge for healing or some other indication that God wants to heal the person at this time.

When petition prayers have been tried and progress has stopped. When casting out an afflicting spirit or any other spirit.

When a curse or vow is broken.

Whenever you are so led by the Holy Spirit.

As preliminaries to praying for healing.

STEP THREE: PRAYER MINISTRY

First, audibly ask the Holy Spirit to come. You can say simply, "Come, Holy Spirit!" Or, "Come, Holy Spirit, with Your healing power." Or you may prefer a longer prayer. Then wait on Him for a minute or two.

Tell the person receiving ministry that you will be quiet for a minute or two, so that he doesn't become confused about what is going on.

An Attitude of Receiving

Ask the person not to pray while you are praying for him. Here again, be gentle and loving. Say something like: "I know this means a lot to you, and you have probably prayed a lot about your condition. But for now I need you to focus on your body. I want you to just relax and to let me know if anything begins to happen in your body, like heat, tingling, electricity, a change in the amount or location of the pain, etc. If you are praying in English, or in tongues or thanking Jesus, or saying 'Yes, Yes!', it is harder for you to focus on your body. It is harder for you to receive healing."

Sometimes a person may find it very hard not to pray. Don't be hung up on this. Pray for him anyway.

If the presence of the Holy Spirit becomes evident, as by the person feeling heat or tingling or some other manifestation, continue waiting on Him until He finishes what He wishes to do at that time. When the manifestation has ebbed, check to see if healing is complete. If it is not complete, continue your ministry.

Remember: <u>always</u> pray or command in the name of Jesus!

Mark 16:17-18

In my name ... they will lay hands on the sick, and they

will recover. Colossians 3:17
And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

You cannot use the name of Jesus too much! The power is in His name. Some who have anointed healing ministries sometimes simply repeat **"In the name** of Jesus", over and over as their prayer for healing.

Thank God for whatever He does. You cannot thank God too much!

When you minister healing, seek to deal with the cause of the condition if you know the cause, as well as with the symptoms. For example:

"Father, in Jesus' name I ask you to heal the cones and rods in the retina of this eye. Father, in the name of Jesus, cause the scar tissue to dissolve and leave this eye. Oh God, restore the sight in this eye, in the name of Jesus."

"In the name of Jesus, **I** command this ruptured disc to be healed and filled with fluid, and every pinched nerve to be released and soothed. In the name of Jesus, I command the pain to leave Joe's back."

"In the name of Jesus, dear God, I ask You to heal this pancreas. Father, in the name of Jesus I ask You to touch this pancreas with your healing power and cause it to function normally. Cause it to produce insulin as needed and cause all diabetes to be cured and complete health restored. Release Your healing in the name of Jesus."

"In the name of Jesus, **I** command every afflicting spirit and every spirit of infirmity, leave Joe's body, now!"

"In Jesus' name I command all stiffness to leave this joint, all pain to leave and all swelling to subside. I command all calcium deposits and all scar tissue to dissolve in Jesus' name."

"In Jesus' name, I command all chemical imbalances in Joe's body to be healed.

I command every organ furnishing chemicals or other signals to his

organs to function normally in Jesus' name."

Forgiveness of Another's Wrong Conduct

If it appears that someone else caused the condition or that someone wronged the person about the time the condition started, find out if the sick person has forgiven the other. If not, forgiveness should precede your prayer for healing. Unforgiveness can be a major obstacle to healing.

If you think forgiveness is called for, ask the sick person to forgive the other, even if the sick person is not aware of any resentment toward that person.

Examples:

A woman has had arthritis in her spine for five years, ever since her husband ran off with another woman. Has she forgiven her husband and the woman? Jesus said we must forgive, not we ought to. Emotional stress can cause illness, pre-vent healing. Sometimes one can be angry at God and must forgive Him.

A pastor has had back pain for ten years. Ten years ago there was a split in his church and some of his closest friends turned against him. Has he forgiven the ringleaders of the split, his former friends, and all others involved?

(Note: Sometimes a person is healed before you even begin to pray for healing, just by forgiving the person who caused the hurt, or just by repenting and asking God's forgiveness for his own sin of resentment and anger. The pastor noted above was healed by forgiving without any prayer for healing.)

Repentance for One's Own Wrong Conduct and Asking Forgiveness for It

If it appears that the condition was brought on by sin, very gently

inquire if the person agrees that this might be so. If he does, encourage him to repent and ask God's forgiveness. This should precede your prayer for healing. Sin that is not repented for can impede healing. Anger can contribute to back pain and some depressions. AIDS may result from a wrong lifestyle. Lung cancer might have been caused by smoking.

But, be tender. Ask if perhaps the condition could be related to his lifestyle. Perhaps say, "I wonder if this condition could be related to things you have done in the past." Never accuse the person confrontationally of causing his condition by his sin. It is seldom helpful and you may be wrong.

A caution: If this leading is of the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit will usually indicate the specific sin which is the problem, not sin in general. General accusations of sin are often destructive and probably are from the enemy.

A person may need to forgive himself. He may have caused his own injury or sickness. This may seem unnecessary but it sometimes releases healing.

Some Practical Suggestions on How to Minister

If changes in the seeker's condition can be readily determined, it is appropriate and often helpful to pray short prayers or give brief commands interspersed with re-interviewing at frequent intervals to see if progress is being made.

"What has happened to the pain

now?" "See if you can read the

sign now."

"Do you still feel heat in your stomach?"

"Try moving your knee now."

(A person may be partly or completely healed without feeling anything. He may not realize that healing has taken place until he uses the affected **part. If he** does something he could not do before or that caused pain before, he can see if the prayer **thus far** has made a difference.)

When a prayer or command results in a partial healing, continue to use it until you find that it no longer produces further healing.

Two examples of short prayers with frequent interviews, in actual situations, are set out in Examples 1 and 2 at the end of this section.

Note that many of the prayers or commands for healing set out in

scripture are very short. *"I am willing. Be cleansed." (Mark 1:41)*

"Little girl, I say to you 'Arise." (Mark 5:41)

"God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" (Luke 18:13)

"Please heal her, 0 God, I pray!" (Num. 12:13)

"In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!" (Acts 3:6)

"Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed." (Acts 9:34)

"Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." (Acts 9:17)

If a long prayer is followed by partial healing, it is hard to know what part of the prayer or command was effective. Then if it is to be repeated, the entire prayer may have to be repeated.

However, short prayers are not always called for. Where progress cannot readily be determined, such as with diabetes, frequent interviewing is not useful unless there are manifestations which help you to know what is going on. For example, if **there** is heat and the heat intensifies with certain prayers, then short prayers with frequent interviews may be appropriate.

Even if short prayers are appropriate, healing may not come after the short prayers. But healing **will** sometimes come after an extended time of prayer or after many prayers or after several times of praying.

Be Persistent

If you try one kind of prayer or command and get results but not complete healing, continue. Explain why you are continuing to the person receiving prayer or he may wonder about the repetition. Be persistent!

If you try one kind of prayer or command and get no result after a few times. try another kind! Be persistent!

Sometimes a person expects you to pray only once for his condition and then stop. So if he is
not healed promptly, he may expect you to stop praying and he **may start** to leave. Encourage

Him to stay and let you pray more. Continue praying as long as God seems to be making any further change in his condition or as long as you are given different ways to pray for him. Be persistent!

If healing has partially come and then seems to stop, wait a bit. Continue praying for a time to see whether another wave of healing will come. Be persistent!

Your Manner

You need not necessarily pray aloud all the time. If you wish, tell the person that you may pray silently at times. As long as you have your hand on his arm you are praying, even if not aloud. And do not pray silently. Listen to the Holy Spirit. He may give you some guidance you would otherwise miss.

It is often very helpful to pray with your eyes open, and observe the person you are praying for. Look for signs that God is at work in his body: fluttering eyelids, trembling, perspiration. If you see something happening or if the person reports a change in the pain or increased sight or other progress, thank God for what He is doing and bless it. Continue to pray in the manner that led the progress.

If you are not accustomed to praying with your eyes open, this will require practice! However, it is worth the practice as it sometimes helps you see what God is doing.

Use your normal tone of voice. Shouting or praying loudly in tongues will not increase your effectiveness.

Don’t preach, don’t give advice and don’t prophesy.

STEP FOUR: STOP AND RE-INTERVIEW

If after a time you are making no progress, consider interviewing the person further.

Possible questions might be:

“would you try again to remember whether anything significant happened within six months or so of the beginning of this condition?” (Some event may require forgiveness that the person may have forgotten or may have been unwilling to disclose.)

“Do any other members of your family have this condition?” (If so, perhaps there is a generational spirit affecting several members of the family.)

“Do you have a strong fear of anything?” (Fear can be cause of many physical and spiritual problems, and it sometimes interferes with healing.)

“Is anyone in your family a member of the Freemasons or Eastern Star?” (Association with Masonic or other occult organizations is particularly likely to impede healing.)

“Has anyone ever cursed you or your family that you know of?”

“Have you had other accidents?” (If the person is accident-prone, consider whether he is under a curse.)

“Have you ever participated in any kind of occult game or practice?”

CONSIDER WHETER A WRONG SPIRIT MAY BE PRESENT

If the person reports that the pain has moved or has increased, it signals the likely presence of an afflicting spirit. Simply command the afflicting spirit to leave in the name of Jesus. You might pray with more intensity, but not louder. “In the name of Jesus, I break the power of this afflicting spirit and command it to leave Joe’s body!” Or an equivalent prayer.

If the condition has existed a long time or if it is a condition that resists medical treatment such as cancer, diabetes, Parkinson’s AIDS, etc. consider that there is likely to be a spirit causing the condition or resisting healing and command it to leave. “In the name of Jesus, I command any spirit of arthritis to leave this woman!”

(When expelling a spirit of infirmity or an afflicting spirit or a spirit of a particular condition, a simple prayer may be enough. But see section on “Deliverance” for help in cases where expelling a spirit seems more difficult.)

INNER HEALING

Very often a person who requests prayer for a physical problem is also in need of emotional healing from hurts and wounds suffered as a result of trauma, physical or emotional abuse, perceived or real rejection, disappointments, fears perceived or real inadequacies, and so on. These hurts and wounds and hurts have been healed or a process of healing begun.

Sometimes, even if person seems to receive physical healing it may be apparent that emotional healing is also needed.

Sometimes the person thinks his problem is physical, or sometimes you or he may think he needs deliverance. However, what he really needs is inner healing.

In these cases, you should by all means take time to pray for the person’s inner healing. Follow the leading of the Holy Spirit. Pray for the healing of hurts that have become apparent in your conversation with the sick person. If you are so led, inquire gently about the causes of the inner hurts. If circumstances permit, take time to understand the situations at least in general. If time is limited, consider scheduling another session with the sick person.

Pray for the healing of each specific hurt just as you would for each specific physical ailment. It is appropriate to inquire from time to time whether the Holy Spirit has put additional specific needs on the person’s mind that you might pray for.

Allow the prayee to weep. Encourage it if he begins to cry. Let God love, comfort and console the person through you. When emotions are very strong, it is often helpful to ask Jesus to speak to the person or to show him how Jesus sees his situation. You may know other effective methods of praying for inner healing.

Francis McNutt says specificity is particularly important in prayer for inner

healing.

MINISTRY TO A PERSON WHO IS UNDER MEDICAL CARE

You will have occasion to minister to people who are consulting with a counselor or psychiatrist. This probably is not a problem if your ministry is for physical ailment such as a broken limb or back pain. However, if healing for emotional problems is indicated, you should ask the prayee to get the approval of his doctor or counselor for his seeking prayer. This is especially important if the prayee is under medication.

Sometimes a person under medication, such as for diabetes, asthma, arthritis, heart disease, etc., believes he has been healed when you pray for him. He may think he can discontinue his medication. You must instruct him to continue his medication after your ministry to him; even if he believes and even if you believe he has been healed. He must return to his doctor and let the doctor change his medication if the doctor considers it appropriate to do so.

MINISTRY TO A PERSON WITH MULTIPLE PROBLEMS

As a general rule, it is better to finish praying for one condition before starting to pray for another unless the Holy Spirit directs you differently. Flitting from one problem to another is distracting. The person's faith will be built up for successive problems if one healing is completed.

The sick person may ask you to pray for a second problem as soon as you finish your first prayer for one condition. He may not understand that you will pray further for the first condition. Tell him gently that you will pray for the second condition. But first you wish to finish praying for the first condition.

Follow the leading of the Holy Spirit! If you are praying for a person's sinus infection and his bad foot begins to tingle, stop praying for the sinus condition and pray for the foot. Bless what God is doing and pray in cooperation with what He is doing. Go back to the sinus only when you have finished praying for the foot or when the sinus begins to manifest the presence of God at work there.

OTHER

Ask the Holy Spirit for His leading and expect to receive it.

Don’t cause guilt in the person you are ministering to. Don’t make him feel guilty if he does not get healed. Don’t tell him it is his fault even if you think it is!

If you think you may have made a mistake don’t fret over it. The Holy Spirit is bigger than your mistakes!

If possible, always use a catcher. A person may fall even though you are praying only for his physical healing. If you don’t have a catcher, have the prayee sit down or stand against a wall so that he cannot fall or have the person stand in front of a chair so that if he becomes weak he can settle into the chair.

