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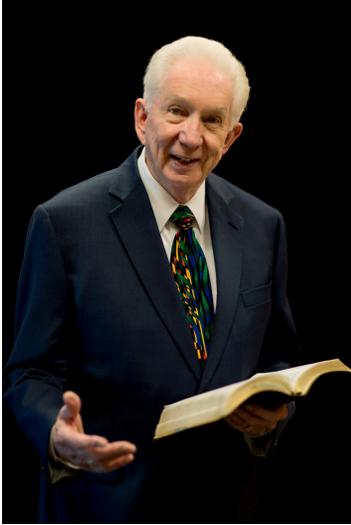
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**EXPERIENCE
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God's Provision for Healing

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Session One

God's View of Sickness and Disease

INTRODUCTION

God's Viewpoint

Sometimes when studying a subject, it's best to back away and look at it from God's point of view. How does God feel about sickness and disease?

In this study, we will see that healing and health were part of God's plan throughout the Bible and continue to be very much a part of God's plan for our lives and ministry.

Healing is one of the promises of God. When we believe and act on, any promise of God, it releases the power of God in our lives. It's important that we find His promises, believe them, and act on them.

John 8:32 "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Proverbs 4:20,22 My son, give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. For they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh.

Source of Sickness

If we believe sickness might be from God, we will not be able to believe Him for our healing. For this reason, we need to understand the source of sickness.

IMPORTANCE OF HEALING

Important to God

Exodus 15:26b For I am the LORD who heals you.

If we don't know the Lord as our Healer, we are missing a major dimension of our relationship with Him. Healing was important to God – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

The Father

The Holy Spirit inspired John to write and tell us that healing is the will of the Father.

3 John 2 (KJV) Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

It's necessary that we understand healing is always God's will.

In all of Jesus' healing the sick, He was doing the will of the Father. It's recorded that Jesus said,

John 6:38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

The Son

As we follow Jesus through the Gospels, we find He ministered healing in many different situations. His compassion for the sick was constantly evident. Healing was a large part of His ministry.

Mark 1:40,41 Then a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean."

And Jesus, moved with compassion, put out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed."

Healing was important to Jesus because He came to do the Father's will.

Hebrews 10:7 Then I said, 'Behold, I have come—in the volume of the book it is written of Me—to do Your will, O God.'

As Jesus went about healing people, He was doing the will of the Father.

Matthew 9:35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

The Holy Spirit

Healing is important to the Holy Spirit and part of the purpose for His anointing. In Luke, we read how the Holy Spirit anointed Jesus to heal the brokenhearted.

Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed.

He anointed Jesus to heal those oppressed by the devil.

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

To be sick is to be oppressed of the devil.

Confirms Word of God

Healing is important because it's the Lord's way of confirming His Word to a lost and dying world.

Mark 16:20 And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

The world today needs Jesus. God has commissioned us to go everywhere with accompanying signs to confirm His Word. Casting out demons and healing the sick will help open the eyes of people to the truth of the gospel.

Did Jesus Suffer in Vain?

If we don't minister healing to the sick, then some of the suffering of the stripes Jesus bore on His body was in vain.

Isaiah 53:5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

When we ignore what God's Word says about healing, we are ignoring the grace of God. We are making the suffering – the stripes – Jesus bore for our healing of no effect.

Galatians 2:21 I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain.

Saves Lives!

Healing can save your life, the lives of your family, and your friends. The prophet Hosea wrote,

Hosea 4:6a My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.

Healing for our body and soul is a provision God made for us. We, like David, should not die but live long and healthy lives as witnesses for Jesus.

Psalm 118:17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

The revelation of healing in God's Word has kept many from dying early.

James 5:14,15 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

Part of Great Commission

Jesus' Final Commandment

Mark 16:15-18 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Jesus' last word to His believers wasn't a suggestion. It was a commandment! Healing the sick is important if we are to be obedient.

Healing was an important part of the training and ministry of Jesus' disciples and followers. Just as Jesus went about healing the sick, He commanded the twelve disciples to do the same.

Matthew 10:1,7,8 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.

And 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.

Commandment to Us

Laying hands on the sick and ministering healing is part of the Great Commission that Jesus gave to all believers.

John 14:15 If you love Me, keep My commandments.

Jesus said that anyone who believes in Him will do the same works that He did. Healing must be important to us if we are to actually do what Jesus did.

John 14:12 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

Jesus said we will minister healing and do miracles just like He did. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to empower us to keep His command.

Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

SOURCE OF SICKNESS

Is Sickness From God or Satan?

As long as there is any doubt on these issues in our minds, we will be double-minded, with little faith for healing, living lives of defeat. In order to properly know how to deal with the problem of sickness, we must have a solid understanding of its origin, source, and purpose.

Truth Brings Freedom

When we discover the truth regarding the source of sickness, disease and pain, we will be set free to boldly receive and minister healing. Truth is found in the Person of Jesus.

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

"Truth was revealed by the words and works of Jesus.

John 8:32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Questions Regarding Sickness

To discover the truth about the origin, source and purpose of sickness, we will begin by finding the answers to some typical and often asked questions.

Is It God's Will to Heal the Sick?

The greatest barrier to healing is uncertainty of the will of God to heal everyone. Satan comes against us and puts words of doubt in our minds, and if we're not careful, we put that doubt to work.

We hear this doubt expressed in the words of traditional prayers like, "Lord, if it be your will, we ask for Your healing touch ..."

Such a prayer expresses uncertainty and doubt about whether it's God will for all to be healed. Without a certainty in our spirits that it's God's will to heal, it's impossible to pray a prayer of faith for ourselves or for others.

We see an illustration of such doubt in the leprous man when he said, "If You are willing."

Mark 1:39-41 And He was preaching in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and casting out demons.

Then a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean."

And Jesus, moved with compassion, put out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed."

Jesus canceled the "if" by simply saying, "I am willing." Everything Jesus did was a revelation of the will of the Father for His people.

Is Sickness One of the Ways That God Works Things Together for Our Good?

Many have been taught that sickness is one of the "all things" Paul said is to work together for our good.

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

The New International Version gives us a clearer understanding of this Scripture. It says: We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.

The emphasis is "in" all things God works for our good. It isn't that all things work together for our good. Instead, "in all things" or "in our sickness," the work of God's healing power will be the good produced.

Is It God's Will for Me to Be Sick?

It's God's will above all things that we live in good health every day.

3 John 2 (KJV) Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

If Jesus healed the sick, then it's the will of the Father to heal the sick. Since it's the will of the Father to heal the sick, then it's the will of the Father to heal you!

Is Sickness One of the Ways That We Are to Suffer for Him?

Philippians 1:29 For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake.

To avoid misinterpreting Scripture, it's necessary to consider the context, or setting, of the subject. In this situation, Paul is in prison writing about his suffering in chains for the sake of the gospel.

Philippians 1:12-14 But I want you to know, brethren, that the things which happened to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel, so that it has become evident to the whole palace guard, and to all the rest, that my chains are in Christ; and most of the brethren in the Lord, having become confident by my chains, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

It's obvious from the context of this passage that the suffering Paul was talking about wasn't a reference to sickness or disease. It was instead, a suffering of persecution and imprisonment for the Gospel's sake.

Is It for Discipline?

Does God put sickness on people to correct, discipline, punish, or to teach them patience?

Satan, not God, is the one who puts sickness and disease on people.

Job 2:7 Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and struck Job with painful boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.

We wouldn't picture a loving, caring human father putting cancer on his children to discipline them. How can we picture our heavenly Father putting sickness or disease on His children?

John 10:10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

Jesus said it's the devil that comes to kill us, to steal our health, and to destroy us with sickness and disease.

But Jesus came to give us abundant life, a life without sickness, disease and pain. He came to restore to us all that He created humankind to be when He created Adam and Eve in His image.

What About Paul's Thorn?

Does the Bible say that Paul's thorn was sickness?

Through a misunderstanding of the Scripture, some have taught that the apostle Paul's thorn in the flesh was a severe eye disease. However, Paul

wrote that his thorn was an evil spirit, a messenger of Satan sent to buffet or harass him.

2 Corinthians 12:7 And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.

Nowhere, does the Bible teach that Paul's thorn in the flesh was a physical illness.

Needed to Bring Death?

When God is ready to take us home, do we need to get sick to die?

If it's God's will that we live in health everyday of our lives, why would He make it necessary that we get sick to die? Moses is a wonderful example! He was one hundred and twenty years old when God called him home. His health was so good he was still able to climb the mountain to meet God. He had lost none of his eyesight or natural strength.

Deuteronomy 34:7 Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died. His eyes were not dim nor his natural vigor abated.

