

# Administering The Children's Bread:

## The Basics Of Healing Under The New Covenant

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# The Scriptures

It doesn't matter what denominational background you have or what you have been taught in the past because The Word of God is our ultimate guide and rule for faith and action (Technically the Word is Jesus, not just the Bible). If it's in the Word, it is God's opinion. You are in His Kingdom, He is not in yours. You don't get to vote on how things operate in His Kingdom, but you do get a choice of whether you want to submit to Him and His Kingdom or not. You might not like the price of petrol, but try putting water in your tank and see how that works out for you. This workbook is going to help you draw the connections in the Word to teach you divine healing. What we are going to show you is taken directly from the Bible. That is where we start, that is where we finish. The Bible doesn't have a book called 2nd Opinions. We are only interested in God's opinion, not man's.

**2 Tim 3:16-17** *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. (NKJV)*

- Scripture is inspired by the God. It's His opinion, not yours.
- Purposes of the Scriptures:
  - Doctrine – What we believe. To know how the Kingdom operates.
  - Reproof (rebuke) – Sword of the Spirit. We use the scriptures as the sounding board. We compare things to the scriptures to see if they are true, not visa versa.
  - Correction – Traditions of man. If you are wrong, scripture will correct you.
  - Instruction in Righteousness – Only guide for faith and action to do every good work.

**Ps 119:89** *FOREVER, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven. (NKJV)*

- God's Word is settled forever. It is **NOT** going to change.
- You choose to agree with Him or not. If you don't, it's not really His fault if something goes wrong. (Matt 15:6)
- If you jump off a building, gravity will kill you because you chose to go against a principle of how the natural realm operates. It's not God's fault you died. You jumped. If you were submitted to His ways, you would have realized jumping of a building is a dumb idea.
- **His Word is settled in heaven. It is our job to settle it on earth. He has empowered us to do exactly that. The first step to settling His Word on earth is to agree with it no matter what.**
- You have to decide what is true, the Word of God, or your experience, feelings, perspective, opinion or emotions. (Whose report will you believe?)

**John 1:1 & 14** *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... **14** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. (NKJV)*

- God = the Word = Jesus = Grace & Truth
- Jesus is the exact representation of the Father's character and nature (Heb 1:3). He is perfect theology.

**Isa 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. (NKJV)*

- God sent His Word (Jesus) and He had to accomplish certain things before He could return. Since He did return (Acts 1:9), we know He that He must have fully accomplished everything He was sent to do.
- There are many purposes for Jesus' first coming. This workbook is only going to address certain ones. We know there are many others too.
- Not only did He accomplish all He needed to, but He makes them prosper. In other words, He accomplished salvation and now salvation prospers because people are saved daily.

**Ps 107:20**      *He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions. (NKJV)*

**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. (NKJV)*

**1 John 3:8**      *For THIS purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. (NKJV)*

- One of the reasons Jesus was sent was to heal and deliver people from demonic oppression and sickness. It was prophesied, fulfilled and accomplished.
- Sickness is attributed as the work of the devil. Anything that steals kills and destroys is part of his kingdom.

### **Conclusion**

**2 Peter 1:17-19**      *For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased". 18 And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. 19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy (KJV)*

- Peter John and James heard God speak audibly twice. (Baptism, Mount of Transfiguration).
- Peter still says that the written word is more sure.
- Many people have heard voices (Gal 1:8) and will in the future hear them too. Islam started when a guy heard a voice and met an 'angel' in a cave.
- Any voice you hear or any leading you receive has to line up with scripture. Therefore scripture is a higher authority than any audible voice.

We stand on what God says. Knowing and believing what He said gives us ammunition to fight the devil. Jesus resisted the devil by saying: "It is WRITTEN."

**Hos 4:6**      *My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge (NKJV)*

Knowing your rights (what Jesus died to give you) as a son of God and finding your identity in Him, is what will result in you living a life of faith and power. The most sure place to find out what your rights are is the Word of God.

# Old Covenant vs. New Covenant

**2 Tim 2:15** *Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (NKJV)*

- The Whole Bible was written for you, but the whole Bible was not written to you.
- You have to rightly divide the Word of truth (The Scriptures) to find out which are applicable to you and which are not.
- The most important thing to divide between, is the Old Covenant and the New Covenant. Law vs Grace. This is not to be confused with the Old Testament and New Testament which are merely a collection of books written before and after a significant point in time.
- Covenant governs relationship. The covenant you are under determines how God relates to you and how you relate to God. Don't relate to Him through a covenant that is not applicable to you.

**John 1:17** *For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. (NKJV)*

- This workbook is not going to go into great detail about the Law Covenant vs The Grace Covenant, but an understanding of them is required. We will deal with more differences as we go along. This is just a brief overview.

**Heb 8:6-13** *But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises. 7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. 8 Because finding fault with them, He says: "Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah — 9 not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the Lord. 10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 11 None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them. 12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more." 13 In that He says, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away. (NKJV)*

- Covenant determines how God relates to people.
- The Old (Law) Covenant: God had to relate to sinful people as a Holy Righteous God would/had to. Do bad get cursed, do good get blessed.
- The New (Grace) Covenant: God relates to sinful people through Jesus, reconciling them to Himself and no longer relating to them through the Law since Jesus fulfilled the requirements of the law on the behalf of people.

**Heb 7:18-19** *The former regulation is set aside because it was weak and useless 19 (for the law made nothing perfect), and a better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God. (NIV)*

- The Law Covenant was weak and useless in providing people with right-standing before God because nobody could ever keep it perfectly (Gal 3:10, James 2:10, James 4:17).

- The better hope by which we draw near to God is not our own righteousness or holiness, but through Jesus Christ's free gift of righteousness. (Eph 2:8-9, Rom 3:20-26)
- Because of this Jesus qualifies you to do the same works and greater because you have the same right-standing before God as Jesus has. (John 14:12).

**Gal 3:11-14** *Clearly no one is justified before God by the law, because, "The righteous will live by faith." 12 The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, "The man who does these things will live by them." 13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." 14 He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit. (NIV)*

- NO ONE is justified by the law. No one can please God by keeping the law and living holy.
- Righteousness (right standing before God) is attained by faith in Christ only.
- The Law is not of faith which makes relating to God through it not pleasing to Him. (Heb 11:6)
- Jesus became a curse for us, removing the right of the curse of the Law to come on us. (This doesn't mean the curse doesn't exist)
- Living under the Law, trying to be justified by your own efforts to live holy and pleasing to God is A CURSE! No good will come from it.
- In fact, you alienate yourself from the life of Christ by doing it. (Gal 5:1-5)

**2 Cor 3:4-9** *Such confidence as this is ours through Christ before God. 5 Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. 6 He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant- — not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. 7 Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, fading though it was, 8 will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? 9 If the ministry that condemns men is glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! (NIV)*

- Law Covenant: Ministry of DEATH and CONDEMNATION.
- Engraved on stone: 10 Commandments.
- Grace Covenant: Ministry of LIFE and the SPIRIT.
- Engraved on our hearts

**Rom 8:1** *There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. (NKJV)*

**Rom 8:1** *There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. (ESV)*

- The underlined part in the NKJV does actually not appear in the original Greek text. It was added by translators, trying to place a conditional on no condemnation.
- You will feel condemned whenever you try to live under the law. That is the purpose of ministry of death and condemnation.
- Walking in the flesh refers to your own self-efforts (self-righteousness) to please God. (Law)
- Walking in the Spirit means trusting in Christ for your sufficiency. (Grace through Faith)

**Matt 9:16-17** *No one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for the patch pulls away from the garment, and the tear is made worse. 17 Nor do they put new wine into old wineskins, or else the*

*wineskins break, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But they put new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved. (NKJV)*

- We are not to mix the old and new covenants. Mixing them will never work. You have to decide which one is better, which one you want, and live according to it.
- Jesus + anything = nothing. Jesus + nothing = everything.
- Under the Old Covenant, God dealt with people as a righteous just God would. Under the New Covenant, He treats them like He wants to: With love, kindness, favour, joy, peace etc.
- Under the Old Covenant, your right-standing before God was determined by your ability to live righteously. Under the New, your right-standing before God is Jesus. You are the righteousness of God in Christ. (2 Cor 5:21).

### **Why do I need to know this?**

- Otherwise you will believe God is the problem, causing or allowing sickness as judgment and punishment.
- You will always wonder about God's will and never be truly able to be in faith. As long as you are not sure, you will always be on a rollercoaster of faith or unbelief.
- You will be problem-focused instead of solution focused.
- You will judge people instead of ministering to them. (Salt losing saltiness.)
- You will become purely works-based, prescribing things the person needs to live up to before God will move on their behalf.
- You will minister condemnation and guilt which leads nowhere good.
- You will confuse people.