If the prayee falls, pray for him a few moments longer and then see if he has been healed (“How is the pain now?” “Try moving your neck now.” etc.”).Ask if he senses that the Holy Spirit is still touching him. If he senses that God is still at work in him, pray further for him. If nothing seems to be happening, ask the Holy Spirit whether you are through praying for him and continue as long as Holy Spirit wants you to.

WHEN TO STOP PRAYING

Stop praying when:

The person is completely healed.

The person wants you to stop. He may be tired or simply feel you should stop. The Holy Spirit tells you it is time to stop.

You are not given any other way to pray and you are not gaining ground.

STEP FIVE: POST-PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

After praying, consider the following:

Encourage the prayee’s walk with the Lord

You might share a scripture verse. For some people, scriptural passages are extremely meaningful and encouraging.

If a condition resulted from occult experiences or habitual sin, suggest tactfully that a change in lifestyle may well be needed to avoid a recurrence of his condition.

If he is not healed or not completely healed, don't accuse him of lack of faith for healing or of sin in his life as the cause.

Encourage the person to get prayer from others if there is little or no evidence of healing, or if his healing has not been completed. Encourage him to come back again for more prayer after the next meeting, etc. sometimes healing is progressive and sometimes it occurs only after a number of prayers for healing have been made.

Tell the prayee not to be surprised if he experiences a spiritual attack after a healing. Help him to be prepared to resist it. If a symptom starts to recur, he can command it to leave in Jesus' name. if a bad habits is involved, he may be tempted for a short time to re-commence the habit. If he does yield, quick repentance is needed and asking God's help to overcome.

Love! Love!Love!

1 Corinthians 16:14

Let all that you do be done with love.

1 Corinthians 13:4 RSV

Love is patient…kind…not jealous…not arrogant or rude.

1 Corinthians 13:4-5 Phillips

Love is not anxious to impress…not touchy.

As a minister of healing, do everything in love.

AN OBSERVATION

If you pray for more people, you will see more people healed!

CHAPTER 2

THE BIBLICAL BASIS FOR HEALING

SESSION GOALS

1) To gain a solid Biblical Basis for the Ministry of healing as it relates to:

The Nature of God.

Messianic prophecy

Covenant, the Atonement, and the Kingdom

The Scope of Healing

2) To understand the Commission of healing to all believers.

3) To understand The Model of Humility, The Mystery and the Motivation of Healing as it relates to our moving in healing.

TO RECEIVE FAITH FOR HEALING AS THIS MESSAGE IS TAUGHT AND TO RESPOND THE ANOINTING OF GOD!

INTRODUCTION

In this session we make a brief journey through key Scriptures on the Biblical Basis of Healing. It is important in the ministry of healing to have a rock-solid foundation as to the Father's will to heal. In this way, no matter what we are faced with, we can move forward with full confidence that the Father desires to RELEASE HEALING through the NAME of Jesus, and in the POWER and ANOINTING of the Holy Spirit.

A WORD OF PREPARATION FROM RANDY:

Today, while I am preaching the Word of God, God will heal people as they listen to the Word of God. I WANT YOU EXPECTING TO RECEIVE!

WHAT I WANT YOU TO DO:

When you FEEL the anointing, STAND to your feet and REMAIN standing until I SEE you and say, “God bless you in the name of Jesus.” Then, you may be seated.

KEY INSIGHTS

The Self-Revelation of God – God is “The Lord that Heals”

In the book of Exodus, God reveals himself as Jehovah-Rapha, “the Lord who heals you” This name indicates the healing flows out from the nature of God.

Exodus 15:26

He said, “If you listen carefully to the Lord your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, who heals you.”

Healing would be the Prophetic Indication for Recognizing the Messiah

Jesus confirms this by quoting Messianic prophecies in Isaiah chapters 35 and 61 in relationship to Himself and His ministry to the sick and demonized.

Isaiah 35:3-6

Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; 4 say to those with fearful hearts, “Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you.” 5 Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped.
6 Then will the lame leap like a deer and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.

Isaiah 61

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind

up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, 2 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor

Luke 4:18-19

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.

Luke 7:20-23

When the men came to Jesus, they said, “John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?’” 21 At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases, sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind. 22 So he replied to the messengers, “Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy[a] are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. 23 Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.”

Every Christian has been commissioned to Heal

Jesus very clearly stated that we as believers are commissioned to heal the sick. He taught and commanded his disciples to do so, and commanded them to pass it on to all believers.

Matthew 10:8

8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy,[a] drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

Mark 6:7, 12-13

Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits. 12 They went out and preached

that people should repent. 13 They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

Matthew 28:19-20

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

The Scope of Healing
Psalm 103:2-3
Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits- who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases.

The Basis for Healing
The Covenant
In the old and new covenants, signs and wonders are part of each covenant.

Exodus 34:10
Then the Lord said: "I am making a covenant with you. Before all your people I will do wonders never before done in any nation in all the world. The people you live among will see how awesome is the work that I, the Lord, will do for you.

Hebrews 2:3-4
How shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him. 4 God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

The Atonement
Matthew *:17 and 1 Peter 2:24 clearly relate the healing to the blood atonement of Jesus as prophesied in Isaiah 53.

Isaiah 53:4-5

Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.5 but he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

Matthew 8:16-17

When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick. 17 This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: “He took up our infirmities and bore our diseases.”

1 Peter 2:24

“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.”

Acts 4:10

Then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.

The Kingdom

The Bible clearly relates the kingdom to healing.

Luke 10:9

Heal the sick who are there and tell them. ‘The kingdom of God is near you!’

Luke 17:21

Nor will people say, ‘Here it is,’ or There it is,’ because the kingdom of God is within you.”

THE MODEL FOR HOW TO RESPOND TO HEALING – PETER’S

HUMILITY

Peter was the first “non-stick, Teflon Christian” who let all praise “slide off” and gave all honor to the name of Jesus Christ for the healings.

Acts 4:9-10

If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, 10 then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.

THE MYSTERY OF HEALING

Greater and Lesser Degrees of Healing Anointing

Those in healing ministry must recognize that there will be times of greater and lesser degrees of anointing for healing.

At times the anointing is greater for healing

The ministry of Jesus

Luke 5:17

One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick.

The ministry of Paul

Acts 19:11

God did extraordinary miracles through Paul,

At times the anointing is lower for healing:

The ministry of Jesus

Mark 6:4-6

Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own

town, among his relatives and in his own home." 5 He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. 6 He was amazed at their lack of faith.

(Note: This is not meant as an encouragement to pass judgment when someone is not healed or the anointing is lower. This is to be discouraged (as discussed in the sessions The Five-Step Prayer Model and the Agony of Defeat). Our job is to press in for more! This just further illustrates that Jesus also operated in varying levels of anointing.)

The ministry of Paul

2 Timothy 4:20
Erastus stayed in Corinth, and I left Trophimus sick in Miletus.

It is natural to want to ask why Paul who "did extraordinary miracles" had not only little anointing, but apparently no anointing for the healing of Trophimus in Miletus. This illustrates our next point:

Not everyone is healed when you pray for healing
As discussed in the session The Agony of Defeat, we must be able to say, "I don't know why some are healed and others are not."
In the face of defeat we must press on without blaming ourselves or the faith of those we minister to.

The Motivation for Healing – The honor of the name of Jesus!
in Ephesus, Paul stayed for two years and did extraordinary miracles in the name of Jesus. (Acts 19:11) The Jewish exorcists using the name of Jesus, were attacked and fled bleeding and naked after the demon had answered them, "Jesus I know, and I know about Paul, but who are you?" (Acts 19:15) As a result the people were seized with fear, "and the name of the Lord Jesus was held in high honor." (Acts (19:17b)

Our motive must ALWAYS be to honor the name of Jesus Christ. We also

must be humble “Teflon” Christians following the example of Peter as stated in IV) above, who let glory from man “slide off” giving all glory to the name of Jesus Christ.

Acts 4:30
Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

Activation
Be prepared to give a word of knowledge or to participate in prayer ministry.

CHAPTER 3
WORDS OF KNOWLEDGE

LESSON GOALS

1) To answer the question "What is a word of knowledge?"
2) To learn how to minister words of knowledge for healing.
3) To learn how to recognize when we are receiving words of knowledge, that is, how they may come to us or in what form we may receive them.
4) To examine some practical insights for growing in the use of

words of knowledge for healing.

5) TO BE ACTIVATED IN WORDS OF KNOWLEDGE FOR HEALING!

INTRODUCTION

1 Corinthians 12:1, 7-8

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware....But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; (NASB95)

Our Heavenly Father, after the resurrection of Jesus Christ, sent to His children the person of
the Holy Spirit with all of His fruit and gifts made available to us. In 1 Corinthians 12:7, Paul wrote that the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

In this lesson, we want to look at receiving words of knowledge for the release of healing. Notice this is an activation clinic session. At the end of the session, you will be given the opportunity to step out in faith to receive a word of knowledge for healing. This will be followed by the opportunity to then pray for the individual that has the condition described in the word of knowledge you received. In your ministry to that person, you will use the Five-Step Prayer Model discussed in the previous lesson.

KEY INSIGHTS

What is a Word of Knowledge?

1 Corinthians 2:12-13

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches… (NKJV)

Simply, a word of knowledge is a supernatural revelation of information received through the Holy Spirit. It is knowledge received apart from natural analysis or human means.

Recognizing and Receiving A Word of Knowledge for Healing

How Does God Give A Word of Knowledge for Healing?

God gives His revelations in different ways, and that is true of words of knowledge for healing as well as for other kinds of revelation. Some of the more common ways He gives words of knowledge for healing are: Feel It, See It, Read It, Think It, Say It, Dream It, Experience It

Let's now look at each of these in detail.

Feel It

You may have *a sharp pain in some part of your body, a throbbing sensation,*

some other sensation, a strong emotion such as fear or panic.

Be careful that your feeling is not caused by a condition in your own body. For instance, if you often have pain in your left ear, you would not give that as a word of knowledge even if you get that pain during a meeting.

See It

You may get a mental picture, such *as a body part: perhaps a heart, a foot, an eye, a head, a person with a certain condition such as a limp, a person carefully holding his arm,*

a crutch, eye-glasses, a person

walking with a cane, a water bottle, a

barbed wire fence, an auto accident.

Read It

You may see in your mind:

a person with a word written across his front or

back, or over his head, a word written on a wall or

on a carpet,

something like a newspaper headline, or a banner.

Think It

You may sense in your mind that someone has a particular condition, or that the Holy Spirit has spoken the word to you. It is a mental impression.

Say It

While talking or praying or standing with someone, unpremeditated words may tumble out of your mouth relating to a physical condition you were not aware of.

Dream It

While sleeping, you may have a vivid dream in which:

you have a new health problem,

you see someone with a health problem,

you hear someone talking about a health problem,

you see an event acted out before you like a move, such as a hospital

scene or an accident.

Experience It

Similar to dreaming it, you may have a vivid vision while awake. It may be so strong that you are actually a part of what is happening, not just an observer.

Sometimes these categories blend together. Is it a mental picture or a vision? Vision could be likened to a "3D Technicolor movie" -something given by the Holy Spirit that is beyond a mental picture in intensity and vividness.

Ministering A Word of Knowledge for Healing

The Holy Spirit Gives a Word of Knowledge for a Specific Need

The Holy Spirit often gives a revelatory word of knowledge concerning the need of a person (or persons) for healing. This is an indication that God wishes to heal the person or those who have the condition revealed in the word of knowledge, and usually that He wishes to heal at the time the word is given.

When understood in this way, a word of knowledge builds faith in the person who needs the healing, and also in the person who received the word of knowledge. Accordingly, the person who receives the word:

Should usually speak it out at that time or at the next appropriate time.

Should see if it applies to someone present, and if so, offer to pray at once for that person's healing.

The Context for Receiving a Word of Knowledge

You may receive a word of knowledge any time or anywhere

You might get a word during a prayer meeting, a cell group meeting, walking past someone in church or in the supermarket, or while washing dishes at home.

You may or may not know for whom the revelation has been given

Most often, the word of knowledge is given for someone present. However, it may not be for someone present, but for a person whom someone present knows about. Or it can be for someone you will see in the near future.

Specificity in Expressing a Word of Knowledge for Healing and the Effect on Faith

The more specific the word of knowledge is, the more faith it builds in the people involved. If the word is received through feeling a pain, it is helpful if the kind of pain and its exact location is stated.

For example, it is better to say, "A shooting pain on the left side of the neck just below the ear", or to point to the exact location, than to say merely, "A pain in the neck," or, "Does someone's neck hurt?"

Expressing a Word of Knowledge Only as Received

The person receiving the word should be careful not to change it, and not to add to it. When shared it should not be exaggerated, nor any detail left out of it that seems unimportant. Changes or additions cause confusion.

Personal Illustration: Randy: the man and the green hose. I once had a mental picture of someone being injured by tripping over a green hose. The only green hoses I had seen were garden hoses. So I said I had a picture of a person injured by tripping over a green garden hose. There was a man in the meeting who had been injured by tripping over a green pressure hose at work. He did not respond to my word at first, because the hose he tripped on wasn't a garden hose. He would have responded more quickly if I had not assumed that the green hose was a garden hose and had given it just as I had seen it.