When an older person is sick, it's God's will for them to be healed. When it's God's time, their spirit will leave their body and their heart will stop beating.

Psalm 105:37 He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes.

Does God Let It Happen?

Does God "let" sickness or premature death come on His people?

Many blame God when sickness or death comes, saying "Why did God let this happen?"

Adam and Eve were given authority and dominion over all that happens on this earth when they were created in God's image.

Genesis 1:26a Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion."

The authority or dominion which was lost when Adam and Eve sinned, was restored by Jesus.

Matthew 16:19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

Sickness comes through Satan's power, but Jesus said that believers today have power (or authority) over the power of the enemy.

Luke 10:19 Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

By not using our God-given dominion on this earth, we in our ignorance, not God, let the devil bring sickness, disease and death on ourselves and our loved ones.

Source of Sickness

All sickness and disease are from the devil and not from God. Many are sick because they have given place to spirits of infirmity through sin, disobedience, or by ignoring principles of good health and nutrition.

Ephesians 4:27 Nor give place to the devil.

Using our restored authority, we can resist the devil, the spirits of infirmity, or the sickness that has come, and they will flee from us.

James 4:7b ... Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

Believers have authority to cast out the spirit of infirmity, and to heal all kinds of sickness and disease.

Matthew 10:1 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.

The only things the devil can do to us today is what we are letting him do. The question shouldn't be, "Why is God letting this happen?" Instead it should be, "Why are we letting this happen?"

Note: To fully understand this question, we suggest you read the manual, *The Authority of the Believer* by A.L. Gill and his book, *Destined for Dominion*.

IV. SATAN USES SICKNESS AS A WEAPON TO DEFEAT US

Satan's Fall

Satan and his angels were cast down to earth after their rebellion in heaven. We read the account,

Matthew 10:1 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.

Man in God's Image

God created mankind in His image on the same planet where Satan was cast after his fall. He created them to have dominion over the earth Satan had ruled until that time.

Genesis 1:26,28 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Mankind was created to:

- ◆ Look Like God
- ◆ Walk Like God
- ◆ Talk Like God
- ◆ And have dominion on this earth!

Satan Hates You

Imagine yourself in Satan's place. From one of the highest positions in heaven, he was banished to planet earth. With hatred raging against God, this one who wanted to make himself like the most High, must have watched in horror as God created human beings in His own image. Then God gave them dominion over everything he had been ruling!

Every time Satan sees a man or woman, he must be reminded of God – the object of his greatest wrath. When he sees humans looking and acting like God, his hatred is intense. The expression of that hatred is to steal, kill, and destroy.

The apostle John wrote,

John 10:10a The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.

Satan knows that we are God's representatives on earth. We are the body of Christ, and his greatest desire is to defeat us.

Loss, death, and destruction are always the work of Satan. For four thousand years after the fall of Adam and Eve, mankind lived under the captivity, bondage, and oppression of the devil.

Human beings who had been created to walk in dominion, were crippled and blind, sitting by the roads, begging

A woman who was created to walk upright, was crippled and bowed over in pain and despair.

Men and women created to look just like God (in His image), now had the features of their faces and bodies eaten away with leprosy.

Jesus Has a Better Plan for Us

Jesus came to set mankind free from the captivity, bondage and oppression of sickness, disease and pain.

God wants us set free from the oppression of Satan. He wants us released from the bondage of sin. God wants us well!

***The source of sickness and disease is Satan
– not God!***

Session Two

Knowing God as Your Healer

GOD'S DESIRE

Moses wrote of the Redemptive name of God -- Jehovah Rapha.

Exodus 15:26b For I am the LORD who heals you.

The apostle John wrote that he wished above all things that we would prosper and be in health..

3 John 2 (KJV) Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

David tells us that God sent His Word and healed them.

Psalms 107:19,20 Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, And He saved them out of their distresses. He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

Isaiah assures us that God's Word will not return to Him void.

Isaiah 55:11 So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

Spirit of Wisdom Spirit of Truth

As we study what God has to say about healing, it is so important that we read and know his Word. The apostle Paul prayed that God would

Ephesians 1:16 (I) do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened;

Walking in the Spirit of Wisdom means we will know God, walking as God directs according to His timing.

The Spirit of Revelation may come while reading the Bible and a verse suddenly becomes alive and speaks powerfully to the situation in which we find our self. That is receiving a rhema. Faith takes hold of that word as if the verse just appeared in the Bible just for us.

Oh that we might know God in His fullness including knowing Him as Jehovah Rapha, the Lord our healer.

I knew Jesus as my Savior. Years later I came to know Jesus as my healer, Jehovah Rapha and I am walking in health today.

OLD TESTAMENT TYPE

Abraham, Isaac and Jacob knew God. Abraham was a friend of God. Hundreds of years later because of sin the descendants of these three were slaves in Egypt. This is a picture of you and I. After we meet Jesus as our Savior we need no longer be held as slaves. Applying the blood changes everything.

Moses' Call and Obedience

In Exodus 3 God spoke to Moses from the burning bush, commanding Moses to set His people free. There were miracles and plagues culminating in the First Passover in Exodus 12. This symbolized Jesus Christ dying for the world. When we apply the blood of Jesus we also are set free. It is time for us to get out of the bondage (Egypt.) When they left Egypt, they faced the impossible situation at the Red Sea. God commanded the Israelites to stand still.

Exodus 14:13 And Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever.

Moses stretched out his rod and the Israelites walked through on dry ground. The word salvation includes our healing, our deliverance, and being set free from bondage.

It is time for Christians to get out of the bondage of sickness and disease. Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord. Salvation is more than a one way ticket to Heaven. Salvation is to restore us to the position God intends for us to experience.

But the Egyptians followed after them into the sea. Moses stretched out his rod again and the enemy was destroyed. The one who seeks to steal, to kill and to destroy was himself destroyed.

Jesus spoiled principalities and powers

Colossians 2:15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

In Exodus 15 God revealed Himself to the Israelites as Jehovah Rapha, the healer. They grew in their knowledge of God. They knew God better now.

The Choice

Exodus 15:26b For I am the LORD who heals you.

God wants to do this for His children. "Let me reveal myself to you. I AM Jehovah Rapha. Jehovah (the self existent one who reveals Himself).

Psalm 105:37b (KJV) There was not one feeble person among their tribes.

If God doesn't heal today, we must change His name. It no longer is applicable.

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

All of this is possible because of the substitutionary death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ISAIAH'S PROPHECY

Isaiah 53:1a ... And who has believed our report?

"Who has believed our report?" As we study this report, we have a choice. We can believe the report and receive its full benefits, or we can doubt the report and do without the benefits.

Isaiah 53:1 Who has believed our report? and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

Those who believe the report will be those to whom the arm of the LORD is revealed. The arm of the LORD refers to His mighty power.

Jesus has completed His work. He bore our sins and with His stripes we are healed. Just believe the report. You don't have to bear that disease any longer. By the stripes of Jesus you are healed.

How Powerful Is Our God?

Isaiah 59:1 Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear.

Isaiah described the power of God for us.

Isaiah 45:12 I have made the earth, and created man on it. It was My hands that stretched out the heavens, and all their host I have commanded.

God is all powerful! By His arms and hands He stretched out the heavens. Jesus, God revealed in the flesh, reached out His hands and healed the sick. His arm has been revealed and His hand hasn't been shortened that He cannot save and heal today.

Who will believe? Those who receive the revelation.

The Application

Those who believe will receive the full revelation of this report. They will realize that God's provision for healing is as much a part of the redemptive work of Jesus on their behalf, as the provision for salvation.

This inner understanding comes by supernatural revelation – a sudden awareness of God's truth in our spirits. Revelation doesn't come through the reasoning power of our intellect. Notice the word "revealed."

Isaiah 53:4 Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

Just as surely as Jesus bore our sins. You don't have to bear it any longer.

As surely as Jesus bore your sickness and pain, you don't have to carry it any longer.

We have accepted the truth that "He was wounded for our transgressions" but have ignored the truth "by His stripes we are healed," even though both statements are in the same verse.

Isaiah 53:5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

It is a completed work. It is finished. If His work is complete and we are healed, then we are healed.

Just Believe the Report.

"Sometimes I don't feel saved – but I know I am because I believe God's report."

1 John 5:13a These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

I Am Healed Because God Says So!

"Sometimes I don't feel healed – but I know that I am because I believe God's message." I don't go by my feelings or by the doctor's report. The question is, Will you believe?

Isaiah 53:5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

We must receive what is rightfully ours by faith regardless of what we feel or see. We mustn't let the unbelief of others steal our healing.

Matthew Believed the Report.

Matthew 8:16,17 When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses."

