

GOD WILL HEAL YOU

Outline

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The focus of this lesson is on the provision God has made for our healing and health through the sacrifice of Christ. A proper understanding of the material presented in this lesson is essential to the believer who desires to enjoy health and long life in the service of God. Walking in health is a witness to the world of God's goodness and power at work in His people.

LESSON OUTLINE

THE SCRIPTURAL BASIS FOR DIVINE HEALING
THE ORIGIN AND NATURE OF SICKNESS
GOD'S WILL AND HEALING
METHODS OF RECEIVING DIVINE HEALING
WHEN GOD DOESN'T SEEM TO ANSWER

LESSON OBJECTIVES

When you finish this lesson you should be able to:

- Know the source of sickness
- Know it is God's will to heal you
- Know how to receive and minister healing
- Know what to do if healing is not forthcoming

A WEEK IN THE WORD

1. Exodus 15:26
2. Deuteronomy 7:15
3. Isaiah 53:4-6
4. Matthew 8:16-17
5. Psalm 91:10
6. 1 Peter 2:24
7. Mark 16:17-20

A. THE SCRIPTURAL BASIS FOR HEALING

1. THE PERSON OF GOD (God is good)

Goodness is an attribute of the Person of God as is revealed in creation. When God created the heavens and earth, disease, sickness and weakness did not exist. The Bible says that everything that God made was very good (Gen 1:31) (revelation of the person & character of God. He is good). Man was created in the image and likeness of God (Gen 1:26) and was free from sickness and disease. God's intention was that man should live a pure healthy life on earth forever. We are told that Jesus Christ "went about doing good and healing ... " in his earthly

ministry. (Acts 10:38) Jesus was the exact representation of the invisible God while on earth. (Heb. 1:3) "If you have seen me you have seen the Father." (John 14:9). The eternal goodness and purpose of God was seen in Christ as He fulfilled the will of the Father in every act of healing (John 6:17-20) (Jesus said that its God working in him). Scripture reveals that sickness is an enemy of man that destroys the creation of God and is inconsistent with the nature of God.

Read Psalm 107:8,15,21,31. What are we told to praise God for?

Read Acts 10:38 What were the "good" works that Jesus did?

Read Romans 2:4 What attributes lead man to repentance?

Read Ephesians 5:9 What attribute does the Spirit produce in us?

2. THE PROMISE OF GOD

When God brought Israel out of Egypt, He made an agreement (covenant) with them regarding their need of physical healing and health. God promised that if the Israelites would serve Him in the earth that He would take sickness away from their midst (healing) and fulfill the number of their days (health) (A covenant of healing).

(Ex. 23:25-26) After crossing the Red Sea and journeying in the wilderness for three days they found water that was bitter and could not drink it. God showed Moses a tree (symbolized cross) and told Him to cut it down and cast it in and the water would be healed. Afterward, God initiated His covenant of healing using the title of Jehovah Rapha, meaning "the Lord our Healer". God's promise to Israel also foreshadowed the work of Christ on Calvary where healing would be provided for Jew and Gentile alike. The tree Moses cut down and threw into the water symbolized the cross where Jesus bore our sickness and carried our diseases (Isa. 53:4-6). Cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree (Gal. 3: 13). When Moses was telling the people of God's plan for them once inside the promised land, he reiterated the promise of healing. It was God's will that they should be free from all the sickness they had known in Egypt (Deut. 7:15). Egypt is a type of the world under the dominion of Satan (Pharaoh), and sickness is their reward for service under the cruel taskmaster. However, God has promised total protection from all the diseases on earth for them who live obediently and put their trust in God (Psalm 91:10).

Read Psalm 103:2-3 v. 4 What is the benefit (reward) for trusting God?

Read Psalm 91:16 What does God promise to satisfy us with? Long-Life

Read Exodus 15:26. What does God declare Himself to be?

3. THE PROVISION OF GOD

God has made provision for our healing through the substitutionary work of Christ on Calvary. Just as "surely" as He has borne our sin, He has also borne our sickness' (Isa. 53:4-6)

Both of the words used in these verses (translated griefs and sorrows) are Hebrew words meaning SICKNESS-KHOLEE and PAIN-MAKOB. When Matthew quoted these verses from Isaiah, he used them to explain why Jesus healed all that were sick.