### **Conclusion**

Your knowledge and understanding of the new covenant and new creation will give you confidence to believe for supernatural blessings to manifest. If you are not sure of who you are or what you are allowed to do, you won't have confidence to be or do anything. But if you know your position and authority, you will have the confidence to do what needs to be done.

Be. Know. Do.

Because we are and know who we are, we do. We don't do to become. Our identity is found in Christ alone, not in our deeds. Whether we succeed or fail, we remain the righteousness of God in Christ.

# Healing in the Atonement

**1 Tim 2:3-4** For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. (NKJV)

**John 3:16-17** For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. (NKJV)

- a) What is God's will for salvation?
- b) Does He want every person saved?
- c) Can a person be saved anytime anywhere?
- d) Does a person have to do anything to earn salvation?
- e) Can/Does God save people irrespective of the magnitude and type of sin they are in?
- f) What is only requirement for salvation?

Next, try to answer the same questions again but instead replace 'salvation' with 'healing.'

- a) What is God's will for healing?
- b) Does He want every person healed?
- c) Can a person be healed anytime anywhere?
- d) Does a person have to do anything to earn healing?
- e) Can/Does God heal people irrespective of the magnitude and type of sin they are in?
- f) What is the only requirement for healing?

Were all your answers about salvation the same as it was for healing? If not, you need to pay very close attention the next section. If it can be proven to you from scripture that healing is provided in the atonement, then you can't in good conscience differentiate between God's will for salvation and God's will for healing ever again. They are the same, always and forever. Even in the Greek the same word describes both.

**Isa 53:4-5** Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. 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. (NKJV)

- This is a prophecy about Jesus' crucifixion and what is going to take place there.
- 'Griefs' is the Hebraic word 'Choliy' meaning sickness, disease, anxiety, calamity, infirmity and griefs.
- Sorrows is the Hebraic word 'Makob' meaning anguish, affliction, pain, and sorrow.
- Both words are always used when referring to physical sicknesses, physical pain and physical infirmities.
- By His stripes (which He received at the whipping post) we ARE healed.

**Matt 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, 17 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses." (NKJV)



- Matthew quotes Isaiah's prophecy and uses the proper meanings of the words by saying He took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses.
- Jesus healed physical people of physical sicknesses and cast out actual demons in order to fulfill this prophecy. But the actual fulfillment is not only in the healing and the casting out, it's in receiving the stripes which happened later.

**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. (NKJV)*

- This is a reference to the same prophecy and fulfillment. Jesus bore our sins (and the punishment) for us so we don't have to.
- By His stripes we WERE healed. This has changed from present to past tense signifying that the provision has been made. There is nothing left to do to provide for healing. Jesus did it all perfectly. It is FINISHED!

### **There were two parts to the one atonement.**

1. The beating at the whipping post was the first part where His physical body was broken for us, providing us with physical healing. (1 Pet 2:24). Bread of Communion.
2. The death on the cross was the second part which provided for the salvation of our spirits and the establishment of the New Covenant. (Rom 5:8) Wine of Communion.

If healing is already provided for and accomplished, why are we not all just healed? Well, if salvation is provided for and accomplished, why are we not all just saved? It takes faith. God's will is for all mankind to be saved and healed, but His will doesn't automatically come to pass. It has to be taken by faith.

If you reason that somebody was not healed because 'God is sovereign and can do what He wants to', then how sure are you that you were saved? If you say somebody was not healed because of God's timing, then how sure are you that you got saved and that God didn't have another time in mind to save you? Everything you believe about salvation is exactly true for healing too. Both are always God's will at all times because both were provided for in the same atoning sacrifice. Do you ever doubt that God wants to save somebody? Then why do you doubt that He wants to heal them?

**Mark 2:3-12** *Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. 4 And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. 5 When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you." 6 And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, 7 "Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" 8 But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, "Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? 9 Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk'? 10 But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" — He said to the paralytic, 11 "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." 12 Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!" (NKJV)*

- Healing and forgiveness are the same thing to Jesus because they were provided in the same atonement.

- Healing is to serve as a sign that God forgives.
- If God's will for healing and salvation were different, healing couldn't be used as a sign.
- Therefore: God's will for salvation = God's will for healing.
- Please note that this doesn't mean if you are not healed that you are not forgiven. The devil will try to make you believe that. Don't entertain those thoughts. Healing proves God's will for salvation, not salvation itself.

# Communion & Healing

**Ps 105:37** He also brought them out with silver and gold, and there was none feeble among His tribes. (NKJV)

God brought the whole of Israel out from Egypt and they were all healthy. How is it that hundreds of thousands of Israelite slaves living in the worst conditions in Egypt did not have one sick or weak person amongst them? They took Passover the night before they left. (Ex 12)

- Passover – Lamb’s blood on door posts and eat unleavened bread.
- They got saved out of Egypt the day after they took Passover.
- It set them free, made them prosperous and healed them.
- It’s a shadow pointing towards Jesus’ atonement.

**1 Cor 11:23-30** For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; 24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." 25 In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. Examine yourself 27 Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. 28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. 29 For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. 30 For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. (NKJV)

## **The Lord’s Body: The Bread of Life**

- The bread represents Jesus’ body broken for us. Why was it beaten and broken? – 1 Peter 2:24
- Verse 30: For THIS reason, many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep (die). For what reason? Not discerning the Lord’s body. Not the blood, but the body. Not realizing and acknowledging what happened at the whipping post or not believing in it is the reason Paul says people are physically sick and even physically die prematurely.
- Bread refers symbolically to healing. Let me show you:

**Matt 15:22-28** And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." 23 But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." 24 But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." 25 Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" 26 But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs." 27 And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." 28 Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour. (NKJV)

- The woman came and asked for healing from demons. (Deliverance).
- Jesus refers to deliverance as the children’s bread.

- Verse 28 says her daughter was healed from that very hour. Healing and deliverance are the children's bread.
- Note that Jesus basically told her 'No' 4 times yet she still got what she came fore.

**John 6:32-35** *Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." 34 Then they said to Him, "Lord, give us this bread always." 35 And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. (NKJV)*

- Jesus says He is the BREAD of life.
- 'Moses didn't give us bread' means there is no life in the law. Only the Bread sent by God gives true life.

**John 6:51** *I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world. (NKJV)*

- Again, Jesus says He is living bread, giving life to partakers of Him.
- This time He also says the bread is His flesh. His body, which we know now was broken for our healing.

**Matt 6:11** *Give us this day our daily bread. (NKJV)*

- Healing is a daily thing, not a onetime sovereignly specific heavenly ordained moment.
- It also shows that unlike salvation, this is continual, needed every day. Salvation is needed once. Healing is needed until we receive our glorified bodies.

**Rom 1:16** *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes (NKJV)*

**Salvation:** Greek word 'Soteria' meaning: To deliver, save, heal, protect and make whole.

- Everywhere you see the word salvation, it can be interchanged for healing because it is the same word in the Greek.

**1 Tim 2:3-4** *For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. (NKJV)*

**Saved:** Greek word 'Sozo' meaning: To heal, to deliver, to preserve, to save, to protect, to do well, to make whole.

- Again, the words for save and heal in the Greek are the same. Everywhere you read saved, you can put healed. Everywhere you read healed, you can put save. Same word. Same thing to Jesus.
- One will that includes healing, deliverance & salvation.

**Conclusion:**

Healing is always God's will because salvation is always God's will.

**Ps 103:1-10** Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name! 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, **and forget not** all His benefits: 3 Who **forgives all your iniquities**, who **heals all your diseases**, 4 who **redeems your life** from destruction, who **crowns you with loving kindness and tender mercies**, 5 who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. 6 The Lord executes righteousness and justice **for** all who are oppressed. 7 He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel. 8 The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy. 9 He will not always strive with us, nor will He keep His anger forever. 10 **He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor punished us according to our iniquities.** (NKJV)

# The Origin of Sickness

**Rom 5:12-13** *Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned — 13 (For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law.) (NKJV)*

- Sin was the original cause of death and sickness and disease are just immature forms of death. Adam was the original human who sinned (Gen 2:17), but sin had its origin with satan. He was the first to sin.
- There are 2 main causes of sickness and disease, but both fall into the territory of the enemy.
  - Natural: Caused by viruses, bacteria, lifestyle and/or injuries.
  - Demonic: Caused by a spirit of infirmity or a curse.
- But it doesn't really matter if the sickness is natural or demonic, you treat it the same. Jesus died for both kinds. Since both kinds are in the devil's territory, both kinds are demonic whether you like it or not.
- Christianity 101: If it's a sickness, heal it. If it's a demon, cast it out. If it's a curse, break it.
- Sin is not imputed when there is no law. Since Christ is the END of the Law for all who believe, sin is not imputed on us. That makes all sickness illegal no matter what its natural or spiritual roots are. The original cause was sin and that has been dealt with.
- Imagine you are in prison. Your crime (sin) put you in jail (sickness). If you are acquitted (forgiven), do you stay in jail or leave?