Peter believed the report.

1 Peter 2:24 Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness; by whose stripes you were healed.

We must believe the report?

Session Three

Jesus – Our Example

In the past, people told me that Jesus was our example. I could not relate to that. I thought: "Jesus is the Son of God and I am just a man." Jesus performed all those amazing miracles on earth. If I could have been there 2000 years ago, I could have seen them too. How could He be my example? How do those miracles relate to me today?

JESUS AS A MAN

Jesus was and is always the eternal Son of God. It's important to understand that Jesus temporarily laid aside His rights as God when He came to earth. He came in the likeness of a man, as the Last Adam, the Son of Man. He was still absolutely the Son of God but He walked this earth as the Man, Christ Jesus. As God, He knew everything and was everywhere present. However, everything He did on earth, He did operating as the first Adam was created to operate. Jesus operated as a man flowing in the gifts of the Holy Spirit just like believers are to operate today.

The apostle Paul wrote about Jesus coming as a man.

Philippines 2:7 But made himself of no reputation, taking the form of a servant, and coming in the likeness of men.

He was absolutely God, undiminished in any way, but He had temporarily emptied himself of all his rights and privileges as God and walked this earth as a man. God had given man dominion over the earth and everything in it. There was a problem as the result of sin on this earth. The only way God could fix the sin problem was to come to this earth as a man. As God, Jesus is "omnipresent" or (everywhere present). But when He came to this earth He could only be in one place at a time. As God He is "omniscient" or (all knowing). As man His knowledge was limited to that of a man. We see an example of this when the woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years reached out and touched Him in faith.

Who Touched Me?

Mark 5:25-34 Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment; for she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well." Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction.

And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?"

But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?' " And He looked around to see her who had done this thing.

But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth.

And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."

The power which flowed from Jesus was so real and tangible that it caused Him to stop and ask, "Who touched My clothes?" Why did Jesus have to ask? Didn't He know everything? No, during the time He was here on this earth, He was operating as you and I, as a man.

Samaritan Woman At The Well

John 4:17,18 The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly."

How did Jesus know this? As a man, operating in the gifts of the Holy Spirit, He received a Word of Knowledge.

As God, Jesus was omnipotent (all powerful). He spoke and the universe leaped into existence. However when Jesus came to this earth, there were no miracles reported for the first thirty years of His life. However, when Jesus was baptized in the Jordan and came up out of the water, the Holy Spirit descended upon him. From that day forward there were miracles, miracles, miracles, not in His power as God, but as a man filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. Now I read the gospels and visualize myself doing what Jesus did because the same Holy Spirit resides in me that resided in Jesus. As a Spirit-filled believer I have the same Holy Spirit within me. That fact changes the way I read Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Now I can relate to Jesus being my example. Now I can see myself doing the same works that Jesus did. If Jesus could do these miracles as a man filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, then you and I can do them too as a man or woman filled with the power of the Holy Spirit.

John 14:12 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

JESUS' FIRST TWO MIRACLES

Turning Water into Wine

The first miracle performed by Jesus was turning water into wine at the marriage feast. After Mary, the mother of Jesus, told Him they had run out of wine, she spoke some very important words to the servant. Wine is emblematic of the Holy Spirit. Many Christians have run out of wine.

John 2:1-5 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine."

Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come."

His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it."

To experience the miracles of Jesus in our lives, we must listen to the voice of God and be quick to obey regardless of how foolish it may seem. "Whatever He says to you: Do it!" As we obey God, the Holy Spirit will work through us. .

The servants obeyed Jesus; they filled the jars with water. They continued to obey Him, by drawing the water and then taking it to the master of the feast. When the master tasted it he said, "You have kept the good wine until now."

How easy it would have been for them to doubt when Jesus told them to draw the water and take it, the water, to the master of the feast. The servants not only started out obeying Him, they continued to obey when they couldn't understand!

To experience miracles in our lives, we too must say, "Whatever He says to me, I will do it!"

Healing Nobleman's Son

Healing was the second miracle of Jesus!

A nobleman heard about the miracle Jesus did at the wedding and hearing brought faith. As a result of that faith, his dying son lived.

John 4:46-51 So Jesus came again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and implored Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death.

Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe."

The nobleman said to Him, "Sir, come down before my child dies!"

Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your son lives."

So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way. And as he was now going down, his servants met him and told him, saying, "Your son lives!"

The man was unsuccessful in persuading Jesus to heal his son his way. He begged Him to come and heal his son. Instead, the man received his miracle of healing when he believed the word that Jesus spoke!

Many have failed to experience miracles because they have tried to persuade Jesus to do it their way. They believe they will be healed if a certain person prays for them in a certain way instead of placing their faith in God and His Word.

Like the servants and the nobleman, we too, can experience miracles if we listen to the voice of Jesus, believe the word that He speaks, and obey whatever He tells us to do.

JESUS CAME TO

Set at Liberty!

Jesus was anointed by the Holy Spirit to preach deliverance to the captives and set at liberty those who were oppressed. All bondage, including the bondage of sickness and infirmity, could never be God's will, since the anointing of the Holy Spirit was to heal and set free.

Luke 4:14 Then Jesus returned in the (dunamis) power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region.

Jesus went into the synagogue and read a prophecy about himself from Isaiah

Luke 4:18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed."

Break Every Yoke

Isaiah prophesied of Jesus' ministry that He would set the oppressed free.

Isaiah 58:6 Is this not the fast that I have chosen:

- to loose the bonds of wickedness,
- to undo the heavy burdens,
- to let the oppressed go free, and
- that you break every yoke?

Destroy Works of Satan

According to John, the reason Jesus came was,

1 John 3:8b For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

Everywhere Jesus went He destroyed the works of the devil.

Give an Abundant Life

By destroying the devil's work, Jesus provides abundant life for His people. Jesus said,

John 10:10b I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

Heal Them All

The scriptural emphasis on the healing ministry of Jesus is that He healed all that came to Him.

In the Bible there are certain terms describing salvation and healing. The terms describing who is to be healed are similar to the terms describing who is to be born again.

For Salvation:

* All

* Whoever

For Healing:

* All

* Every

There are Scriptures which show that healing is for all. As you read these, observe the emphasis on the terms 'every' and 'all.'

Every

Matthew 9:35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

As Many

Matthew 14:36 And begged Him that they might only touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched it were made perfectly well.

All

Matthew 12:15 But when Jesus knew it, He withdrew from there; and great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them all.

Matthew 8:16 When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick ...

Luke 6:19 And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all.

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

He Hasn't Changed!

The writer of the book of Hebrews wrote that Jesus hasn't changed; He is still the same today.

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

If He healed while He was on this earth, He will heal today! Everyone that comes to Him by faith can receive their healing.

JESUS GAVE GREAT COMMISSION

Now I Am Going to My Father

John 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away: For if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

John 14:12 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

Final Instructions

On the Mount of Olives just before Jesus ascended into heaven, He gave us His final instructions. We call this the Great Commission.

Mark records these important last words of Jesus to His believers.

Mark 16:15-20 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."

So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

This isn't just a good suggestion – it's a command! On the day of Pentecost after receiving the power of the Holy Spirit, they began to understand just what Jesus had told them.

Jesus' Ministry Included,

- ◆ Teaching
- ◆ Preaching
- ◆ Healing and deliverance

Matthew 9:35-38 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. "Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

They watched Jesus preach and heal for three years. Now His work was complete.

JESUS COMMISSIONED OTHERS

Jesus' ministry was limited to one village or one city at a time. It was impossible for Him to reach the needs of the multitudes in every city. He instructed the disciples to pray for others to be sent as workers for the harvest.

The Disciples

The supernatural ministry of Jesus was multiplied as He commissioned the twelve disciples. They were to minister as He had demonstrated to them.

Matthew 10:1,7,8 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. And 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.

The newly commissioned disciples were to:

- ◆ Preach
- ◆ Heal the sick
- ◆ Cleanse the lepers
- ◆ Raise the dead
- ◆ Cast out demons

They were to do this freely and with the same love and compassion as Jesus did. Their ministry was to be like the ministry of Jesus.

The Seventy

After the twelve were commissioned and growing in experience, Jesus sent out seventy others.

Luke 10:1,9 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.

And heal the sick who are there, and say to them, `The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

The commission hadn't changed. The seventy were to:

- ◆ Heal the sick
- ◆ Preach the Gospel of the Kingdom of God.

The ministry was expanding. Jesus first duplicated Himself into the lives of the twelve disciples, and then into the lives of the seventy. Certainly they still had much to learn, but they were growing. Most importantly, they were being obedient to Jesus. As a result, they experienced great miracles, joy, and victory.