How to Deliver a Word of Knowledge for Healing

It is generally wise to be tentative in speaking out the word you have received

For example, you might say, "Does anyone have a sharp pain in his left

elbow just now?" If no one responds, don't be concerned. If someone responds you could say, "Well, I just had a sharp pain in my left elbow, which may be a word of knowledge indicating that God would like to heal you now. Since you have that condition, would you like for me (or us) to pray for you now?"

If the person is open to receiving prayer, pray for him

If he wants prayer later, pray for him later. If he doesn't want prayer due to embarrassment, lovingly encourage him to receive. But if he refuses, don't pressure him in any way to receive prayer.

Practical Insights for Growing in the Use of a Word of Knowledge for Healing

A word of knowledge may come quickly

Words of knowledge may come flitting through your mind more like a bird or dancing butterfly than like a stationary billboard.

A word of knowledge may be rather vague, tempting you to screen it out or to ignore it.

Practice "tuning in" to these revelations and speaking them out. If you are tentative and humble, not arrogant or presumptuous, no one will be offended if you seem to have heard amiss.

Resist the thought that a word you have received is not important, or that it is "just you"

Remember, it builds faith in the other person to know that God has revealed that person's condition to you. What seems like a vague impression to you may be a shout to the other person! However, don't be presumptuous. Don't say, "God just told me you have an earache." Instead, say, "Does your left ear ever bother you? I have an impression of a problem in a left ear. Does this mean anything to you?"

Unpretentious honesty is the best policy!

It's perfectly okay:

to admit that you're nervous,

to say that you have only a vague impression,

to say that you have never had a word for someone before, to say that praying for sick people is new to you.

Don't let fear rob you and the person who might have been healed

Someone has said that "faith" is spelled "r-i-s-k". Be patient, but step out! Be humble, but step out! Be tentative, but STEP OUT! God is giving you words of knowledge because He wants you to use them! He wants you to use them wisely and prudently and humbly, but He DOES want you to use them!

Activation

We now get to the fun part! Again, if you have NEVER received a word of knowledge, don't be afraid! Step out on the FAITHFULNESS of God and into the REVELATION of the Holy Spirit.

Remember:

Gifts are given to us in the "Finished Work of Jesus Christ" in His atonement. Gifts are received by asking.

Gifts are drawn to those who hunger and thirst for spiritual things. Gifts are received through faith, like everything else in the Kingdom

My Personal History

I had been in the ministry 14 years without ever recognizing a word of knowledge.

I had both a B.S. degree in Religious Studies and a Master of Divinity degree from the School of Theology, but had no understanding of how to move in the gift of word of knowledge.

The very week I was told five ways you could have a word of knowledge I began having them.

One week later I taught on words of knowledge for the first time in my life. That very evening a woman had a word that led to a healing!

Ever since then every time I have taught on this subject, and given God the opportunity, there have always been people who receive their first words of knowledge. I have taught this teaching hundreds of times.

Today we shall see God be faithful once again, and at least 10% of this crowd who have never had a word of Knowledge will have their first word of knowledge. In a brief period of time I am going to pray and wait for 2 minutes during which time some of you who have never had a word of knowledge will have your first word of knowledge. I have never taught this when God didn't give people words of knowledge.

Of the ministry team on the bus in Brazil, one-half had NEVER had a word of knowledge or seen anyone healed. I told them that before 2 days were over they would all have a word of knowledge and pray for someone who would be healed. It happened then and has continued to happen!

SO GET READY TO BE ACTIVATED!

CHAPTER 4

THE THRILL OF VICTORY

Lesson Goals

Examine key Biblical principles in Scripture for experiencing success in healing:

The Principle of Faith

The Principle of Sin in Their Lives

The Principle of the Anointed Person

The Principle of Feeling the Anointing

The Principle of Compassion

Examine what happens when we treat these PRINCIPLES as LAWS.

Hear testimonies that illustrate how NOT to let these PRINCIPLES limit our expectations and opportunities when praying for the sick.

Introduction

In this lesson we will be looking at some Biblical principles related to healing that are essential for us to understand in praying for the sick. These principles are essential for experiencing the “thrill of victory” as we minister, BUT…

PROBLEMS arise if we began to treat these Biblical healing PRINCIPLES as LAWS. So we shall also be looking at how to avoid turning these principles into faith stealers that can hinder or destroy our ability to storm the enemy’s gates in praying for the sick.

The Principles of Faith

The principle of faith is such an IMPORTANT principle. In a place where there is more faith and expectation more happens! One of my greatest prayers is, “God, I want to be a MAN of FAITH! I want to move in FAITH!” God LOOKS for faith!

Let’s look at some Scriptures concerning this:

Matthew 9:22

Jesus turned and saw her. “Take heart, daughter,” he said, “your faith has healed you.” And the woman was healed from that moment.

Matthew 9:29

Then he touched their eyes and said, “According to your faith will it be done to you”

Matthew 13:58

And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.

Matthew 11:21-24

“Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. 22 But I tell you, it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you. 23 And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted to the heavens? No, you will go down to Hades.[a] For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Sodom, it would have remained to this day. 24 But I tell you that it will be more bearable for Sodom on the day of judgment than for you.”

Matthew 21:21

Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea, 'and it will be done.

Hebrews 11:6

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

But if we turn the PRINCIPLE of faith into LAW – where God is bound by a LAW - what happens if you…

…had a "bad-hair day"?

…didn't have good devotions that day?

Then you feel Guilty! "Oh God can't use me!"

AND THEN SOMEONE COMES TO YOU WITH A NEED! IF You Turn The Principles Into A LAW, IT BOOMERANGS ON YOU!

You say, "I don't have any faith right now!"

INSTEAD OF EXPECTATION, YOU FEEL DISQUALIFIED! And the ENEMY comes and says to you, "God won't use you today!" How you FEEL wins over what you KNOW Jesus wants to do!

There can be a variety of reasons that we don't have a sufficient level of faith in praying for the sick, yet this SHOULDN'T stop us from praying. Turning the true PRINCIPLE of faith into a LAW can hinder us or stop us from praying altogether. If we remember this, there will be healings that occur regardless of the condition of our own faith! God LOVES to use the weak, insignificant, and disqualified to bring Glory to Himself!

1 Corinthians 1:26-28

Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. 28 God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are…

God heals…

…even in moments when our own faith is weak or overwhelmed by the severity of the symptoms:

Randy Ostrander – disabled with fused vertebra, and sever pain.

…when we struggle with our own past prejudices or skepticisms:

The woman who wanted her leg lengthened in Southern Illinois.

…in response to SOMEONE ELSE'S faith, and NOT our own:

Anne Harrison, 49, of Hendersonville, Tennessee, in the final stages of Parkinson's disease.

…when – persevering beyond the agony of defeat – we continue to pray for the sick in areas where we do not exercise much faith or have had few results in the past:

Tony Ellis, 23, of Louisville, Kentucky, was a male nurse who had a few weeks to live because of pancreatic cancer. Weighing 80 pounds, he had no hair, had dark circles around his eyes, and looked like he already had "one foot in the grave".

The Principles of Sin in Their Lives

Sickness can be related to sin. This is true principle. Here are two examples from Scripture:

The paralytic let down through the roof

Mark 2:3-11

Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. 4 Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. 5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”

6 Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, 7 “Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

8 Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, “Why are you thinking these things? 9 Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’? 10 But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the man, 11 “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.”

The man at the pool of Bethesda

John 5:1-14

Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. 2 Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gatea pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda[a] and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. 3 Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed.[4] [b] 5 One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?”

7 “Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down

ahead of me."

8 Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." 9 At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, 10 and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat."

11 But he replied, "The man who made me well said to me, 'Pick up your mat and walk.' "

12 So they asked him, "Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?"

13 The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

14 Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, "See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you."

While sin may be an open door or root for sickness or infirmity, it is important to NEVER tell people they didn't get healed because they didn't have enough faith or they have sin their life. The only two times that I see Jesus angry about doubt and lack of faith in the context of healing in the Scriptures, the anger is not toward the person that is sick, but toward the disciples who were praying for the sick. And yet, many times, we who do the praying place the onus of the burden on the sick.

It is important to NEVER approach the sick and say something like, "Well, you must have sin in your life! If that is true, let the Holy Spirit tell you what the sin is. Satan is the accuser of the brethren and likes to bring guilt and condemnation. You don't want people who are sick to be afraid to come to church, and afraid to be honest about their need, but to be free to receive ministry. You don't want them to feel beat up, but to feel loved. It doesn't do any good if somebody fails to be healed when you pray to make yourself feel better by putting all the blame on them.

Instead, it is acceptable to gently, respectfully ask someone, “do you have any unconfessed sin in your life?” many times, someone may say, “Yes.” And then when they confess it and you then pray for them, healing will come. God may even show you specifically by a word of knowledge what it is, but don’t assume or accuse.

Sickness can affect healing, but…

DON’T turn the PRINCIPLE into LAW. Why?

If you turn this principle into law, how much faith, how much expectation would you have when you are praying for someone that:

Is really carnal

Is backslidden

Has never been saved

Is living in sin

If you turn this PRINCIPLE – which is TRUE – into a LAW, how much faith would you have to pray for someone whose life is messed up? Not much!

When God gave me this message I felt like he said, “Sin can effect healing, but I, God, am BIGGER than their sin!”

Examples:

John and Maureen, missionaries to India, would ask the people when they came up, “Do you believe in Jesus? Are you a Christian?” before they would pray for them. But, they learned that God can’t be put in box. He spoke to them to just pray without asking! The results brought glory to God, and healing and salvation to the people!

Terry, 25 years old, was dying of an inoperable brain tumor. She had two daughters that were five and seven years old. The doctor said, “You’re going to dies, so make out your will.” Even though she was an unbeliever, and had been living in sin, God said to me, “This one’s on me, nothing she can do can mess it up!” God

brought healing!

Charlie, 29 years old, had an old severe spinal injury of seven years duration. Charlie had just recently been justified, but in his life, he needed a whole lot more sanctifying! Yet, God sovereignly healed him during worship with a fireball from heaven!

To summarize, if you turn the PRINCIPLE into LAW you will NOT have much expectation when you pray for those who are not the pillars of the church. If they believe that they will not be healed because of their imperfection, and we believe that they will not be healed because of their imperfection, we won't have a lot of expectation. Healing is an act of grace.

The Principle of the Anointed Person

There have been and are today God's men and women who are more anointed in one area than others. They may be more highly anointed in, say, the prophetic realm or in the area of healing. (There is a parallel in the kingdom of darkness. We call them witches, warlocks, sorcerers, occultists, spiritists, etc. The Bible calls them the "strongman." See Matthew 12:29 and Mark 3:27. An example is Simon the magician. See Acts 8:9 below.)

We see examples of this principle illustrated in Scripture:

Peter and Paul seemed to have more anointing than the other Apostles.

1 Corinthians 12:28-29

And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles?

Acts 5:12, 15

The apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders among the

people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade…as a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by.

Acts 19:11-12

God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them.

Philip and Steven seemed to have more anointing than the other deacons.

Acts 6:2-3, 5

So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom…" they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, TImon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism.

Acts 6:8

Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, did great wonders and miraculous signs among the people.

Acts 8:6, 9, 12-13

When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all paid close attention to what he said… Now for some time a man named Simon had practiced sorcery in the city and amazed all the people of Samaria. He boasted that he was someone great…But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. 13 Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed

Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw.

We also see examples of this in our own era:

Benny Hinn and Oral Roberts seem to have more anointing than the average pastor or evangelist in the area of healing.

Others in recent history with strong healing anointing include Maria Woodworth-Etter and Aimee Semple McPherson and Kathryn Kuhlman.

So the PRINCIPLE is this: there are anointed people. But if we turn the principle into a law, we overlook or ignore the fact that God wants to use the “little ol’ mes”.

To illustrate, think about Billy Graham. He is highly anointed for evangelism. But, because we don’t have his high-level of anointing do we then NOT reach out to the lost? Of course not! Do we teach about evangelism? Yes. Do we reach out to the unsaved! Certainly! The principle is the same for healing. Just because we aren’t a Stephen or an Aimee should not keep us from praying for the sick. It’s all GOD! We don’t SAVE anybody, and neither do we HEAL anybody! The Holy Spirit wants to use ALL of us. It’s in the great commission:

Mark 16:15-17

He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation… And these signswill accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; 18 they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.”

it is common to teach and disciple how to reach out evangelistically, how to work with the Holy Spirit to reach the lost, how to sow the seed of the Word in peoples lives, and how to recognize by the Holy Spirit when the catch is ready to be pulled in. the effective evangelist learns to see the work of the Spirit in a life, and knows how to discern the spiritual, emotional, and physical signs of conviction and readiness to receive Jesus as Lord. In the same way, we can learn how to work with the Holy Spirit in the area of healing.

This is not a formula, this is learning to recognize and bless what the Father is doing. It is a dependent blessing. John 5:10. Out of intimacy with the Father we can discern the movement of the Father. When we are close to the Father, we can much more easily sense what Daddy is doing and follow. He leads by His Holy Spirit, and WE follow HIM! It's much more effective than asking God to bless what WE want to do.

Here are some illustrations from my own life:

The coal miner woman in Herrin, Illinois with a spinal injury who turned the principle of the "anointed person" into a law

She had been in a mining accident, had had a leg amputated, and had a severe back injury. Our conversation went something like this:

"Hi, I'm Randy. I heard you over here in this hospital room moaning. May I pray for you for healing?"

Won't do any good!"

"How can you be sure?"