(Matt. 8:16-17) The Hebrew word for "borne" is "nasa" and means to take upon oneself as a vicarious substitute. The word for "carried" is "sabal" and means to bear something as a penalty. Christ not only bore our sins to the cross, but He bore the penalty as well. "Who His own self bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we being dead to sin, should live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye were healed" (1 Peter 2:24). The word "stripes-molops" means a blow or mark. When Jesus was lashed with the cat-o-nine tails by the burly Roman soldier, His flesh was torn as the price for our healing. Notice the verb Peter uses is past tense, "were" healed, indicating a finished work.

When the priest laid his hands on the scapegoat and sent him into the wilderness (Lev. 16:10), it typified Christ who would also carry away our sins as far as the east is from the west. Regarding our sickness. Matthew says "Himself TOOK our infirmities and carried our diseases," Matt. 8: 17. God has provided righteousness for our sinfulness, and healing for our sickness, we can now declare on the authority of His Word that "We are righteous and We are healed."

Read Isaiah 53:4-6 What do the words "Sorrow" and "grief" mean?

Read 1 Peter 2:24 What was provided through the "stripes of Jesus?"

B. THE ORIGIN AND NATURE OF SICKNESS

1. SATAN THE ORIGINATOR

The answer to the question "How did sickness enter the world" is found in Romans 5:12.

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for all have sinned." Physical death and all that produces it are the result of sin.

But how came man to sin? The Bible tells us in Genesis 2:17 and Genesis 3: 1-19 that it was Satan who caused our first parents to disobey God. Then Satan is the real originator of sin, sickness and death. This explains why Christ said to the man He cured at the pool of Bethesda (Jn 5:14) "Sin no more lest a worse thing come upon thee." His sickness had come as a result of sin. Again in Mark 2:9-11, Jesus said, "Whether is easier to say to the sick of the palsy, thy sins be forgiven thee, or to say, arise, and take up thy bed and walk? But that ye may know that the son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (He saith to the sick of the palsy) I say unto thee, arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thy house."

The people would not believe that Christ had power to forgive this man's sins, so He said to them, in effect, "I will now prove to you that I have the power to forgive sins by curing this palsy, which is one of the consequences of sin. When you see that I can cure or take away this sin produced disease, then you will know that I can take away sin itself."

We know that Satan is the originator of sickness because Peter said that all the sick ones that Jesus healed were under the domination or lordship of Satan. "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power who went about doing good healing all that were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him." (Acts 10:38). The word "oppressed" in this verse is from the Greek word "katadunasteuo" kata meaning "down under" and dunasteuo, "I hold power or lordship."

Another proof that Satan is behind sickness and disease is that Jesus always uses the same harsh word, "epitimaō" to rebuke sickness as He uses to rebuke evil spirits, In Luke 4:35 we read, "And Jesus rebuked him (the evil spirit in the man) saying, "Hold thy peace, and come out of him, Then in Luke 4:39 in regards to sickness we read, "and He stood over her (Simion's wife's mother) and rebuked the fever; and it left her." Every sickness, disease and deformity Christ cured while on earth was the result of Satans work.

Read Romans 5:12, How did death and all its results, including sickness, enter the earth?

Read John 8:44, What are two characteristics of Satans nature?

What does the Greek word "katadunasteuo" mean in Acts 1 0:38?

2. SATAN THE PROPAGATOR

Not only is Satan the originator of sickness, but he is also the propagator of it, for the Bible tells us that he has evil spirits whose chief business it is to make people in body and mind.

In Luke 13:11 we read, "And behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years and was bowed together (bent double) and could in no wise lift up herself." Verse 16 informs us that this was Satans work: And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, 10 these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" In verse 11 the word for" infirmity" is "Astheneia" the most common word in the Greek language for sickness. Actually, this woman had a "spirit of sickness" one of Satan's agents sent into this world to propagate on the human race. When Jesus commanded the spirit to loose her it did.

The Bible tells us that Satan has a "deaf and dumb" spirit, saying unto him. "Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him," Jesus tells devils what they can and cannot do.

(Mk 9:25) This is why Paul says, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Eph 6:12. Among this army of demons are included unclean spirits (morally filthy) that pollute mens minds and spirits of sickness that attack mens bodies with disease and infirmity.

Jesus told us how to deal with these forces of darkness in Luke 10: 18, "Behold I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall by any means hurt you" Again in Mark 16:17 "And these signs shall follow them that believe in my name shall they case out devils." If you are a spirit filled believer you have power and authority to cast out devils and heal the sick.