Luke 10:17 Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."

Every Believer

There is no greater joy than to lay your hands on the sick and see them healed and preaching the gospel. Now, this commission has been given to every believer.

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."

Jesus work on this earth is complete. Now, Jesus is waiting for us to get our job done. Every believer is to "preach" or share the gospel. And the same signs that followed Jesus as He preached the gospel are to follow us as believers today.

EARLY CHURCH LEADERS CONTINUED HEALING

After Jesus ascended into heaven, did healing stop? No, the disciples continued to preach the gospel and heal the sick. Here we consider the examples of Peter, Philip, and Paul.

Peter

Peter spoke the name of Jesus Christ to the lame man, and he was healed.

Acts 3:1-8 Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour.

And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms.

And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us." So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them.

Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God.

The miracles began out in the street. And the miracles continued.

Philip

Philip, a deacon who later became an evangelist, obeyed Jesus and preached the gospel of Jesus Christ to those in Samaria, and healing miracles took place.

Acts 8:5-8 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things

spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed.

And there was great joy in that city.

Why did they pay any attention to Philip? Because they saw the miracles and there was great joy.

Paul

Paul preached the gospel of Jesus Christ to the crippled man, and the man was healed.

Acts 14:8-10 And in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother's womb, who had never walked. This man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, said with a loud voice, "Stand up straight on your feet!" And he leaped and walked.

He healed the man with fever and dysentery.

Acts 28:8,9 And it happened that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and dysentery. Paul went in to him and prayed, and he laid his hands on him and healed him. So when this was done, the rest of those on the island who had diseases also came and were healed.

From the above verses, we can conclude that the early church leaders ministered healing.

HEALING OPENS DOORS TO EVANGELISM

Healing provides opportunities to share the gospel with the unsaved. Before a person can respond to the gospel, we must first gain their attention. In this world of pain and heartache, healing secures attention and quickly establishes the validity of God's Word.

Miracle Evangelism

The first evangelistic meeting after the resurrection started with a healing. The miracle healing of the lame man at the Gate Beautiful, opened the door for five thousand to be saved.

Acts 3:8-11 So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God. Then they knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. Now as the lame man who was healed held on to Peter and John, all

the people ran together to them in the porch which is called Solomon's, greatly amazed.

Acts 4:4 However, many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.

Look At Actions Of Peter And John.

- ◆ They were doing a normal activity and the miracle happened outside the church.
- ◆ They took notice of the man and spoke to him. They took the initiative to offer healing.
- ◆ They weren't side-tracked by the initial need of money.
- ◆ They gave what they had – The Word of God and the power of the name of Jesus.
- ◆ They spoke with authority.

Method of Reaching World Hasn't Changed

Jesus Ministered by:

- ◆ Teaching
- ◆ Preaching
- ◆ Healing

The Twelve Were Sent Out to:

- ◆ Preach
- ◆ Heal
- ◆ Cleanse
- ◆ Raise the dead
- ◆ Cast out demons

The Seventy Were Sent Out to:

- ◆ Heal the sick
- ◆ Tell them, "The kingdom of heaven has come."

We Are Commissioned to:

- ◆ Go and preach
- ◆ Cast out demons
- ◆ Speak with new tongues
- ◆ Lay hands on the sick

Healing Is Not Only Available To Those Who Believe,

Jesus wants us to minister healing to the unsaved so they will know the Word is true and be saved!

Matthew 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came to the earth to bring redemption to all mankind. This redemption included healing. Jesus began healing in His personal ministry. Then He started the multiplication process by training and commissioning the disciples. This process continues to our day. We as believers are commissioned to carry the gospel to a lost and dying world. All believers are to continue to do the same works that Jesus did.

God's Plan Is Being Restored

God has been restoring the healing ministry to the church over the years through various healing evangelists. But this commission is for all believers to walk in power and fulfill the entire great commission preaching and healing by the power of the Holy Spirit everywhere they go.

Session Four

The Holy Spirit and His Power

Paul's Example

1 Corinthians 2:1,3-5 And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God.

I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Paul was successful in ministry, but not because of his own abilities. His teaching and preaching was confirmed by demonstrations of the Spirit and power of God. Surely, we need the same power of God that he had, but what is it? Paul did not want their faith to be based on his own wisdom or power.

Paul studied under Gamaliel, the highly respected theologian of his day. He was well taught in the Scriptures but Paul wanted their faith to be based in the power of God and not in the wisdom of man.

HEALING POWER IN LIFE OF JESUS

Demonstrations of the power of the Holy Spirit began in the ministry of Jesus after the Holy Spirit came on Him when He was baptized in the Jordan River.

The power of the Holy Spirit that was in Jesus was transmitted into the bodies of those who needed healing when they touched Him in faith or when He touched them. The story of the woman who had suffered with a flow of blood for twelve years is an example of this power.

Mark 5:25-34 Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment; for she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well."

Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction. And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?"

But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?' " And He looked around to see her who had done this thing.

But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth.

And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."

The power which flowed from Jesus was so real and tangible that it caused Him to stop and ask, "Who touched My clothes?" Jesus kept looking to see who had touched Him. When she confessed she was the one, Jesus said: "Your faith has made you whole."

DUNAMIS POWER

In verse thirty, the word translated "power" is the Greek word "dunamis." Dunamis is the most expressive word for explosive power in the Greek language. Actually we are familiar with this word because our English words – dynamic, dynamo, and dynamite come from it. The power that flowed into her from the body of Jesus was dunamis or "dynamite" power.

Flowed from Jesus Everywhere He Went

Luke 4:14 Then Jesus returned in the (dunamis) power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region.

Luke 6:19 And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for (dynamite) power went out from Him and healed them all.

When that woman touched Jesus, He knew that dynamite power had flowed out of Him. This power was a tangible, powerful force which was transferred by touching in faith. Touching is a point of contact. The woman felt it flow into her and knew she had been healed.

Flowed through Hands of Paul

Acts 19:2-6 He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?"

And they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit."

And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?"

So they said, "Into John's baptism."

Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus."

When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

Paul taught for two years Ephesus. Many examples in the book of Acts demonstrate the manifestations of this dunamis power in Paul's ministry.

Extraordinary Miracles

Acts 19:11,12 Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them.

God performed unusual or extraordinary miracles through Paul because He is an extraordinary God. God still wants to perform extraordinary miracles through the hands of believers today. The dunamis power that was in the hands of Paul was transferred through the cloth of handkerchiefs and aprons into the bodies of the sick and oppressed. Many would ask: "I know that power flowed through Jesus and through the hands of Saint Paul. But what does that have to do with me today? I'm just an ordinary believer."

According to Acts 1:8 when you received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, you too received the same dunamis dynamite power that was in Jesus and also in the hands of Paul.

Why Don't I See More Miracles in My Life?

In answer to that question, let's go back to the story of the woman with "flow of blood."

Mark 5:27 When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment; for she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well."

Faith Came!

The woman heard about Jesus. The Bible says Faith comes by hearing the word.

Romans 10:17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

When faith came, the woman knew if she could touch Jesus she would be healed. She was determined to go to Jesus despite her weakness and physical condition.

Faith Speaks!

Romans 10:6a,8-10 But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, ... But what does it say? "The word is near you, even in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes to righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made to salvation.

When faith comes, we will always be speaking faith filled words out of our mouths.

Faith is "Now!"

Hebrews 11:1a Now faith is ...

Now, faith... When faith comes by hearing the Word, the things we have been hoping for in the future, move into the realm of the "now."

Faith in Action!

Faith is always in action. When faith came, she moved into action, pressed her way through the crowd and reached out and touched Jesus.

James 2:26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

Faith without works (corresponding actions) is dead (inoperative). That woman took action. She reached out and touched Jesus in a faith that had come by hearing the Word, a faith that was speaking, a faith that was now and a faith that was in action. In that moment of faith as she touched Jesus, the "dunamis" or dynamite power that was in Jesus flowed into her body and she was healed.

Your faith has made you whole

With all the power in the electrical lines, the lights do not function until the switch is turned on. The power is there, but the switch must be on to have light.

So it is with faith. We must choose to operate in faith instead of believing the doctor's reports or our feelings. Jesus said, "You shall lay your hands on the sick and they shall recover."

Mark 16:18b "... they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

To experience healing miracles, we must believe that Jesus told the truth. We must believe the person we lay hands on, in true Biblical faith will recover either instantly as a miracle or progressively as a healing. This is not because of our own power. It is because we have the same dunamis dynamite power in us as Spirit baptized believers that Jesus and Paul had in them.

The Same Power Was in Stephen,

He was a Deacon in the Jerusalem Church

Acts 6:8 And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.