"I went to Tulsa and was sure that if Kenneth Hagin prayed for me I would be healed. I went, and I wasn't."

If I didn't get healed when Kenneth Hagin prayed for me, I'm sure not going to get healed when you pray for me!"

This reflects nothing negative on Kenneth Hagin. The point is that she had turned the "anointed person" into a LAW. I told her that she

had nothing to lose, so she let me pray. After what she had just said, it wasn't like I had this huge amount of expectation. But I began to pray, and we were both "pleasantly surprised" as the Lord came and healed her! Now, she didn't grow out a leg, but the pain in the back stopped!

Crohn's woman in Slough, England

A woman was in the church where I was teaching. During the meeting the Holy Spirit fell on her with fire in her stomach area and she went down. Now she wasn't sick, but her sister had Crohn's disease. She got up and called her mother who then brought the sister for prayer.

She later wrote me that when I was praying I just skipped right by her sister. She related, "I wanted to yell, 'Randy, Come back! You need to be the one to pray for her!' but I felt the Holy Spirit say, 'Don't look to the man. Look to me! Don't call him back.' Then a young teenage girl came up and said, 'Is something wrong with you?' I said to myself, 'God, if it is not going to be Randy, let it at LEAST be a PASTOR or somebody on the STAFF, NOT a teenage girl!' but I said nothing."

The girl began to pray and INSTANTLY her sister was healed! Do not hear me say that there are NOT some people more anointed than others. Do not hear me say that I believe in the egalitarian view of the church, that everyone is equal in gifting, callings, and anointing. I believe in the five-fold ministry. But I believe the five-fold ministry is to equip the saints for the work of the ministry. If we are gifted and graced with a ministry position, I believe the grace that came to us can come to the people, and we're to give it away!

If it's got to be Randy, or Benny, or Kenneth, or somebody else, you'll have absolutely no expectation when a little ol' me comes up to you!

It behooves us not only to honor the anointing on men and women in five-fold ministry, but it behooves us to honor the Christ in the little ol' me! HONOR the HOLY SPIRIT. Let's take the LIMITATIONS off of the HOLY SPIRIT and let the church awake to God releasing power through all of God's people.

THE PRINCIPLE OF FEELING THE ANOINTING

We now turn to the principle of feeling the anointing. As we pray for someone we may feel the anointing, the power of God. Jesus experienced this:

- *The woman healed of an issue of blood*

Mark 5:30

At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

- *the crowds from Judea, Jerusalem, and Tyre and Sidon*

Luke 6:19

And the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

Some people feel the anointing more than others. People ask, "Randy what does the anointing feel like?" it may be like electricity, tingling, fire, vibration, a weight of glory or just a strong awareness of His Presence in our inner man. Yet we cannot rely on feeling the anointing. Our faith is NOT based on feeling the anointing, but on the PROMISES in the Word of God and the character of God.

Do you want me to tell you what it feels like when I prayed for all these people who were healed? Would you like for me to tell you what it feels like? Many, if not most times, I feel NOTHING!

If you turn feeling the anointing into a LAW, and no feeling comes, what will your level of faith and expectation be? Many times we will have opportunities to pray when we may feel absolutely nothing, yet our promise is in the provision and promises of Jesus Christ!

I have a testimony to illustrate this which also illustrates the next point, the principle of compassion. So let's move on.

THE PRINCIPLE OF CAMPASSION

The principle of compassion, the release of the Father's tender mercy, was evidently manifest in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. This compassion moved Jesus, to action – to teach, to feed, and to heal and raise the dead – as illustrated in the following verses:

Mark 6:34

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

Matthew 15:32, 36, 37a

Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way." …Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, and when he had given thanks, he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and they in turn to the people. They all ate and were satisfied.

Matthew 14:14

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

Matthew 20:34

Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him.

Mark 1:41

Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said, "Be clean!"

Luke 7:13-15

When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. (NKJV)

We are commanded to clothe ourselves with this same compassion as we minister:

Colossians 3:12

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

The same Holy Spirit that anointed Jesus can and will move through us with the same compassion as we pray for the sick. Yet this cannot be turned into a LAW. Many times we may be called to be ready "out of season" to minister, when we feel tired and exhausted. We may be exhausted from already praying faithfully for hours for people who have come for healing, and the fatigue has already drained us of any feeling of compassion. If we take the PRINCIPLE of Compassion, turn it into a LAW, and minister only when we feel compassion, we will miss opportunities that the Father has for us to pray for the sick! What happens when you don't feel compassion? The enemy wants to stop you from praying.

The situation in the following testimony illustrates why we cannot turn principles of feeling the anointing and compassion into a LAW:

Big toes and 28 Tumors

In the summer of 1994 I was in St. Paul, Minnesota. A group of churches had rented a large meeting place that held around 2,000 people. I had a meeting that was NOT conducive to my feeling compassion. I had been ministering solidly for about 28 days and

was exhausted, and I was missing my wife and small children. I wanted to go home! But this was not all!

While trying to help prevent a plumbing problem, I broke it and water gushed out all over!

On top of this, it had been a "weird" meeting! In the midst of the Holy Spirit moving with drunkenness and laughter and joy that was from God, a women dressed in black was sneaking up behind people and dumping 32 ounce cups of cold water on their heads – and we couldn't catch her! Another couple with alcohol on their breath would run up to empty microphones ant start cursing.

I was not in a compassionate mood! This was not a good day! I was ready to go home! At the end of the service I asked for a call for those who wanted to receive the anointing! 1500 people went to my left, along with 75 of the 100 ministry team. The other 25 of us were left to pray for 500 people for healing! I wanted to be with the 75 and do the fun "Fill!" "Fill!" "Fill!" stuff!

I was compassion-fatigued, and I felt NO anointing! But God came through! I obeyed him! In spite of how I felt, God came through when I was faced with praying for Big Toes and 28 Tumors!!! (Just wait till you hear the outcome of this story live!)

ACTIVATION

Be prepared for Words of Knowledge or Prayer Ministry calls.

CHAPTER 5

THE AGONY OF DEFEAT

Lesson Goals

1) To understand what “The Agony of Defeat” in healing is.

2) To look at the question, “Why doesn’t everyone I pray for get healed?”

3) To understand the place of humility and love in dealing with the “Why?” question.

4) To look at the question, “Why don’t more Christians pray for healing?”

5) To examine the impact of “failure” in the ministry of healing.

6) To receive impartation for the call to take up the cross in healing ministry.

Introduction

Years ago television’s ABC Wide World of Sports opened with dramatic sports video footage displaying the jubilation of triumph and the humiliation of failure as the announcer intoned, “The Thrill of Victory… and the Agony of Defeat!”

It is wonderful to experience the “thrill of victory” in healing ministry: the signs and wonders, the miracles, and the healings. Yet, there is a cost to be paid to press into greater anointing in healing ministry: facing the “agony of defeat” and learning to press ahead despite the failure, disappointments, and pain of healing ministry. It is in this context that the mettle of our commitment to healing ministry is tested and proven. This is the vital topic of this lesson.

FACING THE “AGONY OF DEFEAT”

Matthew 13:58

And He did not do many miracles there because of their unbelief. (NASB 95)

2 Timothy 4:20

Erastus stayed in Corinth, and I left Trophimus sick in Miletus.

Mark 9:28

After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, "Why couldn't we drive it out?"

The three verses above – which speak of moments in the ministries of Jesus, His disciples, and the apostle Paul – have a common element, the failure to be able to minister healing and deliverance to those in need. Notice the response of the disciples. They asked the question, "Why couldn't we drive it out?" in this case the disciples had the benefit of an answer from Jesus, but many times we do not. As one enters in to the ministry of healing, he or she will face the "Why?" question many times.

Asking the "Why?" Question

Many of us probably know of some brother or sister in a tragic health situation for which fervent prayer went forth, but who died instead of receiving healing.

Sooner or later all who pray for healing face the "agony of defeat".

It is very natural to ask questions such as:

"Why did Paul have to leave Trophimus sick in Miletus?"

"Why did that girl come out of the wheelchair after one hour of prayer, but the crippled man next to her received nothing after prayer over two days?"

"Why do some cancers fall to faith and prayer, and others take the lives of their victims?"

“Why isn’t everyone we pray for healed?

How do we respond to the “Why?” question?

The apostle Paul, through whom extraordinary miracles were done (Acts 19:11), yet who left Trophimus sick Miletus, wrote the following to the Corinthians:

1 Corinthians 8:2-3

The man who thinks he knows something does not yet know as he ought to know. But the man who loves God is known by God.

1 Corinthians 13:8-9, 12

Love never fails… where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part… Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

An answer to the “Why?” question is contained in these verses:

Humility: We know in part

When faced with the “agony of defeat” we must be able to humble ourselves and respond to the “Why?” question with the answer, “I don’t know.”

Paul makes it very clear that in this life, we will only “know in part.” We will “know fully” only when we are full in the presence of Christ.

Humility and the willingness to say “I don’t know” prevent us from letting our “failure” experiences define our beliefs, heading us into the downward spiral of unbelief.

Love: the Higher Way

“Love never fails.” The higher way of love is the answer. If we minister in love, even if no healing manifest, we will have brought His life to those in

need. It is more important to “love God and be known by God” than to “have the answers when ‘failure’ in healing comes our way.”

FACING “BELIEF WITHOUT PRACTICE”

Why don’t more Christians pray for the sick?

There are two potential groups I could address:

Pastors and leaders teaching cessationism.

Pentecostals, Charismatics, etc., who believe, but don’t get much result.

It is this second group that I want to address. So, let’s restate the question…

Why don’t more Christians who believe in healing pray for the sick?

Among the many Christians who profess a belief in praying for the sick, how many rarely or never act on that belief, and why? Every Christians is supposed to pray for the sick, and is given reassurance in Scripture that God wants to answer united prayer asking according to His will.

Matthew 18:19-20

“Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.”

Let’s consider some possible reasons:

Lack of knowledge: Probably not, as teaching and books abounds within this group about healing and deliverance.

Pride: Maybe for some who are scared away by the question of why some are healed and others not. Also, none of us wants to “fail” and “look stupid” to others.

Theological: There have been differing views held within this group over

whether or not healing is in the cross, i.e., in the atonement of Christ.

Healing is in the cross, in the atonement of Christ

I believe healing is in the atonement, along with such men as:

A.J. Gordon (Pastor of Clarendon Baptist Church in Boston)

A.B. Simpson (Founder of Christian Missionary Alliance)

R.A. Torrey (President of Moody Bible Institute and a famous evangelist)

Andrew Murray (Minister in the South African Dutch Reformed Church)

R.L. Stanton (Moderator for the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church and former President of Miami University from 1866-1871)

Healing is in the Message of the Kingdom, but not in the cross

Others have held that healing was not in the atonement. But they have believed that healing is for today, because it is in the message of the Kingdom, and is to be part of our message as we continue to preach the "gospel of the kingdom" which was Jesus and Paul's message.

John Wimber is an example from this group.

Regardless of what you believe about whether or not healing is in the cross of Isaiah 53, It is in the cross of Luke 9:23:

Luke 9:23

Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

Therefore I do not believe this to be primary reason.

Emotional – I believe the emotional impact of "failure" to be the primary reason why Christians who believe in healing don't pray for the sick more?

It is the EMOTIONAL PAIN of seeing those who ARE NOT healed. Study the history of the great healing evangelists. It is a theme common to their lives and ministries.

HEALING AND “FAILURE”

My 1984 Experience with Wimber: A turning point

In 1984, I was with John Wimber at a Methodist Chruch in Texas.

On the first night many were healed as I followed him and watched. But on the next night NOT ONE was healed.

John Wimber said to me, “You don’t get it do you Randy? I had no more faith last night than tonight, and no more sin in my life tonight than last night. I just stick my fat hand out and say, ‘Come Holy Spirit.’ I know it isn’t me, so I don’t get proud when they’re healed and I don’t blame myself or feel I failed if they don’t.

This night of seeing him fail gave me great encouragement. This was the night I understood I could do this! I could stick my hand out and say “Come Holy Spirit!”

Failing Failure in Healing Ministry

In light of this experience I want to talk about what seems to be “failure” to me in the realm of “healing.”

At the conclusion of this message I am going to invite the power of the Holy Spirit to come and anoint us to be WILLING to take up our cross and FOLLOW Him in the ministry of healing!

I want to identify with the pain, to count the cost before battle. Before every culture goes to war, they have a party. In healing we are entering into a warfare dimension of the cross. We must prepare ourselves in the power of God.

Personal Illustrations:

1) Grace, the blue-eyed, blond-haired, 12 year old in High Point, N.C.

2) Little boy few years old born with only brain stem in New Jersey

I never knew from a mother what it is like to raise a child with only a

brain stem – the pain and suffering involved.

3) The little boy in the wheel chair at the Faith Church in New Jersey

He had a rare muscular disease, and looked like a skeleton wrapped in skin. The meeting was filled with those who had brought institutionalized children. I spent the whole worship time praying for him.

4) Teen age boy on gurney at same church in New Jersey

It was the same meeting as in 3) above. During the invitation I saw him coming, and it hit me – the agony of this family. He's thrashing and crying out. This mother lives with this. Born with spina bifida, a shunt that had been put in had collapsed and he had massive brain damage

From this I began to see how much more we need this anointing for creative miracles. The defeat caused a cry-out in our heart for more. God wants to take us in WAY over our heads.