Read Luke 13: 11-16. What was the cause of this woman's condition?

Read Mark 16:15-20. What are the signs to follow believers?

Read Luke 4:36 What two things operated in Jesus' life to cast out devils?

Read Luke 10:19 What has Jesus given to believers?

3. THE NATURE OF SICKNESS

Sickness is satanic because it is destructive to man. The Bible tells us that "the thief cometh not but for to steal and to kill and to destroy," speaking of the works of the devil. Sickness is not a work of love and God is love but rather a work of hatred against humanity and therefore reflects the nature of Satan (Jn 8:44).

One noted Evangelist of a former generation explained the spiritual nature of sickness as follows: Every disease has a life, a germ that causes it to grow. That evil life in the germ did not come from God because it kills and destroys human life. It is that evil life or spirit of infirmity that leaves it, dies and returns to the dust, as the disease, when the spirit of infirmity is cast out, dies and disappears.

C. GOD'S WILL AND HEALING

1. THE WRITTEN WILL OF GOD

It is vitally important to those in need of healing to have a full understanding of God's will to heal them. Nearly everyone knows that God does heal some, but much in modern theology leaves many unsure of God's willingness to heal all. It is impossible to claim the blessing of God where the will of God is not known, as is illustrated in the case of the leper in Matthew 8:1- "And behold there came a leper and worshipped Him saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth His hand and touched him, saying I will, be thou clean." Knowing God "Can" is not sufficient for a full exercise of faith, we must know that God "will" heal all that come to Him in faith.

God desires to make His will known to us in regards to healing and all redemptive blessings as is revealed through the inspired prayers of Apostle Paul. "For this cause we also since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding." God's will is made known through His written word to us which records all of His promised blessings.

The question we should ask, rather than "Is it God's will to heal me? Would be, "Its it God's promise. "God is not a man, that He should lie; neither the son of man, that He should repent; hath He said, and shall He not do it? Or hath He spoken and shall He not make it good?"

Healing is just as much a part of the plan of redemption as salvation the Holy Spirit and heaven as your eternal home. Isaiah 53:4 Amp Pay attention to the world surely - not maybe. It is a fact v 10 - It was God's will that Jesus be bruised. It was the definite will of God that Jesus bare all sickness and disease - His purpose was to free mankind from it. V11 "Amplified- God will see the fruit of Jesus travail and be satisfied. It does not satisfy God to see sickness and disease on believers today. He was satisfied when sickness and disease was laid on Jesus. The fruit of Salvation, healing, love, joy peace, kingdom ...

Consider Gods promise to the sinner; "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." What about the thirsting saint; "If any man thirst, let him come unto Me and drink. He that believeth on Me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water-" Shall God not also keep His promise to the sick one; "Is ANY sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save (heal) the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up."

Read 2 Corinthians 1 :20. What does this verse say about the promises of God?

Read Matthew 8:5-7. How did Jesus reply when informed of the centurions sick servant?

2. THE REVEALED WILL OF GOD

Jesus said, "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work," Jn 4:34) We could say that Jesus was the will of God in action, or the revealed will of God because He demonstrated the will of God in His early life. He said, "I seek not mine own will but the will of Him that sent me," (Jn 5:30) Again in John 6:38, "For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of Him that sent me." Jesus always acted on behalf of His Father in heaven and fully expressed the wished (will) of the Father. Jesus came to reveal God's will in everything He did and every word He spoke was what his Father said.

To the Pharisees He said, "Many good works have I shewed you from my father," Jn 10:32 And "Verily, verily I say unto you, the son can do nothing of himself, but what He seeth the Father do; for what things soever He doeth, these also doesth the son likewise." (In 5:19)

Then every healing and miracle performed by Christ was an expression of Father's will, which tells us that God desires to heal all that were sick, because Jesus went about doing good healing ALL that were oppressed of the devil. We can gain a full understanding of the will of God concerning healing by reading the written word of God, and by looking at the life of Christ in the gospel accounts since God "hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son" (Heb 1:2).

Read 1 John 3:8b What is the "will of God" in this verse?

Read Matthew 11 :4-5 What are the devils works in these verses?