The power of God resides within us.

Ephesians 3:20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the (dunamis) power that works in us ...

The power mentioned here is not a power in heaven. It is the power that is "in" us. God wants to confirm the preaching and teaching of the word with signs and wonders according to the power working in us.

John 7:38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.

To minister God's power that is within us, we must "believe," turn on the switch of faith and let those "rivers of living water" flow out of our hearts of God's love and compassion.

2 Corinthians 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are just the earthen vessels that God has chosen to reveal the excellency of His power through.

Micah 3:8a But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the LORD ...

Zechariah 4:6 So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the LORD of hosts."

Paul's Prayer

Ephesians 1:16-21 I do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

All the forces of Satan trying to keep Jesus in the grave could not withstand the dunamis power of God. That is the same power that is within us.

Acts 4:33 And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.

Acts 5:12a And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people.

Wait for the Power!

The believers were to wait for the power they would receive on the Day of Pentecost before trying to go out and do His works in their own strength and power.

Luke 24:49 "Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

Once they had received this power they went out and preached and the Lord worked with them, confirming the word with signs following.

Mark 16:20 And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

For many years heard about that power, but did not experience it. I had a form of godliness, but denied the power thereof.

2 Timothy 3:5a Having a form of godliness but denying its power.

Now, filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, we, like Jesus, can and must do only what is revealed to us by the Father through the Holy Spirit.

Jesus Only Did The Father's Will. We Must Do It Too.

John 5:19,20,30 Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.

"I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me."

In the power of the Holy Spirit, we too can and must do the Father's will as we obey Him, turn on the switch of faith and let God's power be manifest.

Doing His Works

John 14:12 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

Everywhere Jesus went signs and wonders followed. He was a walking stick of dynamite. You also are a walking stick of dynamite. Whatever Jesus says to you, do it. The works that I, Jesus do shall you do also. If you have received the dunamis power, you also by faith, do the same works as He did.

Ephesians 3:20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the (dunamis) power that works in us ...

Session Five

The Holy Spirit for All Believers

Promise Of Holy Spirit

Acts 1:4,5 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, "which" He said, "you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Don't leave home without it. Don't try to fill your destiny in your own power or strength. Do you have that power in your life?

RECEIVING POWER OF HOLY SPIRIT

Jews

Believers in Jerusalem were the first to receive this power as they were baptized with the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-4 Now when the day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

They were ALL filled and they ALL began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. The church began here with the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. If we are to do the works of the Holy Spirit, we must have the power of the Holy Spirit

Samaritans

Then the Samaritans received this power. Jesus said it would begin with the Jews in Jerusalem and Judea and then to Samaria.

Acts 8:5-8 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed.

And there was great joy in that city.

Acts 8:14-17 Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized

in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Gentiles

In Caesarea

God sent Peter to take this power to the Gentiles beginning in Caesarea..

Acts 10:44-46a While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.

How did they know the Gentiles had received the Holy Spirit? They heard them speaking in other tongues.

Ephesians

The Ephesian Gentile believers received this power when Paul came to Ephesus.

Acts 19:2-6 He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?"

And they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit."

And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?"

So they said, "Into John's baptism."

Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus."

When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

For All people

The church had begun in Jerusalem, in Samaria, in the house of Cornelius and in Ephesus. By the power of the Holy Spirit the church has spread around the world and down through the ages. That same power is available to all believers in all generations. Over and over scripture says they began to speak in other tongues. The first miracle in the book of Acts says they were all speaking in other tongues, a miracle in their mouth. That was the Biblical evidence that they had received the gift of the Holy Spirit and were empowered to be witnesses of the Lord Jesus Christ and so it is today.

A Refilling, The Spirit of Boldness

Those who received the filling of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, received a fresh filling of the Holy Spirit two chapters later.

Acts 4:29-31 Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.

And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

Those that had been filled with the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost were all filled again. That included Peter and John who had just ministering healing to the crippled man and preached the gospel with thousands coming into the Kingdom. This fresh filling came with a "Spirit of Boldness."

Proverbs 28:1b ... but the righteous are bold as a lion.

Asking for and Receiving Gift of Holy Spirit

Luke 11:13 "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

All we have to do is ask in faith believing and receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit. Your life will never be the same again.

Jesus is the Baptizer in the Holy Spirit.

Mark 1:7,8 And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Manifestation of Speaking in Tongues

When we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, we like the believers on the Day of Pentecost must open our mouths and begin to speak. As we begin to make those first sounds in faith, a miracle will take place in our mouths and we will suddenly hear ourselves supernaturally speaking in "other tongues."

Mark 16:17 "And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;

These "other tongues" are a heavenly language, or the "tongues of angels."

1 Corinthians 13:1a I speak with the tongues of men and of angels ...

They can also be a human language, not known by ourselves, but heard and understood by others.

Acts 2:5,6 Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language.

We must remember, we cannot speak with our mouths closed. We must open our mouths and begin to speak. Since we can't speak in two languages at one time, all we need to do is to make some sounds. On the day of Pentecost it says they all began to speak. That is our part. At that moment of faith, God did His part. He gave them the "utterance" and a miracle took place in their mouths. When we open our mouths in faith and begin to make those sounds, it is like Peter stepping out of the boat to walk on the water with Jesus. Peter, in obedience did his part and stepped out of the boat. At that moment, God did His part. A miracle took place and the Holy Spirit made the water hard under Peter's feet. In the same way, when we begin to speak, the Holy Spirit does His part and gives us this new supernatural language of the Spirit. But God can't do His part until we do our part.

Suggested Prayer to Receive.

Are you ready to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit right now? Or if you have received, are you ready for a fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit? Then I will lead you in this prayer. You repeat it after me. Jesus Himself will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and then you will open your mouth and begin to speak in a new language.

**"Dear heavenly Father,
in the name of Jesus I ask You
for the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

**I ask you to baptize me in the Holy Spirit.
I receive the gift of the Holy Spirit right now.
I raise my hands to you and I say,
'Fill me now with your Holy Spirit.
I receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
And just like on the Day of Pentecost,
I open my mouth right now and begin to praise You
in my new Heavenly language.'"**

(Continue to praise Him in your new Heavenly language until you feel a complete release of praise in your spirit.)

What Is Next?

The devil is very nervous right now. He knows you have just received the gift of the Holy Spirit. He will tell you nothing happened. The devil is a liar. You can prove that right now by giving a short but loud expression in your new heavenly language. (You have just proved the Devil is a liar.)

Language of Praise and Prayer.

You have the power of the Holy Spirit and your heavenly language. This is an unlimited language of praise. It is also an unlimited language of prayer. In the natural we may not know how to pray about a certain situation. However, when we pray in our new Heavenly language, the Holy Spirit prays through our spirit according to the perfect will of the Father. Therefore powerful things happen when we pray in the Spirit in our new heavenly language. You can pray the Father's will in any situation.

1 Corinthians 14:14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.

Romans 8:26,27 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

Take time to pray in your new Heavenly language for an unsaved loved one right now.

Singing in the Spirit

1 Corinthians 14:15 What is the result then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.

When we "sing in the Spirit," the Holy Spirit not only gives us the words, He also gives us the melody. Take time now to join your voice with the angels in Heaven in singing praises to God in your new Heavenly language.

Living in the Spirit

Galatians 5:25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Take time to pray, praise and worship God in your new Heavenly language as you go about your daily life. Out of your heart is flowing rivers of living water.

John 7:38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.

You are living and walking in the Spirit. You are now filled with the Spirit, and filled with the boldness of the Holy Spirit. You are now a walking stick of God's dunamis, dynamite power. You will never be the same.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

Moses to Joshua

Moses transferred the spirit of wisdom to Joshua.

Deuteronomy 34:9 Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him; so the children of Israel heeded him, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Paul to Timothy

Paul imparted to Timothy by laying on of hands and prophecy.

1 Timothy 4:14 Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

Paul to Others

Paul imparted gift of the Holy Spirit to others.

Acts 19:6 And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

Jesus touched Others

Jesus ministered healing by the laying on of hands.

The leper

Jesus was moved by compassion, He ministered healing to the leper by laying His hands on him.

Mark 1:40,41 Then a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean."

And Jesus, moved with compassion, put out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed."

Jairus' Daughter

Mark 5:41 Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, "Talitha, cumi," which is translated, "Little girl, I say to you, arise."

After putting out the unbelieving, Jesus took her by the hand and said Arise

Deaf and Mute Man

Mark 7:32-35 Then they brought to Him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to put His hand on him. And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue. Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened."

Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly.

He put his fingers in his ears. Then he touched his tongue. Jesus looked up to heaven and said "Be open!"