5) The 12-14 year old boy in wheel chair with spina bifida in Knoxville, Tennessee

God said, "Don't neglect those in wheelchairs". There was and overwhelming smell of urine. He needed the diaper changed. It was late at night.

6) His sister in a wheel chair – cerebral palsy in Knoxville, Tennessee

She walked dragging her right toe behind her left heel. She sat down exhausted. Scores were healed, but I remember only those two young people.

7) The young man's bride in Anderson, Indiana – in wheel chair, post cancer surgery

She had a concave hole in head where tumor had been removed. She desperately needed a creative miracle.

8) 12 year old, blond girl in northern Indiana with Parkinson's

9) Marta Cabrera in Buenos Aires, Argentina (Omar's wife – post brain tumor surgery)

The call to take up the cross in healing

What I have just shared is the side of the healing ministry that the healing evangelists don't talk about. This caused me to go on my second 40 day fast, for the specific purpose of seeing not just healings, but creative miracles.

We need MORE of the Holy Spirit anointing, NOT to have a good experience, but to give us MORE VICTORIES.

Healing is in the cross of Luke 9:23 "Then he said to the all; 'If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.'" THIS IS NOT ADDRESSED ONLY TO THE 12 DISCIPLES.

The cross was understood as an instrument of suffering.

The reason we need the baptism of the Holy Spirit is to give us the STRENGTH to KEEP ON MINISTERING to the sick and infirm through those times of the "agony of defeat", or when we are facing fatigue and self-sacrifice to keep praying. We need to be empowered by God to be able to keep persevering in the ministry of healing.

Impartation

For this lesson, please prepare your heart, as we are going to end this session by inviting the power of the Holy Spirit to come and anoint those to be WILLING to take up the cross and FOLLOW Jesus in the ministry of healing.

The Holy Spirit gives invitations by the tangible manifest presence or burden of God's heart. It might be physical or emotional in nature.

As a principle, it is those crying out to God who will receive impartation, but God also sovereignly picks out some. It is not a LAW.

CHAPTER 6

HEALING AND THE GLORY OF GOD

Lesson Goals

1) To gain a Biblical understanding of the Glory of God
2) To examine the Glory of God as it relates to signs and wonders, miracles and healing.
1) To look at how Jesus Glorified the Father, and manifested the Father's Glory.
2) To consider the place of the Glory of God for today as it relates to our own walks.

Introduction

In this session we will be discussing the Glory of God as it relates to moving in signs, wonders, the miraculous, and healing, To emphasize the reality and significance of what we are going discuss, I would like to share some current testimonies from ministries experiencing the Gk of God and the miraculous.

Illustrations:

- *Heidi and Mark in Mozambique: the Shamans and the Muslim cleric's conversion*
- *Doug Oss in Utah: the instantaneous healings*
- *Raleigh, North Carolina: The Glory Cloud*

The "Glory": Gaining A Biblical Understanding

0. T. Word Study of the Hebrew Word for Glory

This word study is condensed from Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon, Hendrickson Publishing, 1996.

- *(kabod): adjective, glorious, noun, abundance, honor, glory abundance, riches Gn 31:1, Is 10:3; 61:6; 66:11, 12 Na 2:10 Psalm 49:17, 18. honour, splendour, glory*

of God, glory, in historic theophanies: to Moses Ex 33:18, 22;

for theophanies of the Exodus Ex 16:7, 10; 24:16, 17; 40:34, 35 Lv 9:6, 23 Nu 14:10; 16:19: 17:7; 2:6, cf. 2 Ch 5:14 = 1 K 8:11, 2 Ch 7:1, 2, 3; so Ezek., Ez 1:28; 3:12, 23;

Ez 3:23; the sacred tent was sanctified by the Glory Ex 29:43, and the temple was the place where His Glory dwells, Psalm 26:8; when the ark was captured, the Glory went into exile from Israel 1 S 4:21, 22.

His eyes, eyes of glory Is 3:8; in the temple his glory is seen Psalm 63:3

The whole earth is full of it Is 6:3; the heavens are declaring the glory of God, Psalm 19:2:

He is the King of Glory Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10; he will appear in his glory Psalm 102:17, his glory will be revealed in a march through the wilderness to the holy land Is 40:5, the land will see it Is 35:2, shine with it Ez 43:2, and it will dwell in the land Psalm 85:10; it will be to the rearward of Israel Is 58:8; it will arise and be seen upon Jerusalem Is 60:1, 2; Yahweh will be the glory in the midst of her Zc 2:9; the temple will be filled with it Hg 2:7; the earth will be filled with a knowledge of it Hb 2:14, and with it Nu 14:21, Psalm 72:19; it will be declared among the nations and all will see it Is 66:18, 19 Psalm 97:6 and peoples and kings revere it Psalm 102:16 Is 59:19

N. T. Word Study of the Greek word for Glory

Note this word study was condensed from a Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and other Early Christian Literature by Bauer, Arndt and Gingrich, Edited by Danker, University of Chicago Press, 2001.

Noun: (doxa):

- *The condition of being bright or shining, brightness, splendor, radiance (a distinctive aspect of Hebrew Kabod(7.0)):I could not see because of the brightness of the light Acts 22:11; see the radiance Lk 9:32*
- *Everything in heaven has this radiance: the radiant bodies in the sky 1 Cor 15:40f*
- *Of humans involved in transcendent circumstances, and also transcendent beings:*

Cherubim Hb 9:5;

Angels Lk 2:9; Rv 18:1.

Especially of God's self (Ex 24:17; 40:34; Num 14:10 Ac 7:2 (Ps 28:3); cp. J 12:41 (Is 6:1 Ac 7.55; 2 Th 1:9; 2 Pt 1:17b; Rv 15 :8; 19:1; 21:11, 23,(the Father of Glory) Eph 1:17

- *The state of being in the next life is thus described as participation in the radiance or glory*
- *A state of being magnificent, greatness, splendor,*
- *A transcendent being deserving of honor, majestic being,*

Verb: 1560ct4o (doxazo) to cause to have splendid greatness, clothe in splendor, glorify

- *It is a favorite term in John in which the whole life of Jesus is depicted as a glorifyin! of the Son by the Father: J 8.54; 12:28; 13:31; 17:1, 4 and, at the same time, of the Fates by the Son: 13:31f; 14:13; 17:1. The glorifying of the Son is brought about by the miracle. which the Father has him perform [Emphasis added]*

18 associations with Glory in the Bible — not exhaustive study, but selective

1) *Glory associated with a cloud — Reference(s): 23*
2) *Glory associated with fire — Reference(s): 11*
3) *Glory connected to healings — Reference(s): 16 (including implications)*
4) *Glory connected with miracles — Reference(s): 14 (including implications)*
5) *Glory used as a synonym for power — Reference(s): 9*
6) *Glory associated with future state of existence in presence of God — Reference(s): 12*
7) *Glory connected to Judgment — Reference(s): 5*
8) *Glory associated with ministry to the poor — Reference(s): 1*
9) *Glory associated with revelation of God's name — Reference(s): 1*
1) *Glory caused things to be consecrated — Reference(s): 1*
1) *Glory connected to God's house — Reference(s): 3*
2) *God receives Glory through the worship of all nations or all nations shall see his glory*

— Reference(s): 8

3) *God's glory associated with Angels — Reference(s): 7 (N.T. only)*
1) *What God told Moses to do in order to see His glory. — Reference(s): 1 (Lev. 9:6-7)*
2) *God gained glory for himself by extending the borders of Israel. — Reference(s): 1*
3) *Glory appeared like illuminated rainbow — Reference(s): 1*

17) *Glory appeared as light, radiance — Reference(s): 8*

18) *Glory associated with suffering — References): 8*
19) *Glory to deep to comprehend — Reference(s): 1*
20)

Focusing on the Relationship of Glory to Healing and Miracles

We now want to take a brief survey in Scripture on the relationship of glory to healing and miracles through the writings of Moses, the prophet Isaiah, and the apostles John, Paul, and Peter. It is "Christ in you, the hope of glory" which empowers for healing and miracles.

The Prophet and Lawgiver Moses

1) *Miraculous provision of quail.*

Exodus 16:4-14

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I will rain down bread from heavenfor you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. 5 On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days.”

6 So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you will know that it was the Lord who brought you out of Egypt,7 and in the morning you will see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?” 8 Moses also said, “You will know that it was the Lord when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the Lord.”

9 Then Moses told Aaron, “Say to the entire Israelite community, ‘Come before the Lord, for he has heard your grumbling.’” 10 While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the Lord appearing in the cloud.

11 The Lord said to Moses, 12 “I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, ‘At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know

that I am the Lord your God.’”13 That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. 14 When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor.

2) Miraculous supply of water from a rock.

Numbers 20:6-12

Moses and Aaron went from the assembly to the entrance to the tent of meeting and fell facedown, and the glory of the Lord appeared to them. 7 The Lord said to Moses, 8 “Take the staff, and you and your brother Aaron gather the assembly together. Speak to that rock before their eyes and it will pour out its water. You will bring water out of the rock for the community so they and their livestock can drink.” 9 So Moses took the staff from the Lord’s presence, just as he commanded him. 10 He and Aaron gathered the assembly together in front of the rock and Moses said to them, “Listen, you rebels, must we bring you water out of this rock?” 11 Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with his staff. Water gushed out, and the community and their livestock drank. 12 But the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, “Because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them.”

Illustrations:

- *Heidi and Rolland Baker and the multiplication of bread for refugees.*
- *William Branham who had to obey what he saw in the vision EXACTLY as seen for Betty Daugherty's healing to occur.*

The Prophet Isaiah – Ministry to the Poor, Glory, and Healing.

There is a connection between ministering to the poor and glory and healing:

Isaiah 58:6-12

"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? 7 Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? 8 Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness[a] will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. 9 Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. "If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk,10 and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. 11 The Lord will guide you always;

he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. 12 Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.

Illustration:

- *The greatest miracle stories while working among the poor. As an example, Heidi and Rolland Baker working among the poor in Mozambique, Africa have seen the blind see, the deaf hear, the lame walk, the dead raised, a plague of cholera stopped, food multiplied and other supernatural provision.*

The Apostle John – God the Father and the Son are Glorified through Miracles and Healings.

His glory revealed: Jesus turns the water into wine

John 2:11
This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

Illustration:
Mel Tari, in Like a Mighty Wind, relates how this happened in the Indonesian revival,. Many criticized the claims of this book. However, Mel Tari is a personal friend of Rolland Baker, and was in his weddings. He told Rolland, that instead of exaggeration, the accounts actually played down the supernatural because they knew the West couldn't accept them. They didn't tell all.

Glorification: Revelation and faith to do the works of the Father

It is implied here about the Father's glorification of Jesus that he was glorified by the words and works the Father gave him. He was glorified not just with words to speak to the people, but with the words about what to do, that is, with the revelation that creates the faith which produces the miraculous.

John 8:54

Jesus replied, "If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me.

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead

John 11:4
When we heart this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it."

At the report that Lazarus was sick, looking forward to the miracle.

John 11:40
Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

At the funeral of Lazarus after he died.
People's unbelief after seeing Jesus doing miracles prophetically fulfills Isaiah seeing Jesus glory amidst Israel's hardness of heart.

John 12:37-41

Even after Jesus had performed so many signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him. 38 This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet: “Lord, who has believed our message
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”39 For this reason they could not believe, because, as Isaiah says elsewhere: 40 “He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, so they can neither see with their eyes, nor understand with their hearts, nor turn— and I would heal them.” 41 Isaiah said this because he saw Jesus’ glory and spoke about him.

Supernatural deeds bring glory to the Father

Believers doing the works in the name of Jesus

John 14:13-14

13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

By bearing much fruit.

We are so concerned in North America about fruit, usually the fruit of the Spirit listed in Galatians 5, but what about the fruit of John 15?

John 15:8
This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Revelation is the source of faith for the miraculous and healing.

John 16:14
He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you.

Jesus brought glory to the Father by completing the works given Him.

John 17:4-5
I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

1 John 3:8b
The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.

Implied, but strong in light of John 9:3, where Jesus healed the man born blind.

John 17:10
All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them.

John 9:2-3
“Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in his life.

Implied: the glory is the power to work miracles, heal, and deliver.

John 17:20 & 22
I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one:

Adam Clarke: And the glory which thou gayest me 1 have given them— That is, the power to work miracles, and to preach unadulterated truth, say some; but [Clarke's reasoning for the "but" in verse 20 is not having a view that God wanted all the saints to have access to this authority and power rather than just the disciples and apostles.] as our Lord is not here praying for the disciples, but for all those who should believe on him through their word, John 17:20, it is more natural to understand the passage thus. As Christ, according to his human nature, is termed the Son of God, he may be understood as saying: "1 have communicated to all those who believe, or shall believe in me, the glorious privilege of becoming sons of God; that, being all adopted children of the same Father, they may abide in peace, love, and unity." For this reason it is said, Hebrews 2:11, Christ is not ashamed to call them brethren. However, our Lord may here, as in several other places, be using the past for the future; and the words may therefore be understood of the glory which they were to share with him in heaven.

The Apostle Paul – “Christ in you, the hope of glory” empowers for miracles

Paul speaks of the glory given to us through Christ Jesus to live a new life.
By strong inference, glory and power are used synonymously here by

Paul.

