

WORD OF TRUTH BIBLE STUDY

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PRINCIPLES OF HEALING

LESSON 8

Required Bible Reading: Isaiah 53:4-10; Matthew 8; 1 Peter 2; Jeremiah 31:31; Ezekiel 11:19; Acts 10; Luke 13; John 10; 1 John 3:8; Exodus chapters 15; 23:25,26; Deuteronomy 7:13-15; Psalm chapters 103 & 107; James 5; Galatians 3.

It is the will of God for you to be healed, **ALWAYS**, according to the scriptures. In this lesson we will discuss this point as well as where sickness comes from and how it is provided for the believer in both the Old and New Testaments.

God's nature has never changed! In order to understand that God has provided healing for every believer, we must find out the will of God. The Bible states that "out of the mouth of two or more witnesses shall every word be established (Matt. 18:16). In reading Isaiah 53:4,5, Matthew 8:16,17, and 1 Peter 2:24 we find that these all bear witness to the fact that God heals regardless of age, background, sex, or condition. Unfortunately, the KJV of the Bible does not translate very well into our modern language in many cases. To help you with this, we will include Dr.Lesser's translation of the literal Hebrew for Isaiah 53:3-6 "*He was despised and shunned by men; a man of pains, and acquainted with disease; and as one who hid his face from us was he despised, and we esteemed him not. But only our diseases did he bear himself, and our pains he carried; while we indeed esteemed him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. Yet he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon him; and through his bruises was healing granted to us*" In reading Matthew 8:17, we find that he is quoting Isaiah and explaining that Jesus was fulfilling the will of God. Jesus not only took care of the sin problem, its dominion over us, but he also took care of the effects of sin (sickness, disease, pain) over us. In Matthew 8 we find him healing and delivering everyone of physical, emotional, and mental circumstances. Isaiah prophesied of Jesus helping us in the spirit realm as well as the natural realm. He did both. Jesus doesn't make mistakes and he does not show favoritism of one person over the other. Jesus carried out God's will and plan on the earth when he walked here and he is still doing so today. God's will is for you to NOT suffer with sickness or pain. He provided healing through Christ 2000 years ago and we reach out and receive it by faith.

Before the fall of man, there was no sickness on earth. There is none in heaven and thus it cannot come from heaven. In the Hebrew, many times the words translated "put" or "cause" are actually in a permissive tense, meaning "permitted." Because of sin, God has to permit all kinds of things to happen in the earth until He brings to pass the full redemption of the entire earth from the curse which man has brought upon it. With sin (disobedience), the devil brought sickness and disease as a means to destroy God's creation, man. Through your reading you can see that Jesus came to give back to man what was stolen from him to bring back health and abundant life, not only in the world to come, but now as well. Jesus destroyed the power of the enemy so that the devil's works would not overwhelm us. From your reading you find that the devil is called a thief, murderer, and destroyer. You find Satan binding people with pain and disease and Jesus loosing them. Sickness, disease, pain, and death are from the devil. Jesus only brings life and healing to every believer.

In the Old Testament you find God had a simple principle for health. In your reading you find God saying that if the children of Israel obey Him, and follow His commandments then He will remove sickness and not permit disease to attack them. In the Psalms, we find God mentioned over and over again as a healer. It is obvious from the Old Testament that sickness came from sin and that forgiveness brought healing.

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The same follows over into the New Testament. Read John 1:1-14 and you will see that the “healing word” mentioned in the Old Testament becomes flesh in the New. In the Book of James we discover that the power of faith ALWAYS heals the sick and that the curse of sickness was placed on Jesus as we read Galatians 3. Remember in Matthew 7 we find that God is a “Father” who desires to do good for us much more than even a ‘good’, earthly, father would want to do. Over and over in the New Testament Gospels we find Jesus healing ALL in multitudes of people, setting them free from demonic attacks, and teaching and preaching to them concerning the Kingdom of God. While there are many ways healing is demonstrated and manifested to us, one way for CERTAIN always receives: FAITH. Faith comes from the hearing of God’s Word (Romans 10:17). Jesus spoke of the individual’s faith in the majority of the individual cases of healing we find in the Gospels.

He made comments such as, “according to your faith be it done unto you,” or “your faith has made you whole,” or “as you have believed, so be it unto you.” These comments let us know that God still honors faith and faith is still the vehicle by which we receive God’s promises. Learn to ACT on God’s Word. It is still healing today.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Find someone who is in need of physical healing and teach them what God’s Word says is His promise for their health. Work with them, reading and speaking God’s Word to them until it begins to take hold. Once they see it clearly and have no doubt that God wants them well and has ALREADY provided healing through Jesus, then pray with them according to Mark 16:18 and rejoice, for their healing will manifest.

TEST LESSON 8

1. In reading you found out that Jesus bore our _____ and carried our _____.
2. List 3 scripture references that show that Jesus did not discriminate when he healed.

3. In Mark chapter 6, in Jesus’ own home town, he could NOT heal anyone except for a few _____ people with minor ailments because of _____.
4. What two New Testament scriptures make reference to what Isaiah prophesied concerning Jesus and healing in Isaiah 53:4-6? _____

5. List 3 Old Testament scripture references which show that God wants His people healed.

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6. Where does sickness come from? _____.
7. James says that the prayer of _____ will save (heal) the sick.

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