

Biblical Authority
for HEALING &
DELIVERANCE



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“To keep the ministry of healing from God’s people because it happens not to interest the leaders of the congregation is as much spiritual malpractice as it would be medical malpractice for a hospital to refuse to treat heart attacks because its staff preferred only to treat pneumonia...”

-The Rev. Cannon Mark Pearson
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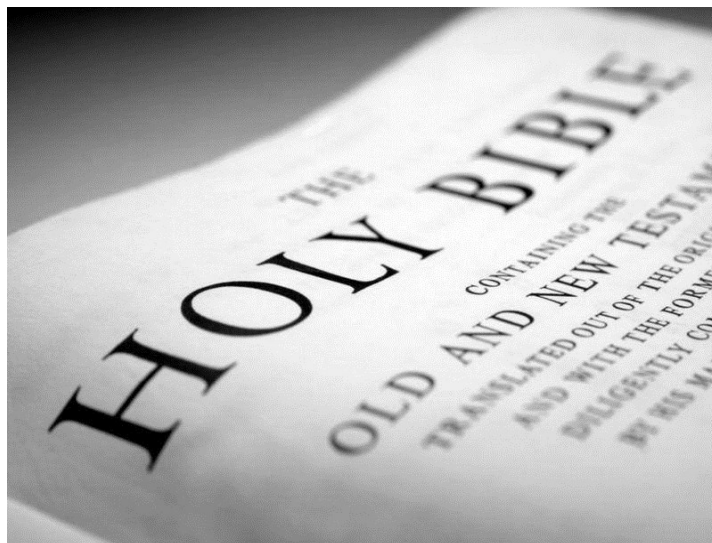
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PRAYER

God's Word & Name



Week One

"...for you have exalted above all things
your name and your word." Psalm 138:2b ESV

SECTION 1

THE WORD OF GOD IS OUR ULTIMATE RULE OF FAITH AND ACTION**I. The Word of God:****The Word is our final authority.**

Our experiences must be judged by Scripture and not Scripture judged by our experience.

The Word of God is forever settled in Heaven, we must settle it on earth.

Match the scripture with the reference:

___ 1. Psalms 119:89 ___ 2. 1 Peter 1:24 (Is. 40:7,8) ___ 3. Matt. 5:18 ___ 4. Jerm 1:12

- A. "Your word, O LORD, is eternal; it stands firm (settled) in the heavens. Your faithfulness continues through all generations; you established the earth, and it endures. Your laws endure to this day, for all things serve you."
- B. "The LORD said to me, "You have seen correctly, for I am watching to see that my word is fulfilled."
- C. "I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished."
- D. "For, "All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever."

The Word of God is unchanging, unmoving, because it is God's Covenant Word. What God says will stand forever.

Write out the following verses:

Hebrews 6:17-18 _____

Isaiah 55:11 _____

We settle God's Word on earth by believing in it, standing on it, fighting for it, it will still be the same.

2. A More Sure Covenant**The written word of God is more sure than a voice speaking from Heaven.**

- ___ 1. We have a Word more certain than the prophets A. Hebrews 8:6
- ___ 2. God has spoken to us by His son. B. 2 Peter 1:16-21 16.
- ___ 3. Jesus covenant with us is superior to the Old Covenant with Israel. C. Hebrews 1:1-3

Last Will & Testament

A "Will" reveals the nature and intentions of the person who wrote it. (write out)

Heb. 9:16 _____

Jesus sealed the will of the Father into the earth through His death. (write out)

2 Cor. 1:20 _____

Living by Faith in the Word of God

1. Once we accept the word of God as our final authority, we must begin to retrain our mind to think in line with God's will. (Rom.12:1-2)
2. The Bible is the revealed will and covenant of God. Everything that we need to know about how to live the way God wants us to, must be, and has been provided to us.
3. God cannot require you to do what you cannot do.
4. God cannot hold you responsible for what you cannot know.

Duet. 29:29 – “The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things _____
 _____, that we may follow all the words of this law..”

Proving God's will

Rom. 12: 1-2 – “Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. ² Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. **Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.**”

1. God requires us to “prove” what is the good, acceptable, and perfect will of God. If God's will changes from minute to minute and from person to person, we can never, with certainty, know, let alone prove His will. (His will generally is to bless & impart life)
2. This brings us to the question of how to prove what God's will is. This question is answered in the same verse that commands us to prove it. “.... But transformed by the renewing of your mind...”
3. You must renew your mind by the Word of God. You renew your mind by changing the way you think about things, until every thought agrees with what the Bible says about it.