Enemy			God		
<b><u>John 10:10a</u></b> <i>The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. (NKJV)</i>			<b><u>John 10:10b</u></b> <i>I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. (NKJV)</i>		
<b><u>Steal</u></b>	<b><u>Kill</u></b>	<b><u>Destroy</u></b>	<b><u>Restore</u></b>	<b><u>Give Life</u></b>	<b><u>Make Whole</u></b>

- ALL sickness and disease are illegal, (have no right) and are in rebellion against the finished work of the cross. You don't always need to find out why a person is sick, it is better to know why they can be set free. They know why they are sick. What they don't know is the gospel that is the power of God unto salvation (Rom 1:16).

- **Under the New Covenant**, sickness never originates from God and He never causes or allows sickness for any reason or season.
- Whenever you see examples of people dying from sickness sent by God, it was because the Old Covenant was still in operation. God related to mankind through the law which had curses for disobedience. Some of those curses are sicknesses, diseases and death.
- God did away with those curses by making Jesus a curse for you. Therefore all the curses of the law (including sicknesses) are illegal.
- Just because they are illegal, doesn't mean they don't exist. It is our job to let righteousness and justice be on earth as it is in Heaven.
- To bring His Kingdom into our world, we have to change the illegal to legal (Matt 12:28). Sickness to health, death to life, curse to blessing. We can't do that if we believe God sent the sickness, curse or death in the first place.

**Matt 12:25** *"Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. (NKJV)*

- If God heals but also makes sick, His Kingdom is divided. Therefore He doesn't cause sickness.
- If God gives life but also kills, His Kingdom is divided. Therefore He doesn't kill.
- If God blesses but also curses, His Kingdom is divided. Therefore He doesn't curse.
- God **NEVER** uses sickness to teach us. He has the Word (2 Tim 3:16), The Holy Spirit (John 16:13) and the Anointing (1 John 2:27) to do that.
- If you say God uses sickness to teach, you might as well call the Word (Jesus), the Holy Spirit, and the Anointing (Position in Christ) a disease.
- If God were to use sickness as a lesson, then you should pray for the symptoms to worsen so you can really learn your lesson. If you believe God teaches through sickness, then you are in conscious willful rebellion against His will if you go to the doctor to seek help. If sickness were from God to draw you to Him, pray that every member of your family becomes sick with cancer so they can draw near to God. You wouldn't wish that on them, why do think God would?
- If sickness were from God, then going to God for healing would mean that you are going to the very being that is causing your destruction to be set free from your destruction. That is pretty dumb. That is like going to the school bully and asking him for help to protect you from himself.

### ***Conclusion***

Treat all sickness the same whether it is caused naturally or physically. Destruction is the work of the devil. All it takes for evil to reign is for a few good men to do nothing. Even doctors know sickness is bad and that is why they devoted their entire lives to eradicating it. Medicine is not divine, it is merely a natural way of producing healing but it has its flaws. (Cost, side-effects, misdiagnosis, fallibility) We are not against doctors or medicine, we are just for God. This is about divine healing, not natural remedies or diets.

# The New Creation

Honestly compare yourself to Jesus according to the following attributes. 1 representing very little of the attribute and 10 representing the attribute in its fullest perfection.

Attributes:	Jesus:	You:	Verse:
Righteousness:	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	2 Cor 5:21
Holiness:	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	Eph 5:27, 1 Cor 3:17
Power:	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	Acts 1:8
Authority:	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	Matt 28:18, Luke 10:19
Giftedness:	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	1 Cor 12:7
Spirit-filled:	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	Rom 8:11
Glory:	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	John 17:22
Blessedness:	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	Eph 1:3
Level of Favour:	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	Eph 2:6

Extra verses:

**1 John 4:17** Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; **because as He is, so are we in this world.** (NKJV)

**Rom 8:11** But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through **His Spirit who dwells in you.** (NKJV)

**Rom 8:14-17** For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, **these are sons of God.** 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that **we are children of God,** 17 and if children, **then heirs — heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,** if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. (NKJV)

**1 Cor 6:17** But he who is joined to the Lord is **one spirit with Him.** (NKJV)

**2 Peter 1:3-4** His divine power **has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness,** through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. (NKJV)

**Eph 1:3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with **every spiritual blessing** in the heavenly places in Christ, (NKJV)

**John 14:20** At that day you will know that **I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.** (NKJV)



**John 17:20-23** *I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; 21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: 23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. (NKJV)*

**2 Cor 5:17-21** *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, 19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. 20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. 21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (NKJV)*

## Do you see it yet?

**2 Cor 5:17** *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. (NKJV)*

- You ARE a new creation, unlike you were in the past.
- God is not an evolutionist. He created you new. You did not evolve into a son of God, you were born a fully fledged son. You are also not going to evolve into super-Christian at the next conference, after the famous man-of-God imparted something to you or when you read the next bestselling book. Jesus died to make you what you are. Just be.

**Eph 2:10** *For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. (NKJV)*

- God made you new. You had nothing to do with it except for saying 'Yes, I believe.'
- He made you new for many purposes, one of which is to enable us to walk in His good works. That doesn't mean taking up space by merely living morally holy and obedient lives. It means to be like Christ on the earth, doing the same things He did and greater. Healing the sick, casting out demons, bringing the kingdom to those who need it.
- To be like Christ, we needed to be born again, hence the new creation.

**Eph 4:23-24** *be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. (NKJV)*

- The new creation is created in true righteousness and holiness. That means you are created in righteousness and holiness. It is what and who you are, not what you do.
- A criminal act is anything a criminal does. A sinful act is anything a sinner does. Whether good or bad, when a sinner acts, it is sinful. That is why your best efforts are like filthy rags.
- Once you are the righteousness of God in Christ, your acts are holy and righteous. When you brush your teeth, it's holy and righteous. When you drive your car, it's holy and righteous. When you spend time in worship, it's holy and righteous. When you minister to the sick, it is holy and righteous.

- The number one reason for believers not walking in power is a misunderstanding of the new birth and an ignorance of the new creation. Be transformed by the renewing of your mind!

**Gal 3:27** For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. (NKJV)

- Putting on the new man is not something you can do. It is God's workmanship. You put on the new man when you get saved. It happens at the new birth.
- Paul says in Ephesians that the new man gets put on, and in Galatians he says we have put on Christ. That to me says the new man we put on is Christ, created in righteousness and holiness.
- You are, according to the Bible, Christ with skin. It's no longer you that lives, but Christ in you, right? You have put on Christ. Now act like it!
- Christ means the Anointed One. You are now in the office of the Anointed One. (Luke 4:18-19). You were baptized into the Anointed One and have on the Anointed One.

## **Living as a new creation: The Sons of God**

**Rom 12:1-2** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 **And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.** (NKJV)

- Transformation is linked to mind renewal. Think differently. (That is also the real definition of repentance)
- Why? To PROVE God's will, not merely talk about it.
- You have to renew your own mind. God gives revelation but you have to use it.
- His will doesn't just happen spontaneously. He put you here to do it for Him.

**Philem 6** that the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgment of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus. (NKJV)

- Faith is made effective by acknowledging these things, not denying them. They are not just Christ's, they are yours too! Co-equal HEIRS!
- You can't have faith in God beyond your knowledge of Him. (Hosea 4:6). If you didn't know Jesus saves, why would you believe in Him? If you didn't know God heals, why would you trust Him for healing?

**Rom 16:20** And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. (NKJV)

- YOUR FEET! God will crush when you step.

**Matt 28:18-20** And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "**All authority has been given to Me** in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (NKJV)

- Whatever has been given to Jesus, we share in 100% as co-heirs with Him. He has ALL authority, and we have ALL of Him.
- He will NEVER leave us. You don't have to ask Him to come. If you are there, He is there because you are one.
- What did He teach them that we are to observe?

**Luke 9:1-6** *Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. 2 **He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.** 3 And He said to them, "Take nothing for the journey, neither staffs nor bag nor bread nor money; and do not have two tunics apiece. 4 "Whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. 5 And whoever will not receive you, when you go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet as a testimony against them." 6 **So they departed and went through the towns, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.** (NKJV)*

- He commanded them to preach and heal.
- They did it EVERYWHERE!