3. CHANGING GOD'S WILL (we must be very careful in this.)

Malachi 3:6 says "I am the Lord and I change not." God is an unchanging God and has revealed Himself to be Jehovah Rapha meaning, "I am the Lord that healeth thee." No one in any age has been authorized to change God's name to "I was the Lord that healeth thee." He remains the same "great physician" throughout all ages (Heb 13:8)

The greatest cause of doubt and unbelief rearding God's will in healing in the world today, results from failure on the part of His followers to do His works Mk 9: 14-24 The father of the demoniac child was disillusioned because the disciples of Jesus could not cast the devil out of his son. When he came to Jesus he said, "If thou canst do anything" to which Jesus replied, "If thou canst believe all things are possible to him that believeth." Vs 23 Jesus proved it was still God's will to heal even when the disciples could not deliver because of their unbelief. The same holds true today,when the church is unable to "do his works" because of unbelief, it does not reflect any unwillingness on God's part to heal and deliver the people.

When the believers of today "do the works of Jesus" Jn 14: 12-14 there will be no doubt about God's will to heal because we will be "proving" the will of God Rom 12:2 as Jesus did when He was on earth. Therefore, the greatest cure for unbelief and failure to receive healing is for the Spirit-empowered church of Jesus Christ to preach, teach and perform the will of God as Jesus commanded in the great commission of Mar 16:17-20 and Luke 9:1,2,6.

Read Hebrews 13:8 What does this verse tell about Jesus?

Read Mark 16:17-20 List things believers are told to do?

Read Exodus 15:26 By what name does God reveal Himself?

D. METHODS OF RECEIVING DIVINE HEALING

1. HEALING INITIATED BY GOD

There are two categories of healing in the Word of God which are: 1. Healing as the Spirit wills through gifts of the Spirit. 2. Healing as the believer wills through their own faith. First let us consider healing initiated by God.

God has anointed some with "gifts of the Spirit" to minister healing. 1 Corinthians 12:7-11 lists the nine supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit and tells us that they operate as the Spirit wills. Since the gifts only operate as the Spirit wills, healing in that sense would be initiated by God who willed the gift to manifest at that point in time. Healing through gifts of the spirit is generally in God's time and place since He governs their operation .

The "word of knowledge" (1 Cor. 12:8) may reveal a condition in a persons body which when coupled by "gifts of healing" (1 Cor. 12:9) will result in a miracle of healing. The office of evangelist (Eph. 4:11) is equipped with gifts of healing as is recorded. When Jesus chose the twelve apostles, He equipped them with authority and power to cure diseases. They had the gifts of the Spirit in operation for this deliverance ministry (Lk. 9:1-2).

When God anoints a ministry and sends them to preach and heal, many of the healings will be initiated by God through the anointed vessel and may not even require faith on the part of the one being delivered. An illustration of "gift ministry" healing "as the spirit wills," is found in Luke 7:11-15. "Now when He came nigh to the gate of the city, behold there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city were with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her, and said unto her, "Weep not." And He came and touched the beir; and they that bare him stood still, And He said, "Yound man, I say unto thee, arise, And he that was dead set up and began to speak."

The Holy Spirit in Jesus initiated this miracle and through the gift of faith and gifts of healing, this young man was raised. Obviously this young man could not exercise faith for himself, so God exercised His faith for him. The gifts of healing would have been needed in this case to heal the cause of the mans death to start with.

In Acts 3:1-9, we have the case of the man who was lame from birth. He was not expecting (faith) anything from God, only money from Peter and John as they came to the temple to pray. However, when the Spirit moved upon Peter, the man received much more than he expected. "The Peter said, "Silver and gold have I none: but such as I have give I unto thee: In the name of Jesus Christ rise up and walk." And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up (gift of faith) and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength" (Gk-dunamis, "miracle power" No doubt these two men of God had passed this beggar many times on the way into the temple, but never ministered to him until the Spirit manifested Himself as God willed at that moment. This explains why believers do not go into hospitals and begin pulling people out of wheelchairs, this type of ministry is as the Spirit of God directs.

The Bible tells us to "Desire spiritual gifts" and "covet earnestly the best gifts" (1 Cr. 14: 1; 12:31), All believers who lived consecrated lives of prayer, and who are yielded to the Spirit may be used by God to manifest the supernatural power of God.

Therefore we should realize that God will initiate healing through the gifts as He wills, but that in cases where God has not chosen to manifest gifts of the Spirit, it is not an indication that He does not want to heal, but rather that healing be appropriated by the faith of the individual who understands the Word of God. Read 1 Corinthians 12:7-11, List the nine supernatural gifts.