To do this you must:

- A. Systematically study the Bible to find out what it says about each topic.
- B. Form what you learn, test and approve it to become your testimony.

Rev.12:11 – “They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony;”

His Word must become your word

4. Since your mind works like a computer, whatever is in your memory will stay there until it is deleted and replaced with new information. Because of this, it is not enough to learn Bible Scriptures; you must pull down any thought that does not agree with the Bible.

2 Cor. 10:3-5 - “For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up _____
 _____, and we take _____ to make it obedient to Christ.”

5. For the Word of God to be truly effective in our lives, we must reach and live in a place where our first thought is what the Bible says. To think in line with the Word, when this occurs we are experiencing our Biblical positional standing in Christ as one who has the mind of Christ.

1 Cor. 2:12-16 “We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may _____.”¹³ This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words.¹⁴ The man _____ does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.”

SECTION 2

THE REVELATION OF GOD'S NAME

1. God's Name—God always begins a relationship by revealing His Name, which in turn reveals His nature and His attitude toward them.

Ex. 3:13-14 —“Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

2. God's name is “I AM” - This signifies the truth that God is the God who always IS. He is not the God who “Was,” or the God “who Shall Be,” He is the God who “Is.”

- God is always NOW, which is why faith is always **now** (Heb 11:1)
- God is not constantly changing. He is always the same.
- Malachi 3:6- “For I am the Lord, I change not....” (KJV)
- We are still dealing with the same God today that Abraham dealt with.



3. Whatever God is, He Always Is. Remember that in the Bible, names always meant something; they described the thing they were attached to:

- Abraham- Father of Many Nations
- Jacob- Usurper/Deceiver- who became Israel which means "Prince with God".

When God gives us a name by which He desires to be called by us, **He is telling us Who He wants to be to us.** Bible scholars say that God has given to man a series of what are called “covenant” or “redemptive” names, which are names by which God has made covenants or unbreakable contracts with mankind.

Example: **Exodus 15:26** – He said, “If you listen carefully to the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, **who heals you.**”

When this verse is read in the original Hebrew, the last part of the verse reads; "for I am the Lord that healeth thee." is actually the name: “**Jehovah-Rapha.**” Once God established the name Jehovah-Rapha as a name that applied to Him, He revealed to man that he is a God that will forever be man's healer, if man will meet the conditions set down by God.

- The conditions of Jehovah-Rapha:
 - if thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God.
 - and wilt do that which is right in His sight,
 - and wilt give ear to His commandments,
 - and keep all His statutes,
- The blessings of Jehovah-Rapha
 - I will put none of these diseases upon thee
 - I AM THE LORD THAT HEALETH THEE

In the following verse you will notice that one of the conditions of long life, salvation, deliverance, and answered prayer is that we know His Name.

Psalm 91:14 – “Because he loves me,” says the LORD, “I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. ¹⁵ He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. ¹⁶

_____.”

4. The Name of Jesus - The name of Jesus embodies all of the promises of God. *Yeshua* means, “Jehovah’s salvation,” deliverance, wholeness, & healing

John 17:11,12 – “Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name— _____—so that they may be one as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by _____.”

Micah 5:2, 5 - ““But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.... ⁴ He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. ⁵ And he will be their peace...”

5. Partaking in God’s own nature

2 Peter 1:3 – “His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. ⁴ Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them _____ and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.”

Within God’s nature is divine life.

Match the Scriptures with the description

- | | |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| ___ 1. John 10:10 | A. Find Jesus find life |
| ___ 2. Gal 5:22-23 | B. If the same spirit that raised Jesus is in you... |
| ___ 3. Proverbs 8:35 | C. I came so you would have life and life abundant |
| ___ 4. Romans 8:11 | D. The fruit of God’s spirit is... |

Through His promises, (covenant, declared will) we participate in His divine nature. We must believe, have faith, that these promises are for us to act upon. Therefore we declare, “Amen,” or so be it!

2 Cor. 1:20 - “For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ (Jesus). And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God.”

The promises are the keys given to us. It’s not about how much we believe in God but as Abraham if we believe that what He said is true.

Romans 4:20 – “Yet he (Abraham) did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. ²² This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.”

**Many Christian live as if the Old Testament offered more to Israel
than Christ has offered to us in the New Testament!**

Hebrews 8:6 - “But the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs as the covenant of which he is mediator is superior to the old one, and it is founded on better promises.”