**Luke 10:8-9** *Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you. 9 And **heal the sick there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'** (NKJV)*

- Preach then heal, heal then preach. Whichever way you want to do it is fine. Just do it. Why are both fine? Because some people will listen to what you say but won't believe until they see. Others won't even listen to a word you have to say, but heal them and they will want to listen.

**Mark 16:14-18** *Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. 15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. 17 **And these signs will follow those who believe:** In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 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." (NKJV)*

- These signs (healing, deliverance) will follow believers. That means you can initiate it and the Spirit will follow and confirm with power.
- The qualification is to believe. That means you.
- Yes there are gifts of healings, but this is not that.

Ok, but that is how Jesus was sent and how He sent the disciples. Is it applicable to only Jesus and His disciples?

**John 14:12-14** *"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. 13 And **whatever you ask** in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you **ask anything** in My name, I will do it. (NKJV)*

**John 20:21** *So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! **As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.**" (NKJV)*

- Again the qualification to do the SAME works as Jesus did is to believe in Him. If you believe, you are qualified.

- Whatever means whatever. Anything means anything. Get it? God is THAT good!
- We are sent in the same way Jesus was sent by the Father. How can God expect us to be sent just like Jesus without giving us access to everything Jesus had access to? How are we to do the same and greater works if we aren't given the same power and authority?

### **Conclusion**

**2 Cor 1:19-20** *For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by me and Silas and Timothy, **was not "Yes" and "No," but in him it has always been "Yes."** 20 **For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.** (NIV)*

- All the promises are yes and let it be in Christ. It is part of your inheritance. If your parents die and leave you a million dollars, will you lay claim to it or not? And if somebody comes and tells you, yes they said it, but they didn't mean it, would you say, 'Oh yeah, they must have been talking about somebody else' or would you say, 'Sorry, you're a liar. I have it in black in white that they meant me. This is my money and I will have it.'
- In the same way, you have it in black and white, signed with the blood of the Lamb that the promises are yours. Don't entertain lies, they will only steal your inheritance.

# The Gospel of the Kingdom of God

- What did the disciples preach? Was it the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus?
- Jesus tried to explain His death & Resurrection to them many times but they didn't understand it. If they didn't understand it, how could that have been their message while with Jesus?

**Luke 9:44-45** *"Listen carefully to what I am about to tell you: The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men." 45 But they did not understand what this meant. It was hidden from them, so that they did not grasp it, and they were afraid to ask him about it. (NIV)*

- This is in-between the 12 and the 70 being sent out. The 12 had just come back from preaching the kingdom and healing the sick. Only after this did Jesus explain His death & resurrection. So they didn't preach the death, burial and resurrection... So what did they preach?
- They preached the Kingdom of God.
- The Gospel (good news) of the Kingdom (reign, dominion and supremacy) of God.
- The kingdom of God = The reign and dominion and supremacy of God over EVERYTHING.
- And as they preached it, they demonstrated it.

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

- God will work with you, confirming His Word. He will do it EVERYWHERE.
- You have to go for the Holy Spirit to follow with signs. You don't have to pray for God to move. He is not stuck. You might be, but He isn't.
- If your gospel only works inside the four walls of your 'church' or religious organization, it is not the gospel. The gospel works anywhere. It might not be accepted everywhere, but it works none the less.

**1 Thess 1:5** ***For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power,** and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake. (NKJV)*

- The Gospel in word only is not the fullness of the blessing. Without the power which brings proof and much assurance, you only heard of the kingdom, you didn't partake of it.

**Rom 15:18-19** *For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ has not accomplished through me, in word and deed, to make the Gentiles obedient — 19 **in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.** (NKJV)*

- To fully preach the Gospel, there has to be signs and wonders.

**1 Cor 2:4-5** *And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.* (NKJV)

- We don't need to have persuasive words, the ability to speak well or anything like that. We have all we need, the Spirit of God. Great if you can speak well, but don't let not being able to speak well stop you. Moses couldn't speak well and look what he accomplished.
- Faith resting in the wisdom of men, is not saving faith.

**1 Cor 4:20** *For the kingdom of God is not in word but in power.* (NKJV)

- The kingdom of God is not in the talking about it, it is in the demonstration of it. (Matt 12:28)

**Matt 12:28** *But if I **cast out demons** by the Spirit of God, surely the **kingdom of God has come** upon you.* (NKJV)

- The kingdom breaks in through a display of power: The destruction of the works of the enemy.

**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.*** (NKJV)

- Jesus brought the kingdom in power by eradicating sickness and casting our demons.

**John 10:37-38** *"If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; 38 but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him."* (NKJV)

- Jesus Himself said: "If I don't back this up with power, don't believe me."

**Luke 17:20-21** *Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, "**The kingdom of God does not come with observation;** 21 nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' **For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you.**"* (NKJV)

- Where is the Kingdom? Inside us or inside the church walls?
- As we renew our minds, we are transformed, enabled to release the kingdom into the lives of those that need it, when they need it, in any and all situations.
- You bring the Kingdom by casting out demons, healing the sick and getting people saved.
- Like a dam holding back water: If you break the dam, the water will automatically flow. The dam is like the demon you need to kick out. The water is kingdom that will rush in.

**Mark 16:15-18** *And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. 17 And these signs will follow **those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons;** they will speak with new tongues; 18 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.**"* (NKJV)

**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."* (NKJV)

## **Conclusion**

God's kingdom has always been in supremacy over sickness, disease, the devil etc. Jesus gives us access to His reign. Jesus is our passport to living in the Kingdom. To preach the Kingdom is to proclaim God's reign and rule over everything. If you are sick, declare God's reign over the demon making you sick and tell it to get out!

## Being Led and Being Anointed

**Matt 4:1**      *Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. (NKJV)*

- Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted (Tested and enticed) by the devil.

**Matt 6:13**      *And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. (NKJV)*

- Obviously this kind of leading and desert experience is not God's will for us.

**Rom 8:14**      *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. (NKJV)*

- Sons of God are led. Are you a son? Then you are led.
- The context of this chapter is putting to death the deeds of the flesh. (Led by grace not law).

**John 16:13**      *However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth (NKJV)*

- The Holy Spirit leads you into truth. Once you know truth, you can act on it.
- To know the will of God, read the Bible. To be led by the Spirit, do the Bible. – Lester Sumrall.

**James 1:22**      *But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. (NKJV)*

- If you only hear, you deceive yourself. Don't make the devil's work easier for him!

**Matt 7:24-27**      *"Therefore **whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man** who built his house on the rock: 25 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. 26 "**But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man** who built his house on the sand: 27 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall." (NKJV)*

- Wise men hear and do. Fools hear and don't do.
- That is why we said in the start the Word of God is our ultimate rule for faith and ACTION.
- You don't need a special leading, you have the Word. Healing is in the atonement, so you can never be outside the will of God ministering healing.
- The Spirit cannot lead you to do something that is contrary to the Word. If He does lead you specifically, which He also does, it will line up with scripture. So doing scripture will line up with any leading anyway.
- The Great Commission is a command. A command has in itself a leading otherwise it would be a suggestion. What else is a leading but an instruction/permission to do something?

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**Acts 16:4-10** *And as they went through the cities, they delivered to them the decrees to keep, which were determined by the apostles and elders at Jerusalem. 5 So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and increased in number daily. 6 Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia. 7 After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them. 8 So passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas. 9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10 Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them. (NKJV)*

- Paul and his buddies went through the cities just doing the commission. While they were doing the general, the Holy Spirit gave a specific instruction.
- The Holy Spirit forbid them to go to Asia. That doesn't mean it was not His will for Asia to be saved because Philippi and Thessalonica were in Asia. When you do the general, you can receive a specific leading. Through Macedonia, the whole of Asia was opened up for the Gospel.

**1 Sam 10:6-7** *Then the Spirit of the Lord will come upon you, and you will prophesy with them and be turned into another man. 7 And let it be, when these signs come to you, that you do as the occasion demands; for God is with you. (NKJV)*

- Have you been saved and turned into a new man? Do have the Spirit of Jesus living in you? Then do as the occasion demands for God is with you. (Heb 13:5, Matt 28:20)
- If the occasion demands healing, heal. If prophecy, prophesy. If deliverance, deliver.
- "But I don't know how?" Start with what you do know then learn more through experience as you go.

### **Words of Knowledge**

- People often get words of knowledge for specific sicknesses. This can happen in many ways. You either just know, you might feel it in your body etc.

If you wanted to pray for somebody but didn't because you thought you weren't led to pray, then you ought to be God more than God ought to be because you wanted somebody well more than He wanted them well.