Who governs their operation? (Vs. 11)

Read Acts 5: 14-16 How were people being healed?

Read Acts 19:11-12. Who wrought these miracles by Paul's hands?

2. HEALING THROUGH THE INDIVIDUALS FAITH

Many godly saints have not received healing simply because they were waiting for God to initiate healing through the gifts of the Spirit as a sign that it was His will to heal them. As we discussed earlier this could be due to a lack of knowledge of the Word (written will) of God,. But once a believer is convinced from the Word of God that healing is God's will for them, they are on grounds to initiate healing through their own faith. (healing is always available for us.)

Of the nineteen cases of healing recorded in the gospel; twelve were a result of the individuals faith. (Matt. 8:1-3; 9:18-26; 27-29; 15:14-28; Lk 5:18-20; 17: 11-19). We will discuss the nature of faith later in the lesson because God hath dealt to "every man the measure of faith" (Rom. 12:3). Since faith is given to every believer, and healing is obtained through faith, then every believer can be healed by exercising their own faith in the Word of God. This relieves God of any accusation of being a "respector of persons" since He has given to all the means whereby healing can be obtained.

There are a number of methods by which a person may be healed.

A. Use the name of Jesus against the devil.

Use the name of Jesus against the devil. We have the authority because of the covenant Jesus' blood has established for us. Demand in the name of Jesus that sickness and disease leave," And whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the son. If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it," (In 14:13-14). The word "ASK" in this verse actually has the stronger meaning of "DEMAND" (alted (ahc-kh-o) call for, crave desire, require) In the original Greek. Jesus said "Whatsoever you demand in my name, I will do it." This is demanding the Devil to leave as the representative of Jesus Christ in that situation. luke 10:17 says, "Even the devils are subject (obey) to us in thy name." Jesus was not talking about prayer to the Father in this verse but actually using "His name" in ministry to the oppressed.

B. Pray to the Father in Jesus Name.

"And in that day ye shall ask me (Jesus) nothing. Verily, Verily, I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, He will give it to you," (In. 16:23). This is a prayer of petition by the child of God to his heavenly Father which will be granted because it is authorized by the Son, Jesus.

C. Agree in prayer on the basis of Matthew 18:19

"If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven." It only takes two believers to agree that "it is done" and the Father will do it, says Jesus. Many times people have placed faith in the number of people they have asked to pray with them over a matter, however, more people does not always mean more faith. Jesus said it only takes the faith of two to stand in agreement until victory is manifested.

D. Anoint with oil in accordance with James 5:14

"Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the "prayer of faith" shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed any sins, they shall be forgiven him." The inference here is "if" there are any sick among you. The early church knew that "by His stripes ye were healed" and expected believers to walk in that light. However, in the case of young believers and erring saints the faith of others was needed and encouraged to be called for.

E. Receive healing through the laying on of hands.

"they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover," (Mark 16:18) In the great commission, Jesus said that believers would lay hands on the sick and they will recover. We are the believers of today and can act upon this promise and see sick ones healed.

F. The Lord's Supper (I Cor. 11 :23-26).

The emblems of the Passover meal are symbolic of the body and blood of Jesus. In regards to healing and forgiveness, which always go hand and hand in the Bible (Ps. 103:2-3; 1 Pet, 2:24), the emblems are points of contact by which we release our faith and acknowledge that the work of substitution is accomplished and that we are forgiven and healed.

G. Know that healing belongs to you.

The best method by which you can be healed is to know yourself from the Word of God that "by His stripes we were healed" (1 Pet. 2:24), When we know that we have been made righteous in Christ (2 Cor. 5:21), we refuse to allow condemnation to reign over us. We resist the suggestions of Satan to make us believe that we are less than accepted by God (Eph. 1 :6). Likewise, when we know that He Himself "took" our infirmities, and that by His stripes ye "were" healed, we resist the devil's attempt to put unlawful sickness upon us (Jam. 4:7).

All of these various methods can be employed by the believer to initiate his healing because God watches over His word to perform it. (Jer.1 :12).

Read Roman s 12:3, Who has faith?

Read Mark 5:34, By whose faith was this woman healed?

Read Acts 14:7-11. What did Paul perceive that the lame man had?

E. WHEN GOD DOESN'T SEEM TO ANSWER

In view of God's many promises to hear and answer prayer (1 Pet. 3:10-12; 1 Jn. 5:14-15; Matt. 7:7-11), when results are not forthcoming, the following check list is suggested to uncover the delay in answers.