Notice: Jesus never used long, pleading prayers when ministering healing. Jesus used short commands spoken with authority. We too will see much more results if we do it like Jesus.

Remember also that Jesus said: "Watch and Pray"

Mark 13:33 "Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is.

Many have kept their eyes closed when ministering healing, perhaps because of tradition or because they are afraid that nothing is going to happen. If Matthew, Mark and John had closed their eyes every time Jesus ministered healing to the sick, there would not be one miracle recorded in their "Gospels." They would have missed every healing miracle. We keep our eyes open because we are operating in faith, expecting the manifestation of the healing to take place. You can't operate in doubt and faith at the same time. When we minister in faith like Jesus did, we will experience much greater results.

Paul on Miletus

Acts 28:7,8 Now in that region there was an estate of the leading citizen of the island, whose name was Publius, who received us and entertained us courteously for three days. And it happened that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and dysentery. Paul went in to him and prayed, and he laid his hands on him and healed him.

Before Paul ministered to him, he prayed. Then he laid hands on him and healed him. Why did he pray first? Perhaps he was asking for a word of wisdom on how to minister healing to the man. Then in obedience to that word of wisdom, he ministered healing to him by the laying on of his hands. Jesus or those early believers never ministered healing by praying and asking God to heal the person.

We Are to "Heal the Sick"

Jesus made it clear that we, like His disciples are to "Heal the sick."

Matthew 10:8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

Healing Through The Laying On Of Hands

We know that we are not ministering healing by our own power or ability. However we now know that it is by the healing power of God that is within us. We, like Jesus are to speak with authority, using short commanding words as we turn on the switch of faith and let the Healing power of the Holy Spirit flow into their bodies.

Mark 16:18b They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.

When we lay hands on the sick, we are making a point of contact. It is like two hot wires coming together so the power can flow. Then we turn on the switch of faith and release the dunamis (dynamite) healing power of the Holy Spirit to flow into the part of their body that needs healing.

Doing the Works of Jesus

John 14:12 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

Jesus work is “complete.” Our “work” has begun. We, like Jesus, are to minister with authority and the power that is within us. Jesus did it as a man filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. If Jesus could do it, we can and must in obedience to Him, say “I can do it too!”

God bless you.

***You too, will see miracles,
miracles, miracles.***

Session Six

MINISTERING IN POWER

Our Goal

There are practical ways to minister in the power of the Holy Spirit. First we must yield ourselves one hundred percent to the Holy Spirit, be hungry for more of God and seek Him wholeheartedly.

Ephesians 4:11,12 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

My job therefore is to equip every believer to do the work of the ministry. To teach every believer on how to minister healing to the sick as they do the works of Jesus.

LED BY THE SPIRIT

In John, we see that Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit as He ministered healing. At the pool of Bethesda there were many that needed healing. However, as Jesus was sensitive to the Holy Spirit, He was led to a certain man. But Jesus did only what He saw His Father doing. We too are to be led by the Holy Spirit to those to whom we are to minister healing.

John 5:1-9 After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had.

Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?"

The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me."

Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

The following are practical guidelines to use in ministering healing to the sick.

- ❖ *When Possible, Stand Directly in Front of the Person Who Has Come for Ministry.*
- ❖ *Ask Them:*

"What are you believing to receive from God right now?" Instead of asking them what is wrong, you are asking the question in such a way as to get them to express their faith. Instead of speaking the problem, you want them to express their faith.

Matthew 9:21,22 for she said to herself, "If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well."

But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, "Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that hour.

❖ *Regardless of Reply*

Your response should be: "That's easy for God!" With God all things are possible.

Matthew 19:26 But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible

Mark 9:23 Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."

❖ *Lay Hands on Them*

Tradition says on the head, but Jesus laid His hands on the part needing healing. Release the healing power of God that is within you directly into the part of their body needing healing..

Mark 16:17a,18b And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will ... lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.

❖ *Visualize*

Visualize the specific part of the body that needs healing receiving the healing power of God flowing into it. Speak boldly and with authority as Jesus did. Expect that there will be a manifestation of that healing in their bodies. Faith is the switch releasing the power of God to flow. Know that "God is working with you."

Mark 16:20 And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs.

Ephesians 3:20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the (dunamis) power that works in us ...

❖ *As a Bold Expression of Faith,*

Ask them to check out their body or do what they couldn't do before. If it was their neck, ask them to move their neck, or bend over and check out their back. If there was pain in their shoulder, ask them to move their shoulder, etc.

James 2:26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

Faith without corresponding actions is dead. Faith is always in action.

❖ *Immediately Ask: "What Happened to the Pain?"*

By asking, "What happened to the pain?" Or what happened to whatever symptom they had in their body, you are making a bold declaration of your faith, knowing that Jesus said if we "lay our hands on the sick, they shall recover."

❖ *Next Ask: "Who Did That for You?"*

"JESUS!" Immediately you want them to give Jesus and not you all of the glory for the manifestation of their healing.

OTHER PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS

Anointing of the Moment

There are numerous ways to minister healing, however laying on of hands is the most frequently used method in the New Testament. As we listen to the Holy Spirit, He will reveal how we are to minister at any given time.

Laying on of hands, like anointing with oil, the use of handkerchiefs, or other cloths, provides a point of contact which can release faith. Cooperate with the anointing of the moment.

Jesus was teaching, but the anointing of the moment shifted and suddenly "the power of God was present to heal the sick." So Jesus stopped teaching and started ministering healing.

Luke 5:17 Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was present to heal them.

Ministering to Many

When there are many people to minister to and the anointing to heal is very strong, usually it's best to move as rapidly as possible without taking time to listen to the specifics of the need. People may try to stop you to gain more attention for themselves. They may do this because they feel their case is harder than others and so will take God more time, but this is evidence of unbelief or pride. Don't let people drain your faith, or quench the strong anointing of the moment. Don't let them stop you. Move in the powerful anointing of the Holy Spirit and lay your hands on as many people as possible in the shortest amount of time during these times when that strong healing anointing comes.

Release Your Faith

When laying your hands on the sick, release your faith for them to be healed, not for them to go under the power, or to be slain in the Spirit.

People can be slain in the Spirit, and fall to the floor under the power of God and still not be healed. Others may be healed without falling under

the power of God. Some are just seeking the experience of being slain in the Spirit and that is what they will receive.

Always release your faith for the person to be healed.

A VARIETY OF WAYS TO MINISTER HEALING

Elders to Anoint with Oil

Oil is a symbol of the Holy Spirit and the prayer of faith will save the sick. The oil is a point of contact. This method of healing is specifically to be used by the elders of the church when they are called upon to do so. This appears to be an effective method of healing when sin has been the open door for Satan to attack with sickness. If sin is the cause, confession of that sin to God is often required for healing to be received. The oil is a point of contact and a symbol of the Holy Spirit but it is faith that receives the manifestation of their healing.

James 5:14-16 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

Jesus' disciples on occasion ministered healing by anointing people with oil.

Mark 6:13 And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them.

Follow the leading of the Holy Spirit. Some times the Spirit leads me to use oil, but more often I minister by the laying on of hands.

The Use of Handkerchiefs

The use of anointed cloths is mentioned only once in the New Testament.

Acts 19:11,12 Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them.

The healing power of the Holy Spirit was transferred from Paul's body to handkerchiefs or aprons and then taken and laid n the bodies of the sick. Illnesses were cured and evil spirits left them. Faith releases the power whether of the person praying, the person carrying it, or the person receiving it. It is the acting out of faith that God will honor. Healing through anointing with oil and anointed cloths is scriptural and valid for today.

It is a valid way of ministering healing to an individual at a distance. They are not to be made a fund-raising gimmick. We must never detract from the power of God.

THE WORDS WE SPEAK

Faith is limited or released by the words we speak. We have learned that faith is the switch that lets the dynamic healing power of the Holy Spirit flow. We also learned that faith is always speaking faith-filled words. We saw the example of the woman with the issue of blood, speaking her faith as she said: "I shall be made well."

There are four categories of faith-filled words which we are to speak in addition to declaring the positive expectancy of our faith. The healing power of God is released when we:

- ❖ *Speak in the Name of Jesus*
- ❖ *Command Demon Spirits of Infirmity to Leave*
- ❖ *Speak Creative Miracles*
- ❖ *Speak the Word of God*

SPEAK IN THE NAME OF JESUS

Is there any special significance in saying the name of Jesus? Is there actually power in speaking that name? The meaning of the name "Jesus" is actually a prayer, "God save us," or a statement "Jehovah is Salvation." There is indeed power in speaking the name of Jesus.

Authority in Name

What authority is in the name of Jesus? All authority in heaven and earth.