### **Why do we lay hands?**

**Hab 3:4** *His brightness was like the light; He had rays flashing from His hand, and there His power was hidden. (NKJV)*

- God has hidden His power in His hands.
- The word translated as 'rays flashing' is the same word used for electricity. That is why some people talk about feeling a tingle, a charge or electricity in their body when people minister to them.
- You don't have to feel the electricity for it to work, don't go by what you feel, go by what you believe. (2 Cor 5:7)
- You don't have to feel anointed to act anointed...

**1 John 2:20** *But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things. (NKJV)*



- ‘An’ was added for grammatical reasons. The Greek word “Chrisma” means THE special endowment of the Holy Spirit.” The endowment IS the Holy Spirit. If you have Him, you are anointed. The ‘an’ makes it sound like there are more anointings, but that is not true. You won’t find any scripture to support that whatsoever.

**Luke 4:18-19** *"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 proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; 19 to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." (NKJV)*

- The Spirit was on Jesus because He was anointed. The anointing brings the Spirit, the Spirit doesn’t bring the anointing.
- 1 Sam 9:15-16 – God tells Samuel He has chosen Saul to be King. He tells him to anoint him.
- 1 Sam 10:1 – “Is it not because the Lord has anointed you” Samuel poured out oil over Saul to symbolize that God had already anointed Him.
- 1 Sam 10:6 – After the anointing the Spirit came upon Saul and he was TURNED INTO ANOTHER MAN. (Shadow of the New Creation)

**Gal 3:26-27** *For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. (NKJV)*

- If you are a son, you are baptized into Christ (The Anointed One) and have put on Christ (The Anointed One). You have Christ’s anointing! How else does God expect you to do the same and greater works if He gave you a different or lesser anointing? That’s just dumb.

**2 Peter 1:2-4** *Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. (NKJV)*

- All things means All things! Pertaining to life and godliness. You don’t lack anointing, you don’t lack power, holiness, righteousness, authority, etc etc etc.

**1 John 2:27** ***But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you,** and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him. (NKJV)*

- Have received is past tense which means you already received it.
- The anointing abides. It doesn’t come and go. If it came and went, you would be unborn-again every time it left.
- Since the anointing lives in us, and the anointing is the Holy Spirit, we don’t have to wait for Him to ‘show up’. If you are there, He is there. (1 Cor 6:17)
- Signs follow you. That means the Holy Spirit will follow you and confirms His words.

**Eph 1:3** *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,** (NKJV)*

- Would you say the anointing is a ‘spiritual blessing’? If yes, and the Word says you have every spiritual blessing, which anointing do you think you don’t have?

- If the devil can get you to believe you don't have something, he will stop you from using that against him. If he can get you to believe only specially anointed people can heal, you won't lay hands and set captives free. Stop believing the garbage people teach about different kinds of anointings.
- Only kings, prophets and priests got anointed in the Bible. In Christ you are all three. You are not an anointed psalmist, anointed leader or anointed healer. You don't have special mantles that enable you to do supernatural things, you have the Holy Spirit. He is the anointing, He is the Power. Stop dishonoring Him by denying His influence and help.

**1 John 4:17** *Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. (NKJV)*

- As He is (now, in heaven) so are you in this world (now, on earth).

Bottom line: You are always anointed in the exact same way Jesus was anointed: to heal, free and proclaim the kingdom of God.

# Learning from and Imitating the Master

Questions to ask when you read about Jesus or the disciples healing sick people:

- How did Jesus do it?
- Did He pray for the sick?
- Did He ever ask God for healing?
- Did He create an atmosphere through worship before healing?
- Did He fast?
- Did He ask people what sin they were in before He healed them?
- Did He get people to confess their sins before He healed them?
- Did He ever say, "Sorry, I can't heal you now, it is not God's time."?
- Did He ever say, "Sorry, this is a generational curse, go dig into your past first."?
- Did He ever say, "Sorry, this sickness is here to teach you something. Once you've learned your lesson, come see me again."?
- Did He ever say, "Sorry, the anointing lifted, can't help you until it returns."?
- Did He ever say, "Sorry, the Spirit is in me not on me right now, let me fast a little."?
- Did He ever say, "Sorry, you need more faith."?

**1 Cor 11:1**     *Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ. (NKJV)*

- Copying Jesus is a good place to start. Do things the way He did them.
- John 14:12 (Same & greater works)

## The Leper

**Matt 8:1-3**     *When He had come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him. 2 And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean." 3 Then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." Immediately his leprosy was cleansed. (NKJV)*

- Jesus was willing. He is still willing! (The same yesterday, today and forever...)
- Willing: Greek continuous tense and basically means, "I can't help but heal you because it is My nature to do so. By not healing you I would be contradicting My will, My word and My nature."
- Jesus touched him and commanded healing by saying, "Be cleansed." No long drawn out prayers. Command with authority.

## The Roman Centurion's servant

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**Matt 8:5-13** Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, 6 saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." 7 And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." 8 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. 9 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." 10 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! 11 And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. 12 But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." 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." (NKJV)

- Jesus healed over a distance. The person you minister to doesn't have to be present.
- Jesus healed the servant based on the Centurion's faith. That means you can have faith for somebody else's healing.
- Jesus said he had great faith because He understood authority. Understanding authority is key to walking in faith.
- Why was his faith great? Because as a Roman, he didn't have a covenant with God. He had no right to ask. You need great faith to ask for something that is not promised to you. But you have a covenant with God promising you many things. You don't need great faith to ask.
- Jesus healed by using a few direct words. (Not long prayers...)

#### **Peter's Mother-in-law**

**Matt 8:14-15** Now when Jesus had come into Peter's house, He saw his wife's mother lying sick with a fever. 15 So He touched her hand, and the fever left her. And she arose and served them. (NKJV)

**Luke 4:38-39** Now He arose from the synagogue and entered Simon's house. But Simon's wife's mother was sick with a high fever, and they made request of Him concerning her. 39 So He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. And immediately she arose and served them. (NKJV)

- Same story, different perspectives.
- Jesus laid hands and He rebuked the fever. Speak to your problem.
- Saying, "I rebuke you." Is not rebuking. You have to command the devil to do something.
- He stood over her. (Shows he knew His position of authority over the sickness.)

#### **The Woman with the Issue of Blood**

**Luke 8:43-48** Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, 44 came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. 45 And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" 46 But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me." 47 Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. 48 And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace." (NKJV)

- Doctors couldn't help and she spent ALL her livelihood on them. God doesn't charge! Never get prayer from somebody who charges for it. They might fool you by calling it a tithe or a thanksgiving offering. Buying is buying and God is not in the prostitution business. You can't buy His favour and love, you believe it.
- She came and touched Jesus' clothes. No praying, no rebuking, just touch. And she did the touching.
- Jesus didn't know who touched Him. So much for God's timing and plan for your healing. (Pool of Bethesda. The angel stirred the water and whoever got in got healed.)
- The power of God is continuous and perpetual. He said, "Light be!" and light still is. He said, "By His stripes you were healed." Faith connects you to that promise. It is always there. The electricity company generates the power and supplies it to your house. You have to switch the lights on for the electricity to work for you.
- Jesus said she was healed based on her faith. So you can have faith for yourself but that is not the only way. The centurion had faith for somebody else. So if you can't get faith for yourself, get to somebody who can have it for you.
- The lady was in threat of being stoned to death just for being there. She committed at least 3 sins and she was still healed. Sin doesn't stop the power of God.

### Talitha

**Mark 5:35-42** *While He was still speaking, some came from the ruler of the synagogue's house who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" 36 As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not be afraid; only believe." 37 And He permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. 38 Then He came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and saw a tumult and those who wept and wailed loudly. 39 When He came in, He said to them, "Why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but sleeping." 40 And they ridiculed Him. But when He had put them all outside, He took the father and the mother of the child, and those who were with Him, and entered where the child was lying. 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." 42 Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years of age. And they were overcome with great amazement. (NKJV)*

- Who had faith for Talitha? Obviously not the people there because they were ridiculing and mocking Jesus for His faith.
- Jesus put the unbelievers outside. It is easier for somebody below you to pull you down than for you to pull them up. But even an atmosphere of unbelief didn't stop Jesus. Note how He dealt with the atmosphere. He put the people who did not believe outside. He didn't go into worship for hours.
- You are the atmosphere. You have an open heaven. You don't change the atmosphere to change people. You change people to change the atmosphere.
- Jesus raised Talitha with a few short words and by touching her. No long prayers, no speaking in tongues, no fasting, no asking her permission, no asking God what His will is...

### Two Blind Men

**Matt 9:27-30** *Then Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" 28 And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." 29 Then He*

touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you." 30 And their eyes were opened. (NKJV)

- Believing God is able to heal is enough faith to get healed.
- Jesus touched the part that needed healing and commanded it to be according to their faith.