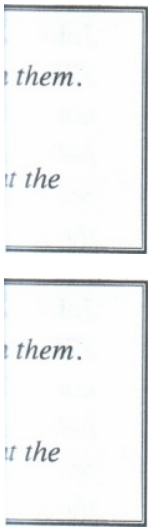
Colossians 1:27
To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

By weak inference, but not if “glory” and “power” are used synonymously by Paul.

Romans 5:2
Through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

Romans 6:4
We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Adam Clarke, in his commentary wrote:



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Raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father—From this we learn, that as it required the glory of the Father, that is, his glorious energy, to raise up from the grave the dead body- of Christ, so it requires the same glorious energy to quicken the dead soul of a sinner, and enable him to walk in newness of life. [Emphasis mine]

This newness of life is NOT just for better morals. It is also a new power we have within us for doing the works of God. We have traditionally focused the redemption we have in Christ totally in the future, with only moral changes in this present life. I contend that this was not the understanding of the Early Church, It believed in a present power not only for moral change. but also for authority over demons, power over sickness and disease, and experiencing the reality of the spiritual gifts in their lives, and especially in the corporate life of the gathered congregations that made up the Church.

God calls us into His kingdom and glory.

God calls us (present tense) now, not will call (future tense) us into His kingdom and glory.

1 Thessalonians 2:12

Encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who

calls you into his kingdom and glory.

2 Thessalonians 2:14

He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 2:7-10

*7You made him a little lower than the angels; you crowned him with glory and honor 8and put everything under his feet." In putting everything under him, God left nothing that is not subject to him. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to him. 9But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. 10In bringing many sons to glory**, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering.*

***Concerning the reference to our "glorified" bodies. Glorified bodies have been touched or produced by His glory, and have been changed, made fit for living in the presence of his glom If that is what shall happen in the future, what will happen in the present if our bodies are touched by His glory? - Healing and restoration.*

Matthew Henry: (1 .) In the choice of the end; and that was to bring many sons to glory in enjoying the glorious privileges of the gospel, and to future glory in heaven, which will be glory indeed, an exceeding eternal weight of glory

The Bible Knowledge Commentary: 2:10. The author here continued to think of Psalm 8, as his reference to "everything" reveals (cf. Heb. 2:8). Thus the glory he mentioned here is also the glory referred to in the psalm, that is, the glory of dominion over the created order [emphasis mine] (cf. Heb. 2:7-8). Even the expression many sons is inspired by the psalmist's mention of "the Son of Man" and suggests that for the writer of Hebrews the messianic title Son of Man probably had a corporate aspect.

The Apostle Peter – The Spirit of Glory and Suffering

Matthew 17:1-5

I After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. 2There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. 3Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. 4Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." 5While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

Peter, Jesus' Transfiguration and the Cloud of Glory.

2 Peter 1:16-18

I 6We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son,

whom I love; with him I am well pleased." 18We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

Jesus' experience of manifested glory in his body that Peter witnessed was to prepare him for the agony of the cross. Glory is not just for healing, but also to prepare for difficult times of persecution and suffering related to the mission of God, not suffering from disease and sickness.

The Spirit of Glory and of God rests on the persecuted.

1 Peter 4:13-14
But rejoice that you participate in the suffering of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

“Overjoyed when his glory is revealed.” Why limit this to only a future meaning, when it could also have a present meaning or a “soon meaning” in this life for the hearers of Peter’s letter; especially, if they understood the connection between suffering persecution and moving in the power of His glory?

Closing Illustrations:

- *Jamie Galloway in Curitiba, Brazil in the summer of 2003 was taken up to the third heaven and saw the glory cloud. Afterwards that evening, his body was seen glowing with a glow about 2 inches around him, during which he experienced great power for healing.*
- *Gary Oates saw the glory of the Lord, and afterwards entered into a much greater anointing for healing. This happened on one of our trips to Volta Redonda, Brazil.*

Chapter 7

OPEN HEAVEN

Session Goals

1) To understand the Biblical concept of “open heaven.”

2) To understand the “open heaven” and its relationship to the ministry of angels.

3) To consider the operation of angels in healing ministry.

4) To understand that “open heaven” ultimately is about experiencing the reality of Christ and all that He purchased on the Cross.

Introduction

This session’s chief topic is the Biblical concept of “open heaven” and its relationship to and effect on healing ministry today as an expression of the Kingdom of God. Biblically intertwined with open heaven is the activity and ministry of angels.

In the first part of today’s session, I would like to share with you the three phases of experience and illumination from Biblical revelation that happened in my life and ministry, which opened me up to new dimensions in healing ministry through open heaven.

After laying this foundation, I will then transition to open heaven and its relationship to healing ministry.

Three phases of experience and illumination from Biblical revelation

A series of events occurred that caused me to become interested in the possibility of the temporal world being invaded by the spiritual world, especially angels.

Meeting with Omar Cabrerra in England

Omar Cabrerra asked me the question, “Why don’t you North Americans ask God to send His angels into your meetings? You believe in the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit, but why don’t you believe in the ministry of God’s host, his angels?”

Gift of the book, The Supernatural while in New Zealand

Through this I discovered the role of an angel of the Lord in William Branham’s life.

My question, “Why do we need angels when God is omniscient, omnipotent, and omnipresent?”

I discovered the difference between what God CAN do in the Old Testament and what God CHOOSES to do.

William Cary parallel, the father of the modern missionary movement

William Cary: “God wants me to go to India to reach the Heathen.” Older Baptist leader: “Sit down, God doesn’t need you to reach the heathen of India. He is sovereign. He can reach them without you.”

BOTH were right, but there is a DIFFERENE between what God CAN do and what He WANTS to do.

Heather Harvey and Monica Morgan-Dohnor’s healings –by an angel who rewired their heads

Both girls saw the angels open up and “re-wire” their heads in a vision while they were our under the power of the Holy Spirit. Both were healed of dyslexia.

The Scriptures that required my serious consideration of the activity of angels

Jesus was ministered to by angels

In the wilderness after his temptations by Satan

Matthew 4:11

Then the devil left him and angels came and attended him.

After his time of prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Luke 2242-43

“Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.” An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him.

Peter was ministered to by an angel and was released from prison

Acts 12:5-11

So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him. The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. “Quick, get up!” he said, and the chains fell off Peter’s wrists. Then the angel said to him, “Put on your clothes and sandals.” And Peter did so. “Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.”

Cornelius saw an angel in a vision that led to the incorporation of

Gentiles into the Church

Acts 10:3-8

One day at about three in the afternoon he had a vision. He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said, “Cornelius!” Cornelius stared at him in fear, “What is it, Lord?” he asked. The angel answered, “Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God. Now send men to Joppa to bring back a man named Simon who is called Peter. He is staying with Simon the tanner, whose house is by the sea.” When the angel who spoke to him and had gone, Cornelius called two of his servants and a devout soldier who was one of his attendants. He told them everything that had happened and sent them to Joppa.

Acts 10:22

The men replied, “We have come from Cornelius the centurion. He is a righteous and God-fearing man, who is respected by all the Jewish people. A holy angel told him to have you come to his house so that he could hear what you have to say.”

Acts 11:13-17

He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.’ “As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. Then I remembered what the Lord had said: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ So if God gave them the same gift as he gave us, who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could oppose God?”

Paul ministered to by angel to encourage him about the shipwreck

Acts 27:23-25

Last night an angel of the God whose I am and whom I serve stood beside me and said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.' So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me.

John received the Revelation by an angel

Revelation 1:1

The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John,

Revelation 22:16

"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star."

Philip ministered to by an angel given direction for evangelism

Acts 8:26

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road – the desert road – that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza."

The 12 apostles were released from prison by an angel

Acts 5:17-20

Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. "Go, stand in the temple courts," he said, "and tell the people the full message of this new life."

To summarize, angels are seen in the Bible:

Strengthening (Jesus)

Delivering from prison (Peter and the 12 Apostles)

Giving guidance for evangelism (Philip and Cornelius)

Encouraging (Paul)

Explaining revelation from God (John).

The series of events in Brazil that caused the confirmation in my thinking regarding the present activity of angels, especially their involvement in the ministry of healing

1) The wind at Volta Redonda

2) The wind and the rain at Manaus

3) The wind in Belem

With each of these experiences there was an increase of faith and an increase in the healings taking place.

THE STAIRCASE BETWEEN HEAVEN AND EARTH

We now transition to OPEN HEAVEN. We want to apprehend all that Jesus purchased for us at the cross, to understand what the Bible says about Open Heaven. It may appear to be "out of bounds," but when you are trying to bring correction to an area that has been neglected there is

the danger of trying to prove your point by overemphasizing your point.

If I am successful in this session you will have a better understanding of the fruit of Jesus being glorified – His crucifixion, resurrection, ascension, and being seated at the Father's position of authority, His right hand. If I am successful you will also have a better understanding of what was given to the church on the day of Pentecost.

We are now going to examine two key passages in Scripture where open heaven is referenced, one is found in the Old Testament, and one is found in the New Testament.

Jacob's Prophetic Dream, Genesis 28:10-17

Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. 11 When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. 12 He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. 13 There above it[a] stood theLord, and he said: "I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the landon which you are lying. 14 Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring.[b] 15 I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

16 When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it." 17 He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven."

One of the most important dreams in the Old Testament is Jacob's prophetic dream. Let's examine several key points related in this

passage:

1) The vision of the stairway from earth reaching into heaven, vs. 12a

The angelic interaction and travel between earth and heaven is on the stairway. The stairway is very important as it is the means of the open heaven. The angels were ascending and descending on the stairway!

2) God communicates the Covenant again with Jacob like he had with Abraham, vs. 13-15

3) "The Lord is in this place" an indication of an open heaven, vs. 16

4) "He was afraid," he had a sense of the awesome presence of God, vs. 17a

5) "This is the house of God; this is the gate of heaven." Vs. 17b

A church is to be the house of God's dwelling, it is to be a gate to heaven, it should exist under an open heaven. This should be seen as one of the determining factors of whether or not we are a New Testament church. Far too much emphasis has been upon doctrine rather than upon His presence.

Jesus and Nathaniel, John 1:47-51

John 1:47-51

When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."48 "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." 49 Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel." 50 Jesus said, "You believe[a] because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that." 51 He then added,"Very truly I tell you,[b] you[c] will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on'[d] the Son of Man."

There are several things I want you to see and to consider concerning this passage:

1) The Word of Knowledge produces faith in Nathaniel, vs. 47-49

2) Nathaniel is told he shall see (vv 50-51)

a) “greater things than that.” (Jesus’ Word of Knowledge)

b) “heaven open…”

c) “the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man”

3) “Shall see” did happen, but not in the two accounts I have already told you, but in the wilderness and the garden, and at other times

Mark 1:13

And he was in the desert forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

Matthew 4:11

Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Luke 22:39-43

Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. On reaching the place, he said to them, “Pray that you will not fall into temptation.” He withdrew about a stone’s throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, 42 “Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.” An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him.

4) Jesus (the Way) is the stairway!!!

5) Jesus, NOT angels, is the focus of the message, yet I want to help

you discover all that Jesus purchased for us at the cross

6) The angelic activity increased towards the people of God because of the Cross

A BIBLCIAL UNDERSTANDING OF ANGELS AND THEIR PURPOSES

Let's now briefly look at what the Bible has to say about the nature of angels and their purposes:

Angels: Ministering spirits sent to serve

Hebrews 1:14

Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

Angels: Made "winds" and "flames of fire"

Hebrews 1:7

In speaking of the angles he says, "He makes his angels winds, his servants flames of fire"

The "winds" are his messengers, "flames of fire" His servants

Psalm 104:3-4

And lays the beams of his upper chambers on their waters. He makes the clouds his chariot and rides on the wings of the wind. He makes

winds his messengers, flames of fire his servants.

His angels are “mighty ones” who carry out the word, the bidding, and the will of God

Psalm 103:20-21

Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word. Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.

Personal illustration: Bonnie Chavda seeing in the Spirit

As I was ministering in a meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina the Holy Spirit opened the eyes of Bonnie Chavda to see what was happening in the spirit realm. Hundreds of angels came into the room as I began to minister to about 400 pastors. They were putting renewing anointing into the people as I was praying for them. Then she saw three angels about a meter taller than the others that had a greater radiance about their countenance. They did not have anointing assignments, but had come to commission. They would unroll a scroll and declare over a person heaven’s new assignment or commission for that person. After having declared it they took a stamp and stamped the person’s forehead.

THE DAY OF PENTECOST: WIND AND FIRE

Acts 2:1-4

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to

speak in other tongues[a] as the Spirit enabled them.

Personal illustration: Gary Oates in Manaus, Brazil

During one of our meetings in Manaus, Brazil, a big angel came down the aisle causing Gary to fall down under the power. Wind came into the large auditorium, blew open the big stage door, and then blew down several rows of chairs in the back; but NO wind was blowing outside of the building, only INSIDE!

On the last night Gary saw the warrior angels and the healing angels. That night 90% were being healed versus only 10-20 % on the other seven preceding nights.

The Day of Pentecost wasn't only about a new, better relationship with the Holy Spirit, but also a new openness to the angels. The most important aspect was the Baptism with the Holy Spirit, but the role the angels played should not be overlooked.

How are we to understand the prophecy of John the Baptist in Luke 3:16?

Luke 3:16

John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."