Matthew 28:18 Then Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."

Above All Other Names

The name of Jesus is above every name.

Philippians 2:10,11 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Every sickness and disease has a name. Cancer, arthritis, AIDS and cerebral palsy are names. The name of Jesus is above the name of these and all other diseases, and they must bow when in faith we speak, "Jesus!"

Healing Through Name

Early Christians spoke healing in the name of Jesus. Consider again the example of Peter and John when they healed the man, lame from his mother's womb. They did it in the name of Jesus.

Acts 3:4 Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

Faith in His Name

Peter, under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, tells us it is through faith in the name of Jesus that the man was healed.

Acts 3:16 And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

Threatened for Using His Name

As a result of this healing, Peter and John were arrested, held in jail overnight, and threatened by the Jewish leaders saying they mustn't speak in the name of Jesus. The religious leaders recognized the power of the name of Jesus.

Peter boldly answered their questioning about the healing of the lame man by saying:

Acts 4:10 Let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole.

Signs and Wonders In His Name

When Peter and John went back to their people and reported what had happened, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. They ended this prayer with a request for more signs and wonders to be done through the name of Jesus.

Acts 4:29-31 Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus. And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

Do Everything in His Name

In Colossians we are instructed to do everything in the name of Jesus.

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.

Believe in His Name

Mark 16:17,18 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.

There was no punctuation in the original Greek language. We could just as accurately read the following passage:

These signs will follow those who believe in My name:

- ◆ They will drive out demons.
- ◆ They will speak with new tongues.
- ◆ They will take up serpents (the devil).
- ◆ If they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them.
- ◆ They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.

There is authority in the name of Jesus, the name above all names. The early Christians spoke healing in the name of Jesus through faith. Even at the threat of death, Peter emphatically stated that healing was by the name of Jesus.

COMMAND SPIRITS OF INFIRMITY TO LEAVE

Jesus' Ministry

Much of Jesus' healing ministry was accomplished by casting out demon spirits. Even today, many are being delivered of sickness and disease by believers taking authority over those spirits that have been assigned by the enemy to steal, kill, and destroy.

In Luke, we read of a woman who was held in bondage to Satan by a spirit of infirmity.

Luke 13:11-13,16 And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

"So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound—think of it—for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?"

Jesus clearly identifies this spirit of sickness as bondage of Satan.

The word "infirmity" means a sickness or weakness or a disease. A spirit of infirmity is simply a spirit of sickness or weakness. It can be any kind of sickness.

Incurable Illnesses

With God, there are no incurable diseases. Almost all diseases which the doctors describe as "incurable," are caused by demon spirits of infirmity. In ministering to these, we can either speak to the spirits of infirmity, or call them by the function of that spirit, or the specific name of the disease. For example, we speak to the spirits of AIDS, cancer, leukemia, or arthritis. Included in the list of diseases that are usually caused by spirits of infirmity are the following:

- ◆ Aids

All symptoms must leave and the immune system renewed,

◆ Alcohol, tobacco, drug addictions

These addictions can be caused by demonic spirits and commanded to leave.

◆ Allergy

◆ Arthritis

Command the spirit of arthritis to come out!
Encourage the person to action

◆ Asthma

◆ Blindness

◆ Cancer

Listen to the Holy Spirit and follow His directions.

◆ Cerebral palsy

◆ Deafness

◆ Depression

◆ Diabetes

◆ Epilepsy

◆ Infection

◆ Insanity

◆ Leprosy

◆ Leukemia

◆ Lupus

◆ Multiple Sclerosis

◆ Muscular dystrophy

◆ Parkinson's disease

◆ Pain

◆ Palsy

◆ Sclerosis

◆ Tumors

Everywhere you go, you will see miracles, miracles, miracles. God bless you as you go forth in obedience.

Session Seven

MINISTERING THROUGH ACTION AND PRAYER

OUR PART

We have learned in the previous lessons that it's important to understand the Word of God as it relates to healing the sick, the faith switch and releasing our faith, laying on of hands, the point of contact. Keep your eyes open. We are not asking God to do it. Jesus has completed his work and commands us to do the same works He has done. Speak faith filled words with authority as Jesus did.

Binding and Loosing

In dealing with spirits of infirmity, we have been given both authority and instructions for effective ministry.

Matthew 16:19 "And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Binding

To bind means to constrain, to tie up, or to limit the ability to act. For example:

"I bind you Satan over this person's body..." Speak to the spirit of cancer. I bind you spirit of cancer... I command you to come out in the name of Jesus."

Loosing

To loose means to release the person from the bondage of the disease.

Luke 13:12b "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity."

Blindness

Eyes can be restored to sight, just as Jesus did.

Cerebral Palsy

They can be completely healed by the power of God. We bind the spirit of death because there are certain cells of their brain lacking life and activity. We command the nerves to transfer the signals from the brain to the various muscles and organs to respond normally. Stand them on their feet and command them to walk in the name of Jesus.

Deafness

We have seen many deaf children instantly healed when we command the spirit of deafness to come out in the name of Jesus.

Command the Spirits of Each of the Following Diseases to Come Out in the Name of Jesus.

- ◆ Depression
- ◆ Diabetes
- ◆ Infection
- ◆ Insanity
- ◆ Leukemia
- ◆ Multiple Sclerosis
- ◆ Multiple Dystrophy
- ◆ Palsy
- ◆ Tumor

Speaking to the Mountain

Many times, parts of bodies are missing through accidents, surgery, birth defects, or deteriorating diseases. We can minister miracles by “speaking to the mountain” of the disease and commanding new parts to form by speaking the creative power of God’s Word.

Mark 11:23 For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will come to pass, he will have whatever he says.

“That’s easy with God.” Jesus said we will have whatever we say. God is a Creator and spoke the universe into being. We have seen hands grow back onto arms, empty eye sockets replaced with seeing eyes. We are not hoping. We are speaking to that mountain of disease. We speak as having authority.

Matthew 19:26 But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

Mark 9:23 Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.”

Ephesians 1:19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power?

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Just believe that Jesus told the truth and speak the word of God.

Speak the Word Only

When the centurion came to Jesus and asked that his servant be healed, he knew the power of authority and of words. He said to Jesus, “Only speak a word, and my servant will be healed.”

Matthew 8:5-10 Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, “Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented.”

And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him."

The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!"

Matthew 8:13 Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.

Romans 10:8-10 But what does it say? "The word is near you, even in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes to righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made to salvation

Listen to Word

When we begin to speak the word, God will accomplish His purpose.

Proverb 4:20 My son, give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings.

GOD'S PART

God's Word will not return void

Isaiah 55:10, 11 "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

So we command a healing. Faith brings it from the realm of the spirit into the natural world. We visualize it occurring, declare it. Do not ask if they feel better? That is not faith. Ask them to demonstrate the healing in some way.

All things are possible

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worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places.

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

OVERCOMING FEAR

Fear of failure or even shyness isn't from God. It will keep us from doing all that God has planned for our lives. Abnormal fear is a spirit of fear sent from Satan to hinder us from obeying God.

2 Timothy 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

To act on God's Word, we must overcome the fear of failure, and never be fearful for our reputation if a miracle doesn't happen. If Jesus gave up His reputation for us, why should we be concerned about ours?

Philippians 2:7 But made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a servant, and coming in the likeness of men.

Never ask yourself, "But what if nothing happens?" Ask instead, "What if I obey and they do receive their healing?"

Take Action – Exercise Your Faith

Jesus said that the works that He did we shall do also.

John 14:12 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

Encourage the One to Whom You Minister to Take Action

Jesus encouraged those for whom he prayed to act on their faith. Act on the word of God.

Mark 3:5b He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored as whole as the other.

Jesus told another man to pick up his bed and walk.

Matthew 9:6,7 "But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" - then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." And he arose and departed to his house.

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

Upper Back

- ❖ *Have them stand with their toes even across.*
- ❖ *Have them keep their arms straight and spread them out palms forward*
- ❖ *Have them keep them stretched out as they bring them forward and clamp the palms of their hands together.*

- ❖ *Have them bend their elbows to see the length of their arms at the ends of their fingers so they can see the difference in the length of their arms.*
- ❖ *Have them repeat the previous four steps but this time don't touch their palms together – just a pencil width apart.*
- ❖ *Place one hand with palm facing upward, under and touching their extended hands, keeping their eyes opened to see the adjustment.*
- ❖ *Release the power of God to flow into them as you command the vertebrae, disk, muscles and tendons to come into perfect alignment and function.*
- ❖ *When the adjustment is complete and the movement stops, have them put their arms down, move their upper back around and ask them “What happened to the pain” “Who did that for you” “Jesus” then give Him the praise!*

Ministry Happens Everywhere We Go

Healing is not limited to a church, or a healing crusade. You can do the works of Jesus everywhere you go because He said everyone who believed in His name would do His works.