#### **A mute, demon possessed man.**

**Matt 9:32-33** *As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. 33 And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!" (NKJV)*

- There was a demonic cause for this muteness. Once the demon was cast out, the man could speak.

#### **Demon-possessed Boy**

**Matt 17:14-21** *And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, 15 "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. 16 So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him." 17 Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." 18 And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. 19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" 20 So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. 21 However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting." (NKJV)*

- The disciples were given all authority over all demons prior to this yet now they couldn't cast it out.
- Jesus came and cast it out proving it was possible, God's will, and nothing to do with timing.
- The reason why the disciples failed was unbelief and had nothing to do with the boy, his sins, the father's sins, or any such tradition.
- Jesus cast out the demon by rebuking it. Telling it to go. See below:

**Mark 9:25-27** *When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" 26 Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." 27 But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. (NKJV)*

- Jesus gave an authoritative command to the demon. Notice the exclamation mark!!!!
- Demons manifest to scare and intimidate you, to get you to stop doing what you are doing. Don't be fooled by their manifestations. Keep going, don't give up!
- Little faith moves mountains. Jesus told us to speak to the mountains, not to God about our mountains. If the smallest amount of faith can move mountains, then you don't need to get more and more faith!
- Jesus spoke directly to the demon and touched the boy by the hand. No holy water, no crosses. He always did the same thing. Rebuked and laid hands.

#### **The Woman of Canaan**

**Matt 15:21-28**

*Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." 23 But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." 24 But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." 25 Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" 26 But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs." 27 And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." 28 Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour. (NKJV)*

- Jesus said 'No' 3 times and the disciples tried chasing her away. She still left with her daughter healed.
- 1 – Jesus ignored her.
- 2 – Disciples asked Jesus to send her away.
- 3 – Jesus says He wasn't sent for her. (She didn't have a covenant).
- 4 – Jesus said the children's bread (healing) is for those under covenant.
- Not one of these things stopped the woman. The woman of Canaan also had great faith because she had no right to ask. She made a claim on God's nature and had faith that He would act justly.
- Even if God Himself says no, you can still be healed.

**Nazareth**

There are many instances where Jesus healed crowds of thousands of people. None of them were saved, all of them had sin, curses, unforgiveness, generational curses, unbelief etc. None of those things ever stopped Jesus or hindered Him healing people. But what about Nazareth?

**Mark 6:1-6**

*Then He went out from there and came to His own country, and His disciples followed Him. 2 And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing Him were astonished, saying, "Where did this Man get these things? And what wisdom is this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands! 3 Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" So they were offended at Him. 4 But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house." 5 Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. 6 And He marveled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching. (NKJV)*

- The people were astonished because Jesus performed mighty works. Two verses later it says He couldn't do many mighty works. What is going on?
- Firstly this isn't saying Jesus couldn't get people healed. It says He only did a few (countable) healings.
- Imagine your city, how many people are in it? Imagine a preacher comes to town. How many attend? How many come forward for the altar call for healing? That is a big difference in numbers. If 10 people out of 100 000 gets healed, I would also say no many mighty works were done.
- Those who came to Jesus were healed. Those who didn't come weren't. Those who didn't come stayed away because of their unbelief. Unbelief doesn't stop God, but it stops you from reaching

out for help. (Unbelief is believing Jesus is not the Saviour. If you don't think He is the saviour, why would you go to Him?)

### **Woman with a spirit of infirmity**

**Luke 13:10-17** Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. 11 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. 12 But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." 13 And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. 14 But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day." 15 The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? 16 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?" 17 And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him. (NKJV)

- She had had this infirmity for 18 years. Jesus basically says they should have set her free years ago.
- "When He saw her." Jesus wasn't led to pray for her. He was teaching. While He taught He saw her and called her forward. He could see the physical signs of infirmity and acted on that.
- He healed by speaking and laying hands.
- The rulers were angry not because Jesus healed, but because He did it on the Sabbath. They were so legalistic that they would withhold good to uphold their traditions.
- Who bound this woman up? Who set her free? Whose will is it to bind you up? Whose will is it to set you free? God can't have both wills, otherwise He is double minded.

### **The Man with the withered hand**

**Mark 3:1-6** And He entered the synagogue again, and a man was there who had a withered hand. 2 So they watched Him closely, whether He would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse Him. 3 And He said to the man who had the withered hand, "Step forward." 4 Then He said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they kept silent. 5 And when He had looked around at them with anger, being grieved by the hardness of their hearts, He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored as whole as the other. 6 Then the Pharisees went out and immediately plotted with the Herodians against Him, how they might destroy Him. (NKJV)

- They watched Him closely, whether He would heal him on the Sabbath. Their question wasn't if Jesus would heal, it was when He would do it.
- He healed by an instruction. ("Stretch out your hand.")

### **The Lame Man at the Gate Beautiful**

**Acts 3:1-16** Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. 2 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; 3 who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. 4 And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said,



*"Look at us." 5 So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. 6 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." 7 And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. 8 So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them — walking, leaping, and praising God. 9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God. 10 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. 11 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. 12 So when Peter saw it, he responded to the people: "Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? 13 The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let Him go. 14 But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, 15 and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses. 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. (NKJV)*

- The man was healed before they went to pray. You don't need to get prayed up first.
- Peter said, "Look at us." Peter should have known better and said "Look at Jesus." Silly Peter.
- Peter said, "What I have, I give you." Peter acknowledged he had something to give.
- "He took him by the right hand (laying hands) and lifted him up (working of miracles). Faith + Action.
- He praised God after he got healed. You don't have to create an atmosphere through singing before God will heal. Praise is giving thanks, not begging.
- "They were filled with wonder" Signs as wonders... Healing is a sign that will make you wonder.
- Peter first said, "Look at us, what I have I give you" but in verse 12 he asks the people, "Why do you look at us?"
- His Name and faith in His Name made this man strong. What saved you? What heals you?
- The faith that comes through Him. Don't have faith in your faith. Jesus supplies you with His faith.

#### **Aeneas**

**Acts 9:32-35** *Now it came to pass, as Peter went through all parts of the country, that he also came down to the saints who dwelt in Lydda. 33 There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed. 34 And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed." Then he arose immediately. 35 So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord. (NKJV)*

- Peter healed Aeneas through instruction. Do what you couldn't do before.
- ALL who dwelt in Lydda and Sharon got saved because of this healing.

#### **Dorcas**

**Acts 9:36-42** *At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. 37 But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. 38 And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them. 39 Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had*

come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them. 40 But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. 41 Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive. 42 And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord. (NKJV)

- Peter put the wailers and weepers outside. People will talk you out of faith by magnifying the problem. Unbelief doesn't stop God, it stops you.
- Peter prayed, then TURNING to the body, he said: "Tabitha, arise!". The wailers and weepers might have gotten Peter into unbelief, so he stirred himself up in prayer first. Then he turned to the body. He didn't pray over the body. He prayed, then raised her.

### **Eutychus**

**Acts 20:7-12** Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight. 8 There were many lamps in the upper room where they were gathered together. 9 And in a window sat a certain young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep. He was overcome by sleep; and as Paul continued speaking, he fell down from the third story and was taken up dead. 10 But Paul went down, fell on him, and embracing him said, "Do not trouble yourselves, for his life is in him." 11 Now when he had come up, had broken bread and eaten, and talked a long while, even till daybreak, he departed. 12 And they brought the young man in alive, and they were not a little comforted. (NKJV)

- Paul preached until midnight. Eutychus fell asleep and fell to his death.
- Paul not only laid hands, he laid body. (Probably learned this from Elijah – 1 Kings 17:21)
- Paul then went to take communion and preached on. Only at daybreak did they bring the man back alive. That means Paul didn't see an instant manifestation, but in faith believed that it would happen, so he went on with what he was doing. Don't be discouraged, take communion.

### **Publius**

**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. 9 So when this was done, the rest of those on the island who had diseases also came and were healed. (NKJV)

- Paul healed through laying hands. He healed all on the island with sicknesses too.
- He prayed, laid hands and healed him. Prayer to stir himself up, laying hands as point of power transfer.

### **The Lame Man at Bethesda**

**John 5:1-9** After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 2 Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. 3 In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. 4 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. 5 Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. 6 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?" 7 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." 8 Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." 9 And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath. (NKJV)

- The power of God is so 'mechanical' that whoever got into the pool got healed.
- This man had been sick for 38 years. Many that have a sickness for that length of time probably will think "If God really wanted to heal me, He would have done it by now."
- The method for healing was through issuing a command.
- Many think that because of this story Jesus only healed that one man. I personally believe he healed more than one man, only this man's story made it into the book. (John 21:25) When you read John 5:16 it says the Pharisees persecuted Jesus for 'these things' He did on that Sabbath implying He did more than one thing that day.