Note, it is "and", not "like" or "as"

"Like" or "as" are the words of comparison, analogy, and smile, but "and" is a word to designate in addition to, something different, a word which delineates between two distinct events.

Email from a Baptist scholar concerning my interpretation

I received an email from a Baptist scholar who thought that I was pushing it in my interpretation of this verse, because the context deals

with purifying. But, he then realized the place in the Old Testament where this is so powerfully depicted, in Isaiah 6, where the purifying was done through the agency of an angel.

The angel of the Lord revealed in fire

Exodus 3:2

There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up.

An angel revealed in wind and fire

2 Kings 2:11

As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind.

Angels are never to be worshiped

Revelation 19:10a

At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship Goal!..."

Angels are a poor substitute for God: Exodus 33:1-18

Exodus 33:1-18

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Leave this place, you and the people you brought up out of Egypt, and go up to the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants.' 2 I will send an angel before you and drive out the Canaanites, Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites.3 Go

up to the land flowing with milk and honey. But I will not go with you, because you are a stiff-necked people and I might destroyyou on the way."

4 When the people heard these distressing words, they began to mourn and no one put on any ornaments. 5 For the Lord had said to Moses, "Tell the Israelites, 'You are a stiff-necked people. If I were to go with you even for a moment, I might destroy you. Now take off your ornaments and I will decide what to do with you.'" 6 So the Israelites stripped off their ornaments at Mount Horeb. 7 Now Moses used to take a tent and pitch it outside the camp some distance away, calling it the "tent of meeting." Anyone inquiring of the Lord would go to the tent of meeting outside the camp. 8 And whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people rose and stood at the entrances to their tents, watching Moses until he entered the tent. 9 As Moses went into the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and stay at the entrance, while the Lord spoke with Moses.10 Whenever the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance to the tent, they all stood and worshiped, each at the entrance to their tent. 11 The Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend. Then Moses would return to the camp, but his young aide Joshua son of Nun did not leave the tent. 12 Moses said to the Lord, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favor with me.' 13 If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people." 14 The Lord replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." 15 Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. 16 How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?" 17 And the Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name." 18 Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory."

Angels have access to the throne to behold Him, but demons don't. So demons are less powerful, and can't be transformed from one degree of glory to another

The glory of God fills heaven and radiates and affects everything to which it is exposed

Revelation 15:18a

And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power…

Revelation 21:10-11

And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.

Revelation 21:23

The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.

The angels (and the redeemed of the Lord through the blood of Christ) have access to the throne and can behold His Glory

Matthew 18:10

"See that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I tell you that in heaven their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven. (RSV)

2 Corinthians 3:18

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are

being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. (RSV)

Satan and the demons were cast out of heaven, and no longer have access to God's Glory

Revelation 12:7-9

And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down – that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

Luke 10:17-18

The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.

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CHAPTER 8

A FRESH LOOK AT THE FAITH HEALING MOVEMENT

Lesson Goals

1) To take a fresh look at the Faith Healing Movement and outline some of its weaknesses and reveal its strengths.

2) To look at how the Faith Healing Movement has been misrepresented and distorted by many.

3) To examine that the Faith Healing Movement was not influenced by metaphysics, and to show it was influenced by many respected leaders.

The Problems

“I had viewed the Faith Movement through the eyes of its critics.” Randy had seen what the critics of Toronto had said about it and should have known better than to view any movement through the eyes of its critics.

No area of truth has been restored without excesses

1) The reformation

2) The Great Awakening

3) Wesley and Whitefield

4) Cane Ridge Revival

5) Pentecostal Revival

6) Charismatic Revival

Healing by Faith is not a new or specifically Pentecostal Idea

The Premise

Revival and restoration is messy!

Don’t reject the baby with the bathwater!

Controversy is usually a sign that God is at work

Where are you, Lord, in this controversy?

Valid Concerns

Harsh treatment of the people concerning their faith

Unnecessary deaths on finances and prosperity

Overemphasis on finances and prosperity

Lack of good scholarship among teachers

Misrepresentations and distortions

McConnell's book: A different Gospel

Kenyon's Influences

A.J. Gordon

A.B. Simpson

R.A. Torrey

A.T. Pierson

Jesse Penn-Lewis

Andrew Murray

S.D. Gordon

Kenyon's History

Not in Boston

Influences at Emerson College

Faith-Cure Movement

Kenyon's Doctrine

Confession

Dualism

Atonement

Faith – sensory denial

Little Gods

Revelation Knowledge

Divine Healing Advocates

Charles Cullis

A.J. Gordon (The Ministry of Healing; In Christ)

George Peck (Throne Life)

A.T. Pierson (In Christ Jesus)

John Alexander Dowie

F.F. Bosworth (Christ the Healer)

Maria Woodworth Etter

R.A. Torrey (Divine Healing) – Studied under Franz Delitzch for Hebrew. Delitzch believed healing was in the atonement.

Healing by Faith

The prayer of faith

Mark 11:24

Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them. (NKJV)

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (NKJV)

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. (NKJV)

"Faith begins where the will of God is known." – F.F. Bosworth. Can the will of God be determined from the written Word? Or, do we need a special revelation from God to determine His will?

The Faith Approach assumes the knowledge of God's will can be accurately determined from the Covenant Promises of God. (Study and prayerful meditation in Scripture).

This approach assumes that healing (or any other promised blessing) can be received without any outward change in circumstances or feelings. Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the evidence of things (literally, accomplished facts) not seen. Amp. "Faith perceives as real fact what is not revealed to the senses."

Faith Healing is one of the three primary ways in which God heals today. All are valid, we need all three.

CHAPTER 9

THE THRONE LIFE

Lesson Goals

1) To examine what Throne Life is and how its implications affect our lives.

Introduction

Revelation 3:21

To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. (NKJV)

As we grow in faith, we overcome the world (1 John 5:4). This brings us into our position in Christ, seated with Him in heavenly places, far above principalities and powers (Ephesians1:20-21).

Ephesians 1:20-21

This accords with the strength of his power at work in Christ, the power which he exercised in raising him from the dead and enthroning him at his right hand, in heaven, far above every principality, ruling force, power or sovereignty, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. (REB)

Throne life, then, is us taking our place in Christ and functioning from that level of authority in union and cooperation with Him.

Hebrews 10:12-13

But this Man, after, He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, from that time waiting till His enemies

are made a footstool for His fee. (NKJV)

Ephesians 2:5-6

But God is rich in mercy, and because of His great love for us, he brought us to life with Christ when we were dead because of our sins; it is by grace you are saved. And he raised us up in union with Christ Jesus and enthroned us with him in the heavenly realms. (REB)

How do we enter this authority? We enter by a progressive revelation of the glory of Christ and what His Finished Work accomplished for us.

2 Corinthians 3:18

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord. (NKJV)

All things center in Christ

Everything finds its meaning in Christ

Ephesians 1:10-11

That in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth – in Him. In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, (NKJV)

Our revelation of Christ determines what we realize in our personal experience

1 Peter 1:13

Wherefore having girded up the loins of your mind, being sober, hope perfectly upon the grace that is being brought to you in the revelation of Jesus Christ, (YLT)

Christ for us, Christ with us. Christ in us.

Christ is now enthroned

The NT focuses on His resurrection and ascension to the Father's right hand

We first see His death – His substitution

He bore our sins that we might be forgiven (Christ for us).

He was made sin that we might become righteous (2 Cor. 5:21).

He bore us – the old man – in Him condemned and judged (Rom. 6:6).

Sin's dominion is broken. (Rom. 6:14). Free from condemnation and free from sin's dominion.

We see His resurrection – our union with Him

Romans 5:10

For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved in His life. (NKJV)

First, we see it as the seal of His suffering. Vindication of His death.

Our justification, and participation in His resurrection Life.

The believers go on to see that they were crucified with Christ and is also risen with Him to walk in newness of Life.

We see ourselves able to receive the Holy Spirit because Jesus poured Him out on the Day of Pentecost.

The vision of walking in the Spirit and not fulfilling the lusts of the flesh

dawns on him.

We discover an “inwardly recognized and exhaustless well-spring of holy, loving and spontaneous loyalty, ceaselessly bubbling up, and out-flowing through all their thought, words and deeds” (George Peck, Throne Life).

We see the application of Christ’s victory to our physical health. We apprehend Christ as having born the curse of sickness (1 Pet. 2:24).

We see a right to claim a divine renewal of physical strength. The Life of Christ manifest in our mortal bodies (2 Cor. 4:10-11).

We see His enthroning – our authority in Him

We sees ourselves identified with Christ in His exaltation to the right hand of the Father, revealing his rights and privilege as a joint-heir with Christ.

We are above the principalities and power, in Christ, the Head of all principalities and powers.

The spiritual grasping of this by revelation opens the way to the experience of Throne Life.

Prayer:

Oh, Lord, by Your Spirit, through Your Word, make real in me, all that is true for me, in Christ Jesus.

CHAPTER 10

PRESSING IN

Session Goals

1) discover what it means to “press in” to God, to move from KNOWING ABOUT to EXPERIENCING life in the Spirit’s presence and power.

2) Look at the Biblical teaching of “The Laying on of Hands’ for impartation.

3) Understanding the place of “The Laying on of Hands” in receiving impartation for today.

4) Discover the place of ACTIVE spiritual hunger in receiving impartation from the Holy Spirit.

5) Receive impartation of the Holy Spirit in the areas of HOLINESS, POWER, and HEALING.

Introduction

Matthew 11:12

From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it.

2 Chronicles 16:9a

For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show his might in behalf of those whose heart is blameless toward him.” (RSV)

Have you ever seen the presence and power of the Holy Spirit operating in another’s life, and desired that you were there also? Have you ever asked yourself “Why them and not me?” Have you ever tasted this life, but it has faded? You wonder, “How can I, a disciple of Jesus Christ, learn to live there, and to delight in intimacy, power, and the fruit of such a life?”

During this session we are going to be looking at the importance of pressing into Jesus! As believer we must see the absolute necessity of:

NOT becoming discouraged

NOT giving up

Crying out, “I’m NOT going to give up UNTIL I get touched by God!”

We’re talking here about RECEIVING an impartation from God, and GIVING it away to others! God does not want to just impart his presence and power to YOU. God wants you to receive from Him so that you can give it away to OTHERS, so it can MULTIPLY!

Key insights

Over and over in Scripture we see the importance of the principle of impartation in action.

Transference of anointing through the laying on of hands is biblical

Laying on hands is an elementary teaching

Hebrews 6:1-2

Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.

Laying on of hands is used to impart the Holy Spirit Himself

Acts 19:6

When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

Acts 8:18

When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles’ hands, he offered them money.

Laying on of hands is used to impart and stir up the Spirit's gifting

2 Timothy 1:6

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

1 Timothy 4:14

Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you.

Laying on of hands is used to anoint with callings, wisdom and authority for leadership

Acts 13:2-3

While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

Numbers 11:17

I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take of the Spirit that is on you and put the Spirit on them. They will help you carry the burden of the people so that you will not have to carry it alone.

Deuteronomy 34:9

Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the Lord had commanded Moses.

Transference of anointing through the laying on of hands happens today

Today, the Holy Spirit still uses the laying on of hands for transference

of anointing. I would like to share some testimonies of those who have received powerful anointing this way. In the first section, notice the correlation of receiving powerful impartation with fasting and intense seeking.

Testimonies

Testimonies related to fasting

1984 – A vineyard pastor receives impartation after 20 and 40 day fast

A Vineyard pastor heard the story of Richard Ngidi, a Zulu evangelist, who fasted 40 days after which there was an outbreak of exrtraordinary healings and miracles in his ministry. He also heard the story of another man with a similar testimony after a 40 day fast.

He went on a fast for more anointing. After twenty days, the Lord impressed him to break the fast to celebrate his anniversary.

One year later the Lord reminded him, “Remember Richard Ngidi!” He replied, “Lord, if you will enable me, I want to fast 40 days.”

The night after the 40th day, the most powerful prayer meeting he had ever been in occurred. He entered into a realm of signs and wonders for a period of time, an ability to impart powerfully, and then it ended for a long time.

Steve Nicholson (Prophecy) 1995

After my first 40 day fast, I prophesied over Steve Nicholson, saying, “I release in you all gifts commensurate to apostolic ministry!” He was knocked to the floor by the power of the Holy Spirit and shook violently. The immediate affects on his ministry were amazing!

Randy and fasting for breakthrough

In 1995, I went on one 40-day, one 21-day, and two 14-day fasts specifically for breakthrough. I was pressing in for an outbreak in for an outbreak of miracles. God saw my desperation and answered!

Testimonies of powerful impartations and their fruit

1993 – Randy and Rodney Howard-Browne

1994 – Randy and Benny Hinn

1995 – Randy and Leif Hetland in Norway (Prophecy)

1995 – Randy and the Missionary to Honduras in the Oklahoma City Prophecy (Prophecy)

1996 – Randy and the Russian Stutterer at Catch the Fire Moscow and the following year (Prophecies)

1997 – October, Randy and Heidi Baker (Prophecy)

Transference of anointing occurs to those hungry and thirsty for more

Intimacy with God goes hand-in-hand with receiving power and anointing and healing from God. How hungry are you to receive from God? How desperate are you for the relationship, presence and anointing of His Spirit? To what sacrifice will you go receive? Are you willing to overcome any obstacle to receive?