Session Eight

Practical Help for Ministering Healing

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

Upper Back

In Lesson Seven – It isn't just about being free of the pain in the back. Pinched nerves are not getting good signals from the brain to organs and muscles. Health improves as the nervous system is able to function normally.

Lower Back

- ❖ *Have them sit with their hips all the way to the back of the chair*
- ❖ *Lift up their legs gently, slowly and not uncomfortably high with your fingers under their ankles.*
- ❖ *Put your thumbs over the top of the ankles and place on the center of the ankle bone. If the thumb nails are directly facing each other, the legs are the same length.*
- ❖ *“In the name of Jesus “I command the vertabrae, the discs, the muscles and the tendons to come in perfect alignment and normal function right now in the name of Jesus.”*
- ❖ *When the legs are the same length, put their legs down.*
- ❖ *Ask them to stand and move around, bend over doing whatever caused pain previously.*
- ❖ *Ask them what happened to the pain. Who did that for you? Praise Jesus!*

Neck

- ❖ *Put your index finger on the top vertabrae and each lower finger on the next lower vertebrae.*
- ❖ *Put your thumb on the TMJ joint – the hinge point of the jaw.*
- ❖ *The inside of your fingers will be touching the neck over the carotid artery.*
- ❖ *“I command in the name of Jesus that each vertabrae, discs, muscles, and tendons come into perfect alignment and function normally in the name of Jesus.”*
- ❖ *Gently move the head up and down, and to each side as you are speaking and releasing the power of God to flow.*
- ❖ *Give all the praise to Jesus.*

Pelvic Area

The pelvic bones are joined with cartilage at the sacrum, a flat bone at the end of the spinal column. Below it is the tail bone, or coccyx. Many people have a misalignment in this area. The pelvic bones may be turned out or

in. The hips fit into the sockets of the pelvic bones. Reproductive organs are also in this area and may be mal-functioning. If the sciatic nerve is being pinched, pain may extend down one leg. This is called sciatica. The pelvic bones may be twisted in or out causing one to be bow-legged or knock kneed

- ❖ *Ask, "What are you believing to receive from God?"*
- ❖ *Put your hands on the pelvic bone, If they are of the other sex, have them put their hands on their pelvic bones and you put your hand upon their hands.*
- ❖ *Rebuke the spirit of sciatica in the name of Jesus.*
- ❖ *"In the name of Jesus I command the sacrum and the pelvic bones to come into perfect alignment and to function normally." The body will often move in various directions as God aligns the bones.*
- ❖ *Have them move around to check themselves.*
- ❖ *Ask what happened to the pain.*
- ❖ *Praise the name of Jesus.*

Head Not Properly Centered on the Neck

The base of the skull is not centered over the neck and spinal column.

- ❖ *Gently cradle the person's head in your hands with a little "up" pressure.*
- ❖ *"I command in Jesus name that the neck come into perfect alignment with the base of the skull so the brain stem aligns perfectly with the spinal column. I command that normal function be restored. I release the power of God to flow into them right now.'*
- ❖ *Move your neck around. 'What happened to the pain?"*
- ❖ *Praise the Lord. It is fun to do the works of Jesus.*
- ❖ *Remember when Jesus sent his disciples out. They returned with great joy.*

Luke 10:17 Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."

Stroke

The blood is temporarily cut off from one side of their brain. It is usually caused by a blood clot A part of the brain did not receive oxygen for a period of time. If a stroke has affected the right hemisphere of the brain, that area controls the left side of the body. The opposite is true for the left hemisphere of the brain. Some of the brain cells may have died due to lack of oxygen. Depending on how long the lack of blood flow lasted, various parts are affected in various degrees. There may be a lack of

feeling, a numbness of the affected areas, total or limited immobility. Whatever the situation, fixing it is easy for God.

- ❖ *Have them sit down. Stand in front of them and place your hand on the opposite side of their head from the affected part, hand, leg or face, or whatever.*
- ❖ *“I command the spirit of death to leave the body.” I say this because some brain cells may have died.*
- ❖ *“In the name of Jesus, I command new brain cells to be restored to this brain. I command the brain to send normal signals and I command the nerves to transmit those signals to the proper part of the body. I command the organs and muscles to receive those signals and to respond properly.” Muscles may have become weak, so I command the fingers to move as they receive the signal from the brain. I move the fingers and I ask them to move their own fingers, then the wrist, then the elbow and the shoulder. Then I start with the toes, the ankle, knee, hip until their appendages are responding to the brain signals. When they have responded in each area I command in the name of Jesus stand up, now walk with me.*

Cerebral Palsy Is Similar

In this case both sides of the brain are affected, but the prayer is very similar to praying for a stroke victim speaking to both sides of the brain.

Blindness.

In the name of Jesus command the spirit of blindness to leave. Eyes be opened in the name of Jesus.

Deafness

I command you deaf spirit to come out in the name of Jesus

Deaf and Mute

I command you deaf and mute spirit to come out in the name of Jesus. Always give the glory to Jesus.

Tinnitus

I picture a wire, frayed on the end so that it doesn't make a solid connection and transfer signals. Static or ringing may result..

I command the spirit of death to leave and the nerve endings to attach properly in the name of Jesus

Damaged Ear Drum

Speak a new ear drum

Vision Problems

Cataracts

"I command the micro-capillaries to open and the fluid to flow normally in the name of Jesus. I command in the name of Jesus that the eye tissues be restored to normal function."

Far Sighted Or Near Sighted

The muscles that control the eye have changed their focal length, too long or too short. "I Command in the name of Jesus that these eyes come into alignment and the focus be restored to normal."

Glaucoma

"I command in Jesus name that the spirit of glaucoma leave and the pressure become normal within this eye."

Retina

If the retina is damaged or missing, I command in the name of Jesus that a new retina be restored and function normally.

Wheel Chairs

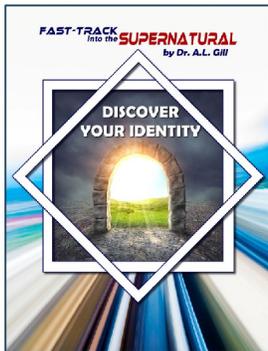
- ❖ *Ask, what are you believing to receive from God right now? Now you know where their faith is.*
- ❖ *"That is easy for God."*
- ❖ *Put the pedals back so they can reach the floor.*
- ❖ *Command the part of their body that is not functioning to be restored in the name of Jesus.*
- ❖ *Do not pick them up.*
- ❖ *Extend your hand to balance and steady them as they rise up and walk.*
- ❖ *Follow the leading of God, Jesus is working with you.*
- ❖ *Jesus is the one doing the work. Explain that it is Jesus that has healed them.*
- ❖ *If they are unsaved, lead them to the Lord and into the baptism of the Holy Spirit.*

**You are stepping out of the boat.
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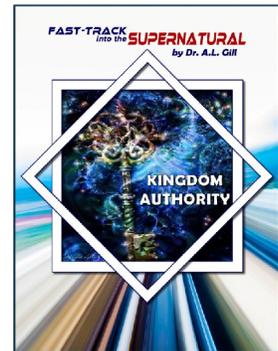
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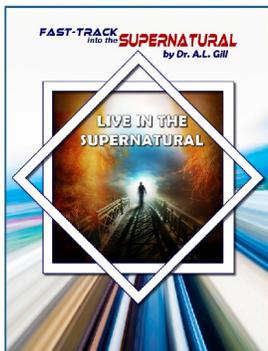
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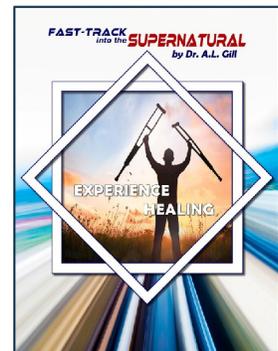
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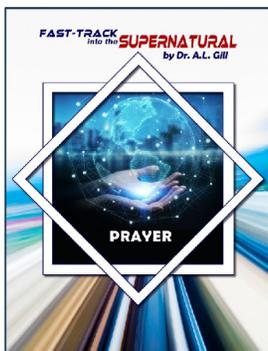
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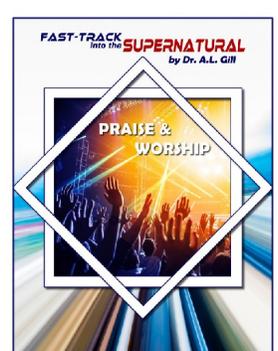
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