Do you get it? Anything you believe that is contrary to Jesus is a tradition of man that nullifies the Word of God in your life. Stop it! It nullifies it because you will not go to God if you believe those conditions. You have set up vain empty imaginations that try to exalt themselves against the knowledge of Christ.

**Matt 15:6-9** *Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition. 7 Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: 8 "These people draw near to me with their mouth, and honor me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. 9 And in vain they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men. (NKJV)*

- You make the commandment of God of NO EFFECT through traditions. And we wonder why His word is seemingly not working. That is because what we believe to be true has in many cases been so far removed from scripture through our useless traditions.

**Mark 7:5-13** *Then the Pharisees and scribes asked Him, "Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?" 6 He answered and said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: 'This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. 7 And in vain they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' 8 For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men — the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do." 9 He said to them, "All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition. 10 For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.' 11 But you say, 'If a man says to his father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me is Corban" — ' (that is, a gift to God), 12 then you no longer let him do anything for his father or his mother, 13 making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do." (NKJV)*

- We have many such traditions when it comes to God and His power. Most formed through experiential theology. "It worked when we did this, therefore we always have to do this or else it is not God."

## **Conclusion:**

Jesus is perfect theology. If what you believe on how to minister is not reflected by Jesus or the way He ministered, you are most likely building a traditional conviction. (Remember the questions at the start of this section?)

## The Sovereignty of God

Most people believe that everything that happens on earth had to be willed by God. They see God as the being that is in supreme control of everything and is behind everything that happens and that nothing can happen unless God wills it or gives it permission to occur. They reason that since God has the power to change any bad thing, that if He wanted to, He would have done so already. Unfortunately God doesn't always get what He wants. Yes, He is sovereign! Yes, he has all power. But to say God wills everything that happens is to say God wills your cancer, your rape, your molestation, your divorce, your poverty, and your death. Why do you want to serve a God that wills you to be raped, sick, poor and dead?

**Jer 29:11** *For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. (NKJV)*

- The Word says God think good things towards you. Sickness is not good, therefore it is not in the thoughts of God when He thinks of you.

**1 Tim 2:3-4** *For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. (NKJV)*

- God's will is for ALL men to be saved.
- Are all men saved? (Narrow and Broad way).
- God's wants to save all, but not all except Him as Saviour.
- That means God's will doesn't automatically just happen, even though it is sovereign.

**2 Peter 3:9** *The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. (NKJV)*

- Again, God doesn't want any to perish, yet some do. God's will is sovereign, but He doesn't always get what he wants. If He did, why do we preach? Why do we teach? Why do we do anything if God is just going to do His will anyway?

**John 3:16-17** *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. (NKJV)*

- Jesus didn't come to kill you with cancer. He didn't come to teach you with hardships. Yes we suffer hardships (for the gospel's sake, meaning persecution) but God is not the author of hardship and suffering.
- To cause evil only to let good come out of it, is counterproductive. Yes, God works all things together for the good of those who love Him, but He doesn't author the bad just to make it work together for good. That is stupid and manipulative.
- If I were to poison the town's water supply everyone would get sick. If I then come forth with the antidote as well, I could be seen as the good guy who saved the people. But if it is discovered that I caused the poisoning, I would be locked up as a criminal. Now why would we think that God is a criminal who causes evil only to get glory for making it work together for good?

**But isn't God sovereign and in control of everything?**

**1Jo 5:19** *We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one. (NIV)*

- God is not the only one controlling events in our world. The evil one has control too. But we are not here to point fingers at God or the devil, we are here to set the wrongs right, to let justice reign, to destroy the works of the devil.
- Police officers are agents given charge to enforce the country's sovereign laws. God is sovereign, and has appointed His sons to be the agents that enforce His will.
- Jesus prayed: "Your will be done" and then went to about doing it. He didn't pray, "If it be Thy will, Thy will be done." God's will happens when people enforce it by faith.
- God's sovereignty also doesn't mean He can do whatever He wants to, it means He ONLY does what He wants to. God is not fickle. In Him there is no shadow of turning. He is not double-minded. He is faithful. You can't have faith in Him if He is not always the same. It defeats the purpose.
- So yes, God is sovereign, but He does not will everything that happens to happen. He doesn't always get His will.
- This brings us to the believer's responsibility. Our sole responsibility is to have faith in God and then act accordingly. If your faith is misplaced, your actions will be inconsistent.

**Matt 28:18-20** *And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. (NKJV)*

- If Jesus has ALL authority, then that means everybody else has none. That includes the devil and you. (You in regards to delegated authority)
- Since you are in Christ and a co-equal heir (Rom 8:16-17) His full authority resides in you. You are His body, with His spirit (1 Cor 6:17) therefore you have His authority and His Power.
- Because of that, we go and do in His Name (By His authority) what He told us to do.
- The whole point of using "In Jesus Name" is to invoke His authority.

**Matt 16:18-19** *And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. 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." (NKJV)*

- It seems like we have the keys. Whatsoever WE bind and loose. So what are you doing with the keys? The use of the words bind and loose in the culture of the Jews meant to permit or to forbid something. Whatsoever we permit is permitted in Heaven. Whatsoever we forbid is forbidden in Heaven. It all comes back to authority.
- The authority to bind and loose has been given to us. That means it our job to exercise Jesus' authority, to permit or forbid on earth that which is permitted and forbidden in Heaven.

**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. (NKJV)*

- The disciples received delegated authority because at this time they were not yet saved.
- We operate through inherited authority as heirs of God.
- The enemy has no authority, but this is not to be confused with ability. He has power, though limited, he still has it. That is why we have power and authority over (greater than) the power (ability) of the devil.

**2 Cor 5:20** *Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. (NKJV)*

- An ambassador is a person from one country living in another country as a representative of their country. Since we are not from this world (John 15:19) we represent heaven here on earth.
- An ambassador has immunity against the laws of the country he is in. In the same way we have immunity against the laws of the world we are in. (Death, sickness, the law...)
- In an embassy (where the ambassador lives) the laws of his country are in effect.
- An ambassador has to operate in line with the words and orders of his country's ruler or else he is no longer a true representative.
- Ambassadors serve to establish relationships between countries, therefore we are here to establish relationships with people and connect them with heaven.

**Mark 11:23-24** *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 be done, he will have whatever he says. 24 Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them. (NKJV)*

- Our instructions are to speak to the mountains, not to God about our mountains.
- If your boss tells you to do something, and you then 5 minutes later you run to him and ask him to do it for you, what is he going to say? "Why did I ask you to do it if I have to now do it?"
- Don't ask God to do something He told you to do.
- Don't ask Him to do something He already did.
- Don't ask Him to give you something He already gave you in Christ. (Ep 1:3)
- Acknowledge what you have (which is everything) and make your faith effective. (Philem 1:6)

**Rom 16:20** *And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. (NKJV)*

- God does the crushing, it is always His ability operating in power but He uses your feet (and hands etc) as the contact point.
- When you step, He can step on. If you don't step, He doesn't either. (You are His body...)

**Rom 8:16-17** *The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. (NKJV)*

- We have become children of God in the same way that Jesus is. We are heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ. That means we got the same things He got.

**1 John 4:17** *Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. (NKJV)*

- As He (Jesus) is, so ARE we in THIS WORLD.

**1 Cor 6:17** *But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. (NKJV)*

- Your spirit became one spirit with the Holy Spirit when you got born again.
- You didn't evolve into a son of God. You were created to be one.
- You didn't receive a part of the Holy Spirit. You can't receive part of a person.

### **Being Led**

- Being led doesn't solely mean we have to wait for God to speak to us personally before we act.
- We know His Word and any leading is going to line up with His Word anyway. So by doing the Word, you will always be following any leading from Him.
- Since He commanded us to do certain things, the commandments themselves are leadings. They are not suggestions.
- If you treat them as suggestions, you might wonder why the command is of no effect in your life.
- You can get special or specific leadings, but if you don't it doesn't mean you don't have to act. Doing the Father's will means knowing it and doing it irrespective of whether you received special instruction or not.

**Mark 9:38-40** *Now John answered Him, saying, "Teacher, we saw someone who does not follow us casting out demons in Your name, and we forbade him because he does not follow us." 39 But Jesus said, "Do not forbid him, for no one who works a miracle in My name can soon afterward speak evil of Me. 40 For he who is not against us is on our side. (NKJV)*

- The disciples complained because other people were doing the works Jesus specially told them to do yet Jesus told the disciples, not to tell them to stop. They were doing the Will of God.