1. Check your heart.

"If I regard iniquity in my heart the Lord will not hear my prayer," (Ps. 66:18). We must be sure that we are walking in love, because a step out of love is a step into sin. "Own no man anything but to love one another, for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law," (Rom 13:8) The Apostle of Love told us in 1 John 3:22-23, "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. And this is His commandment, that we believe on His Son Jesus Christ and love one another."

2. Check your promises.

The next step is to make sure that we are praying according to God's word. Faith cannot be based on feelings or experiences of any kind. Ask yourself, "What scripture have I based my prayer on?" Prayer according to God's word is prayer according to God's will. John tells us, "And this is the confidence that we have Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He heareth us: And if know that He heareth us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petition that we desire of Him," (1Jn. 5:14-15).

3. Check your faith.

Understanding the nature of faith is vital to answered prayer. Hebrews 11: 1 says, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen," and the Amplified Bible adds, "Faith perceives as real fact that which is not yet revealed to senses." Actually faith is a sixth sense which comes from the heart of man while the five physical senses come from the body. With our physical senses, we perceive material realities, while heart faith perceives spiritual realities. "While we look not at things which are seen, but at things which are unseen, for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are unseen are eternal," (2 Cor. 4:18).

Faith is believing we "have" something we cannot see or feel. Jesus told Thomas in John 20:27. "Be not faithless but believing" because Thomas wanted some evidence from the senses before he would believe the word of Jesus. When Jesus told the lepers to "go show yourself to the priests," they were expected to believe they "had" what they could not see or feel because the law of the leper required them to show themselves to the priest only "after" they were cleansed (Lk. 17:11-17)

When Jesus taught His disciples about faith in Mark 11 :24 He said "Whatsoever things you desire when you desire them when you pray believe you receive them and you shall have them." You must believe you receive then when you pray, not when you see and feel them. Jesus had cursed the fig tree and said "No man eat fruit from thee hereafter forever." He believed it was done when he said it even before he could see any evidence in the natural realm. He did not stand there to see if the tree would dry up, but went on his way until the next

day. Passing by the fig tree again on the return trip, the disciples were amazed when they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. Jesus then explained that it was the result of faith in operation. (mk 11 :22-24) The nature of faith is to put your answer to your prayer in past tense and to believe that it is done before you see any proof in the sense realm. Nothing else is faith because faith is the evidence of things not seen.

4. Check your words.

Jesus said to the Syrophenecian woman in Mark 7:29 " For this saying go thy way the devil is gone out of thy daughter." Faith is in two places in your heart and in your mouth Roman 10:8 What you say reveals what you believe in your heart for out of the abundance of the mouth the heart speaks. Paul said in 2 Cor. 4 :13 "We having the same spirit of faith according as it is writtem, I believe and therefore I have spoken; we also believe and therefore we speak." If we believe God has answered our prayer then we must say He has done it" for with the heart a man believeth and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (healing is implied greek). This is following in the steps of the faith of Abraham who "callecth those things that be not as though they were." Roman 4:17-20 Many healings have been lost because of speaking doubt and unbelief after prayer was made. "Let us hold fast the confession of our faith without wavering, faithful is he that promised. He also will bring it to pass." Heb 10:23)

5. Check your patience.

Many times folks think they do not have enough faith but actually it is patient endurance that is needed. Hebrews 6:11-12 says "And we desire that everyone of you do show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the Lord. That ye be not slothful but followers of them who through patience and faith inherit the promises. " It takes patience to continue in faith until you see the results of believing." We must not cast away the confidence that God has heard your prayer and that you HAVE the thing you desire of Him, then you will carry away to the Fullest that which is promised. (Hebres 10:35-36, AMP) Patience is the ability to remain the same even under trial, that is what James meant when he said the "trying of your faith worketh patience." We learn to maintain right believing, talking and action while we are waiting for the manifestation of the answer.

After we have checked our heart, promise, faith, words and patience and find all in order, results shall be forthcoming. God's word cannot return unto Him void (without fulfillment) declares Isaiah 55:8-11

Read Romans 4:17-20, What did Abraham refuse to consider in vs. 19?

What was his faith based on in vs. 18?

What does it mean to be fully persuaded?

KEYWORDS

Oppression

Jehovah Rapha

Dunamis

DEFINITION

-to be under the domination or lordship of

-I am the lord that healeth thee

-power