

DIVINE HEALING

HEALING IS THE CHILDREN'S BREAD

The Church has been reclaiming the Gospel of Divine Healing; something it should never have lost but while that is happening there are so many who adamantly oppose this wonderful truth and so we must “earnestly contend for the faith that was handed down to us”.

The earliest promise of Divine Healing is found in Exodus 15:25-26 where immediately after bringing the Israelites out of Egypt The Lord, said to them:

“He said, “If you will listen carefully to the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in his sight, obeying his commands and keeping all his decrees, then I will not make you suffer any of the diseases I sent on the Egyptians; for I am the LORD who heals you.” ”

We can conclude therefore that when God's people were listening and obeying The Lord considered that Sickness “belonged” to the Egyptians i.e. those outside of His Covenant and Divine Healing belonged to His Obedient People!

Now, in the same way that The Lord declared that Divine Healing belonged to His people we see that The Lord Jesus began His ministry with Divine Healing too!

**That's because Our Lord Jesus is
“the same; yesterday, today and forever”**

Here are two Scriptures that we will put into practice each and every Sunday for the next 3 months!

1. **Mark 16:17 – 18** And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.
2. **James 5:14 - 15** Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

The Lord Jesus began His Ministry with Divine Healing and he concluded it with the Forgiveness of Sins through His Atonement on the Cross.

Here are some Foundational Scriptures for Divine Healing

Psalms 103:1 – 3 Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgives all your sins and who heals all of your diseases.

Isaiah 53:3-5 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows and acquainted with sickness. Surely he bore our sickness and carried our pains. But he was wounded for our sins, he was bruised for our immorality and the chastisement of our total peach (Shalom) was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed {RAPHA as in Jehovah Rapha}.

Matthew 8:16 - 17 (NLT) ¹⁶That evening many demon-possessed people were brought to Jesus. He cast out the evil spirits with a simple command, and he healed all the sick. ¹⁷This fulfilled the word of the Lord through the prophet Isaiah, who said, “He took our sicknesses and removed our diseases.”

Sin & Sickness

In these Scriptures we can conclude that The Lord places a connection between sin and sickness that cannot be ignored.

Not all sickness is a result of “Personal sin” but all sickness came because of sin...

The Lord looks at them both in the same way... they are both abhorrent to Him

He has provided a Divine Remedy for both of them!

Now, let's take a look at Jesus' Healing Ministry

Matthew 15:21-27 ...Jesus went and went into the coastland towns Tyre and Sidon. And, now listen carefully, a Canaanite woman who lived in one of those towns came to him and cried out saying; ‘Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David because my daughter is grievously vexed by a demon.’ But he ignored her and did not respond to her.

Then, after a little while his disciples came and begged him saying; 'Send her away; for she is following us and continually cries out to us.' But he responded to them saying; 'I have only been sent to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.'

Now a little while after that the woman came and fell at his feet and worshipped him saying; 'Lord, help me.' But he answered her saying; '*It is not right to take the children's bread, and to throw it to dogs.*'

Then she said; 'That's so true Lord. But even the dogs get to eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.'

Now Jesus marveled and said to her; 'O woman, great is your faith. Let it be done for you just as you desire!' And when they checked they found that *her daughter was made whole* at the very hour Jesus said she was.

When this woman came to Jesus his Disciples stopped her because it seemed like Jesus was ignoring her...

Have you felt that God has ignored your cry for help and healing?

Then, she came and threw herself at his feet and pleaded with him and again, it looks like he snubbed her calling her a "dog"!

So, you feel like God has ignored you... have you ever felt like he just didn't really care about you? That he was treating you like a dog? Wow!

But this woman was determined! She was not going to be offended!

Listen, her daughter meant more to her than her own feelings!

So she responded with an answer that stopped Jesus in his tracks and made him remark about her great faith!

Where is your faith today?

Are you feeling sorry for yourself because you feel like The Lord isn't listening to you?

Are you offended because you feel like The Lord doesn't care about you and is treating you worse than a dog?

You need to make up your mind right now that He does care about you and for whatever reason you have not received Divine Healing it is not because he doesn't care about you or is ignoring you!

You have to learn to say "Lord, you do all things well" and do not doubt!

It is clearly God's Will for us to be healed so that our attitude towards sickness, disease and sin should be the same!

So come forward today and receive forgiveness of sins and the healing of your bodies!