**Luke 7:12-16** *And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. 13 **When the Lord saw her**, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." 14 Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." 15 So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. 16 Then*

*fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people." (NKJV)*

- Jesus wasn't led to raise the dead. He SAW the need and met it.
- Jesus wasn't led to raise the dead, He IS the resurrection.
- He had compassion. When you see sickness and feel compassion (not pity), you are in exactly the same position Jesus was to raise the dead. Act on it.
- When you see sickness and don't feel compassion, you can still act like Jesus. Don't put God in a feelings box.

**Luke 13:10-13** *Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. 11 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. 12 **But when Jesus saw her**, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." 13 And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. (NKJV)*

- Again, when He saw her. Whenever you see sickness, you can act like Jesus. See the need, meet it.

**Rom 8:14** *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. (NKJV)*

- If you are a son, you are led.
- The Greek word for led implies to be led without regard for beginning or end of action. (Continuously led).

**Phil 2:13** *for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. (NKJV)*

- Your desire to do good for God is Him leading you.
- You are too selfish to think of that yourself.

### **Conclusion:**

To know the will of God, read the Word. To be led by the Spirit, do the Word. – Lester Sumrall.



## ***Authority and Power: The Exercising of Dominion***

**Luke 9:1**      *Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power (dunamis) and authority (exousia) over all demons, and to cure diseases (NKJV)*

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

**Mark 6:7**      *And He called the twelve to Himself, and began to send them out two by two, and gave them power (exousia) over unclean spirits. (NKJV)*

**Matt 10:1**      *And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power (exousia) over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease. (NKJV)*

**Matt 28:18-19**      *And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority (exousia) has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (NKJV)*

**Acts 1:8**      *But you shall receive power (dunamis) 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." (NKJV)*

**1 Cor 2:4-5**      *And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power (dunamis), 5 that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power (dunamis) of God. (NKJV)*

**Exousia** – The right to do something. To be granted permission or to be given authority.

**Dunamis** – Power and ability to do something.

A police officer's badge represents the authority (Exousia) in which he operates. His gun is the power (Dunamis) given to him to enforce that authority. So not only does he represent authority, he has permission to enforce it. Criminals rebel against authority with their ability. But because of their lack of authority (permission), they have no leg to stand on. Sometimes just the authority is enough to stop criminals but often they will not listen to authority alone. That is when power to enforce authority comes into play. In the same way the devil might respond to authority sometimes, but often a display of power (exercising dominion) is what will force him to bow his knee.

### Authority Flow Chart

**A. At Creation:**

God  
Jesus  
Holy Spirit  
Adam / Man  
Angels / Satan

**B. After Sin:**

God  
Jesus  
Holy Spirit  
Satan / Angels  
Adam / Man

**C. During Jesus' time on earth:**

God  
Holy Spirit  
Satan / Angels  
Jesus / Man

**D. After the Cross:**

God  
Jesus / Redeemed Man United with the Holy Spirit  
Satan / Angels  
Natural (Unredeemed) Man

### ***So how do you exercise dominion?***

- First you need to acknowledge or realize you actually have authority to exercise, and the power to back it up.
- Then you need to stop asking God to do things He told you to do. Begging somebody to do your job is not exercising dominion.
- When you tell a naughty dog to get off the couch, you don't go,
  - "Father, please remove this dog from my couch in Jesus Name."
  - "Father, if it is Your will Father, remove Father this dog Father from my couch Father in Jesus Name Father." (Yes, just listen how many times Christians say Father during prayer...)
  - "Dog, I rebuke you in Jesus Name."
  - "Dog, please get off the couch."
- How do you address a naughty dog?
  - "GET OUT!" (Add a gesture of violently 'laying hands' by raising your arm and they get the picture...)

***Mark 11:22-24*** "Have faith in God. 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 be done, he will have whatever he says. 24 Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them. (NKJV)

- Speak to the mountain. Speak to your problem.
- A police officer doesn't phone the chief of police when he sees a burglar, he goes over and arrests them. If he phoned in every time to ask permission, he would soon lose his job.
- Don't talk to God about your problem, talk to your problem and command it to do what you want it to do.

***Mark 1:25*** But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" (NKJV)

***Mark 9:25*** When Jesus saw that the people came running together, **He rebuked the unclean spirit**, saying to it, "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" (NKJV)

***John 11:43*** Now when He had said these things, He cried with a **loud voice**, "Lazarus, come forth!" (NKJV)

- Sometimes it helps to get loud. When you get loud, the dog gets off the couch. When you speak nicely, it doesn't. Get loud, get angry, command the sickness/devil to leave.
- This is not a formula, but it is effective none the less. Start there, learn to exercise authority. As you exercise it often and consistently, the demons start to recognize you.

***Acts 19:15*** And the evil spirit answered and said, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?" (NKJV)

- Imagine the first day you started a new job. You had certain responsibilities and the authority to execute those responsibilities. The first day was a mess. You didn't know what you could really do, not do, etc. After a few days, you got settled into your job and knew how to do it.

- If you were put in charge of some people, they might have tested your authority initially. If they learned early on they could walk over you, your authority doesn't mean much to them. But if you let them know their place and where they stand with you, what you allow and what you don't allow, they will recognize your authority. If they still don't, you fire them. (Power)
- It is time to stop being politically correct with the devil and start treating him the way Jesus did. He always learns the hard way.

### **Generating Power?**

Some might say you have the authority but you need to live more holy, pray & fast, create an atmosphere and all sorts of mumbo jumbo Harry Pottering to get the power. Even though it can yield results, it is the Old Covenant way of doing it.

**2 Cor 3:4-9** *And we have such trust through Christ toward God. 5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God, 6 who also made us **sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit**; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. 7 But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, **which glory was passing away**, 8 how will **the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious?** 9 **For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory.** (NKJV)*

- Praying and fasting, creating atmosphere with worship and living holy are all good things but when they are used to generate power, it falls under the old covenant which has a glory that is always passing away.
- In other words as soon as you stop praying, singing, fasting, the power is gone. Under the new covenant the glory is not fading but we are constantly taken from glory to glory in increasing measures.
- You also don't have 3 hours to soak when you just discovered your little child floating facedown in a pool. You don't have 40 days to fast when your friend has a heart attack in the restaurant. People die while the Church comes up with excuses for not manifesting power. Some diseases attack in an instant. If you can't react in an instant, you lose people.

**2 Cor 3:18** *But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord. (NKJV)*

- The New Covenant doesn't have a fading glory. If you are on a high on Sunday but Monday it has worn off, the glory you experienced was fading which means what you were doing was pretty much Old Covenant.

**2 Tim 1:6** *Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. (NKJV)*

- Stirring up the gift (which is the Holy Spirit) in you is done in the same way you work yourself up when you get angry or upset.

**John 11:33-35** *Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, **He groaned in the spirit and was troubled**. 34 And He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see." 35 Jesus wept. (NKJV)*

- The word for groaned in the Greek means to snort with anger and to have indignation. Like a horse getting ready before charging into battle.
- Jesus also wept. He was emotionally charged. Emotions aren't wrong. Draw from them, but don't be led by them. Do what you need to do whether you feel emotional or not. Emotions usually drive us harder.

**Jude 20** *But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit. (NKJV)*

- You can also stir and build yourself up by praying in tongues. The way you train is the way you fight. Pray loud, hard, fast and often.
- You are born complete. You grow up and learn to use your legs. In the same way we are born with everything in our spirits. We learn to use it as we grow up into all the fullness of the stature of the measure of Christ. You will never learn to run if you don't learn to walk.
- If you treated natural learning like we do with spiritual learning, you would still be lying on the floor in your parents house after falling when you tried standing up the first time. You are going to make mistakes. Get over it, go on and get to the next person. (Then go back...)

Exercising authority and dominion is more about knowing who you are when you speak, than the actual words you say. It is not a formula, it is not an incantation or anything like that. The words you speak are spirit and life.

**John 6:63** *It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. (NKJV)*

Exercising authority and dominion is giving instructions to the demons/spirits of infirmities for them to obey.

“When a son of God speaks, heaven hears and agrees; hell hears and obeys.” Curry Blake.

## How to Minister Healing:

- 1. Determine the problem:** – Name of sickness, symptoms or what the person is unable to do.
- 2. Attack:** - Cast out, evict, command the spirit of infirmity/name of sickness/symptoms to leave. Lay hands where possible. Anoint with oil if available.
- 3. Check:** - Ask person to check for changes. It's good to do a check before you minister to have something to measure against. If no change, see Step 2. If slight change, see step 2. If significant change, see step 2. If complete healing manifests, see step 4.
- 4. Praise:** - Give thanks to Jesus and testify of what happened.