Impartation of holiness

Jacob's wrestling for God's blessing

Genesis 32:24-30

So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. 25 When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he

touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. 26 Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." 27 The man asked him, "What is your name?"

"Jacob," he answered. 28 Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel,[a] because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome." 29 Jacob said, "Please tell me your name." But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there. 30 So Jacob called the place Peniel,[b] saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared."

Hosea 12:3-4

In the womb he grasped his brother's heel; as a man he struggled with God. 4 He struggled with the angel and overcame him; he wept and begged for his favor. He found him at Bethel and talked with him there —

Randy: My 1989 Experience – Simultaneous Baptism of the Holy Spirit and Deliverance

Impartation of Power

Elisha and the double portion

2 Kings 2:8-15

Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?" "Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied. "You have asked a difficult thing," Elijah said, "yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours

– otherwise not." As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha saw this saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them apart. He picked up the cloak that had fallen from had fallen from him and struck the water with it. "Where now is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" he asked. When he struck the water, it divided to the right and to the left, and he crossed over. The company of the prophets from Jericho, who were watching, said, "TH spirit of Elijah is resting on Elisha." And they went to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.

Modern "Elisha's and their "Elijah's

William Branham and T.L. Osborn and Oral Roberts

Brazillian Evangelist and his "catcher" Carlos Annacondia

Impartation for healing

The woman with the issue of blood

Mark 5:25-34

And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. 26 She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. 27 When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, 28 because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." 29 Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering. 30 At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?" 31 "You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?' " 32 But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. 33 Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. 34 He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in

peace and be freed from your suffering."

Mark 10:46-52

Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means "son of Timaeus"), was sitting by the roadside begging. 47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" 48 Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" 49 Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." 50 Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. 51 "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." 52 "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

CHAPTER 11

HEALING IN THE ATONEMENT

Lesson Goals

1) To understand the provision of healing purchased for us by Jesus Christ

2) To look at key Biblical words and passages on the Subject

3) To review alternative views

Introduction

In his classic book on the subject, Christ the healer, F.F. Bosworth makes a strong biblical case that the work of the cross was for our healing and salvation. We agree with his assessment that healing is in the atonement, that is that on the cross Jesus bore BOTH our sins AND our sickness and disease. We begin this lesson a careful look at the Hebrew words in our Key passage, Isaiah 53, after which we will examine significant passages. We will then look at Isaiah 53 in reference to the redemptive names of God. We will conclude with commentary on other related topics.

A careful look at Isaiah 53

Isaiah 53:3-12

He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. 4 Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him

the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. 8 By oppression[a] and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished.[b] 9 He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death,

though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. 10 Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the Lord makes[c] his life an offering for sin,

he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.
11 After he has suffered, he will see the light of life[d] and be satisfied[e]; by his knowledge[f] my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. 12 Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,[g] and he will divide the spoils with the strong,[h] because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

Words study for Isaiah 53

Hebrew Nouns

Makov – Pain

Choli – Sickness, disease

Pesha – Rebellion, defiance, offense

Shalom – peace, well-being, soundness

Avon – Wickedness, iniquity, wrongdoing, with a focus of liability or guilt

Chaburah – A damaging blow to the body causing a wound or cut

Hebrew Verbs

Nasa – lift from to carry away

Sabal – to carry, bear the weight of

Note especially its use in Isaiah 53:4 in reference to both makov, pains and in Isaiah 53:11 with reference to avon, iniquities. HE BORE BOTH!

Greek words commonly used in the New Testament for healing.

Aomai – to heal, cure. Its primary use in the N.T. is for physical healing, but also in the sense of restore. This one is especially interesting for us because it is almost always translated for rapha in the Septuagint. (a Greek version of the Hebrew Bible adopted by Greek-speaking Christians in the New Testament era).

Therapeuo – to cure, treat medically, heal, restore to health. Used in Luke 7:21 for the healing of disease, sicknesses, and evil spirits by Jesus.

Sozo – used in the New Testament to mean save, heal, deliver, restore. It is a very broad word, with a salvational focus.

Other key biblical Passages on healing in the atonement

We see in these passages, both in type and fulfillment, our full redemption through the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross.

The suffering servant who bore sin and sickness

1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. (Gk. Aomai).

Galatians 3:13

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree."

Matthew 8:16-17

When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick. 17 This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "He took up our infirmities and bore our diseases."

The bronze snake

Numbers 21:8-9

The Lord said to Moses, “Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.” 9 So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.

John 3:13-17

No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man.[a] 14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,[b] 15 that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.” 16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

1 Corinthians 10:9-11

We should not test Christ,[a] as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. 10 And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel. 11 These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come.

Plagues stopped by atonement

Numbers 16:43-48

Then Moses and Aaron went to the front of the tent of meeting, 44 and the Lord said to Moses, 45 “Get away from this assembly so I can put

an end to them at once." And they fell facedown. 46 Then Moses said to Aaron, "Take your censer and put incense in it, along with burning coals from the altar, and hurry to the assembly to make atonement for them. Wrath has come out from the Lord; the plague has started." 47 So Aaron did as Moses said, and ran into the midst of the assembly. The plague had already started among the people, but Aaron offered the incense and made atonement for them. 48 He stood between the living and the dead, and the plague stopped.

The year of Jubilee

Jesus refers to the year of Jubilee, the year of TOTAL liberation when reading Isaiah 61.

Leviticus 25:8-12

"'Count off seven sabbath years—seven times seven years—so that the seven sabbath years amount to a period of forty-nine years. 9 Then have the trumpet sounded everywhere on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the Day of Atonement sound the trumpet throughout your land. 10 Consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you; each of you is to return to your family property and to your own clan. 11 The fiftieth year shall be a jubilee for you; do not sow and do not reap what grows of itself or harvest the untended vines.12 For it is a jubilee and is to be holy for you; eat only what is taken directly from the fields.

Isaiah 61:1-2a

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners,[a] 2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's

favor

Luke 4:16-21

He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, 17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: 18 “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”[a] 20 Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. 21 He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

The Lord’s Supper

1 Corinthians 11:20-32

So then, when you come together, it is not the Lord’s Supper you eat, 21 for when you are eating, some of you go ahead with your own private suppers. As a result, one person remains hungry and another gets drunk. 22 Don’t you have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God by humiliating those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you? Certainly not in this matter! 23 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” 25 In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” 26 For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. 27 So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the

cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. 28 Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. 29 For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves. 30 That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. 31 But if we were more discerning with regard to ourselves, we would not come under such judgment. 32 Nevertheless, when we are judged in this way by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be finally condemned with the world.

The redemptive names of God and Isaiah 53

The redemptive names of the Lord in the Old Testament express both his nature and provision for his people, and are prophetic of the redemption that is in Christ. Note especially the strong connection with Isaiah 53.

Both implicitly and explicitly these passages show the completeness of our redemption through the blood of the Lamb.

Yahweh-Rapha – the Lord our healer (Exodus 15:26)

Exodus 15:26

He said, "If you listen carefully to the Lord your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, who heals you."

Isaiah 53:5

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our

iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

Psalm 103:1-5

Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
2 Praise the Lord, my soul,
and forget not all his benefits— 3 who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,
4 who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, 5 who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Yahweh-Jireh – the Lord our Provider (Gen 22:14)

He provided the ram for Abraham in place of Isaac and he provided the Lamb in our place.

Isaiah 1:18-20

Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the Lord makes his life a guilt offering,

1 Peter 1:18-20

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. 20 He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake.

Revelation 22:1-3

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. 3 No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him.

Yahweh-Nissi – the Lord our Banner (Exodus 17:15) Isaiah 53:5

He warred for Moses, and He warred for us at the cross and prevailed over sin and sickness.

Song of Solomon 6:10

Who is this that grows like the dawn, As beautiful as the full moon, As pure as the sun, As awesome as an army with banners? (NASB95)

Acts 10:38

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing (iaomai) all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

Colossians 1:13-15

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. 15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

Colossians 2:13-15

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you[a] alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, 14 having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. 15 And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

1 John 3:8b

The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.

Yahweh-Raah – the Lord Shepherd (Psalm 23:1) – Isaiah 53:6

Isaiah 53:6

All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him. (NASB95)

Hebrews 13:20-21

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, 2 I equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Yahweh-Shalom – the Lord our Peace (Judges 6:24) – Isaiah 53:5

Remember peace speaks of wholeness in every way, including physical well – being

Isaiah 53:5

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace (Heb. Shalom) was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

Colossians 1:19-20

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Romans 16:20

The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

Hebrews 13:20-21

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Yahweh-Shammah – the Lord Ever Present (Ezekiel 48:35) – Isaiah 53:7

Isaiah 53:7

He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

1 Peter 1:18-20

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. 20 He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake.

Romans 5:6-8

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Yahweh-Tsidkenu – the Lord our Righteousness (Jeremiah 23:6) – Isaiah 53:11

The Hebrew concept of redemption and restoration did not make the fine distinction that we do today.

Isaiah 53:11

After he has suffered, he will see the light of life[a] and be satisfied[b]; by his knowledge[c] my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.

Jeremiah 23:6

In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: the Lord our Righteousness.

1 Thessalonians 5:23

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alternative views:

Cessationist View

This view does not believe that healing is for today. This was covered thoroughly in our sessions on B. B. Warfield.

Healing through the Atonement

An alternate view by some is that there is healing “through the atonement”. As an example, Jeffrey Niehaus argues in reference to the Matthew 8:16, 17 fulfillment by Jesus of Isaiah 53:4-5 that Jesus’ healing of the sick and demonicas “does not mean that healing is ‘in the atonement’ in the same way that forgiveness of sin is.” And “Healing of sickness is made possible through the atonement… in as much as forgiveness of sin makes healing possible” and later ‘Because of Christ’s atonement, God has sent healings and many other gifts of the Holy Spirit.” He argues that the sickness being atoned for is “first and foremost a healing from sin. That is the healing we find in the atonement.” And that “He took up our infirmities” in theses passages “does not necessarily guarantee it in this age to God’s people.”

Hebrew scholar Dr. Michael L. Brown, Adjunct Professor of Old Testament and Jewish Studies at Regent University School of Divinity, Virginia Beach Virginia, is the author of Israel’s Divine Healer, a systematic, exhaustive treatment of Healing in the Old Testament. In reference to this passage he writes, “I find inescapable the simple conclusion that ‘when he [i.e., the subject this of Isaiah 52:13-5312] was

smitten, we were healed”” 2 We agree with his assessment!

Healing and Sovereignty

There are some who struggle with why all are not healed. We agree that this is a mystery, yet do not agree with those who believe it is simply a matter of God’s “Blueprint” as adopted from Augustinian casualties. Our desire is to press in to greater victory! We believe that most objections to healing in the atonement are rooted not in theology, but in the pastoral issues of the healing ministry.

Meet the leaders of Global Awakening

Randy and DeAnne Clark are the founders of Global Awakening, a ministry focused on restoring and training up God’s children to affect the world. Randy feels called to be a fire-lighter, bridge-builder, and vision-caster for the church body. As such, Randy and DeAnne serve a growing network of churches and ministries, crossing denominational lines to build relationships and enable leaders to walk in righteousness, humility, and the power of the Spirit.

Randy’s heart is to see the supernatural power of God displayed in all people through healing, impartation, and abundant love. Learning to live supernaturally and follow Christ’s example will enable us to do the works of Christ while destroying the works of the devil. Through national and international meetings, Randy urges believers to understand that ministering healing must become a common occurrence in all our lives – not something simply relegated to clergy. Central to Randy’s ministry is the understanding that God not only can but also desires to use ordinary people to do extraordinary things. Randy has been purposed to impart passion for Jesus, as well as gifts of the Spirit and practical ministry tools. His training include a Masters of Divinity from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

A worshipper, DeAnne's great passion is to see everyone utterly abandoned in worship. Her insight, leadership, and intercession on behalf of The Apostolic Resource Center of Global Awakening are a priceless cornerstone to the ministry.

Randy and DeAnne reside in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. They have four children, Joshua (and daughter-in-law Tonya), Johannah (and son-in-law David), Josiah (and daughter-in-law Allie), and Jeremiah.

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Feedback Form

Thank you for taking a few moments to fill out this form. Your feedback will help us improve future Healing Schools. Please print clearly. Thank you!

1. School Attended _____ Month _____ Year _____

2. How often did you attend? (Circle one) Full School Night sessions 1-2 Days

3. How did you first hear about this school? _____

4. Why did you want to attend the most? _____

5. What denomination/affiliation would you classify yourself as, if any? _____

6. What did you like about this school? _____

7. Are there areas we can improve? _____

8. How were you spiritually impacted at this school? _____

9. On a scale of 1-10 (10 being the highest), how would you rate this school (as to how it impacted your life)?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

10. Did this school meet your expectations? [ ] YES [ ] NO

11. What speaker did you enjoy the most? _____

12. What session(s) impacted you the MOST and why? (Please list title/topic, or speaker and time)

13. Are there any sessions that did NOT impact you? Why? _____

14. Did anything significant happen to you during this even? (Physical healing, powerful impartation, inner healing, manifestation of glory,

commissioning, re-dedication, salvation, etc.)

15. Do you feel that this school equipped you to pray for the sick?

16. The schedule was (Please circle one):

Way too slow too slow Just right too intense exhausting

17. Was the Global Awakening staff courteous and helpful? Did anyone specifically go above and beyond to serve you?

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