2 Cor. 3:7-12 - “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, will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? If the ministry that condemns men is glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory. And if what was fading away came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts! Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold.”

Psalm 103:2 – “Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,” (David declares all the promises to Abraham)

Healing Testimony: *(audio of Duane Miller)*

Pastor Duane Miller caught the flu. Unfortunately while the virus ran its course his vocal chords were irreparably destroyed by the infection. In despair he stepped down as pastor of his Baptist church because he could not preach or sing anymore. He tried to write books but would not be accepted by a publisher because he was unable to vocally promote his work. He worked briefly for a law firm but was let go for fear he might be called to testify and yet could not speak. He spent a great deal of money on countless doctors and specialists. The only thing Duane could do was teach Sunday school. Duane set up a unique microphone system to pick up his voice. One Sunday morning as he was teaching on Psalm 103 Jesus showed up and completely healed Duane by the confession of God’s promises.

Psalm 103:1-4

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 iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
4 who redeems your life from the pit,

Healing Scriptures (KJV)

- Romans 8:32** “He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?”
- Psalms 34:10** “...they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing.”
- Psalms 103:3** “Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;”
- Isaiah 53:4** “Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows:”
- Isaiah 53:5** “With his stripes we are healed.”
- Psalms 119:93** “I will never forget thy precepts: for with them thou hast quickened me.”
- John 8:36** “If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.”
- Romans 8:2** “For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.”
- 2 Cor. 2:14** “Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ.”
- 1 John 3:8** “For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.”
- 3 John 1:2** “Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.”
- 1 Peter 2:24** “By whose stripes ye were healed.”
- Isaiah 40:29** “He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.”
- Jerem. 30:17** “I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds.”
- Matt 8:17** “Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.”
- Romans 8:26** “The Spirit also helpeth our infirmities.”
- Isaiah 40:31** “They that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength.”
- Matt 15:13** “Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.”
- Rom 8:11** “He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.”
- Prov. 3:7-8** “Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.”
- Prov. 4:20-22** “My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.”
- Psalms 91:3** “Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.”
- Psalms 42:11** “Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.”
- 2 Tim 1:7** “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”

- Psalms 107:20** “He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.”
- Jerem 33:6** “Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth.”
- 2 Thess 3:3** “But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil.”
- Psalms 46:1** “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”
- Psalms 55:22** “Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.”
- Psalms 25:20** “O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee.”
- Isaiah 50:7** “For the Lord GOD will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed.”
- Jerem 17:14** “Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise.”
- Psalms 119:107** “I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O LORD, according unto thy word.”
- Psalms 121:2** “My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.”
- Psalms 119:50** “This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me.”
- Isaiah 57:19** “Peace, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith the LORD; and I will heal him.”
- Psalms 116:10** “I believed, therefore have I spoken: I was greatly afflicted.”
- Isaiah 43:2** “When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee.”
- Exodus 15:26** “I will put none of these diseases upon thee...for I am the LORD that healeth thee.”
- Deut 7:15** “And the LORD will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee.”
- Deut 7:14** “There shall not be male or female barren among you...”
- James 5:16** “Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”
- Heb 13:8** “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.”

The Covenant Names of God

There are eight covenant names by which God revealed Himself and His purpose to Israel. These names comprehend the benefits God made available to Israel through His covenant. Whoever knew those names and called upon the God they represented had God's promise that he would behave toward them in the fashion demanded by each of His titles.

1. JEHOVAH JIREH: The LORD will PROVIDE

Genesis 22:14 AMP – So Abraham called the name of that place The Lord Will Provide [Jehovah Jireh]. And it is said to this day, On the mount of the Lord it will be provided.

2. JEHOVAH RAPHA: The LORD my HEALER

Exodus 15:26 NASU – And He said, “If you will give earnest heed to the voice of the Lord your God, and do what is right in His sight, and give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have put on the Egyptians; for I, the Lord, am your HEALER.”

3. JEHOVAH NISSI: The LORD is my BANNER

Exodus 17:15 AMP – And Moses built an altar and called the name of it, The Lord is my Banner. Moses built this altar to commemorate the victory God gave Israel over Amalek. Aaron and Hur had held up Moses' hands until sunset, and while they did so Israel prevailed.

Song of Solomon 2:4 KJV – He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.

4. JEHOVAH SHALOM: The LORD is my PEACE

Judges 6:24 KJV – “...The Angel assured him (Gideon) that he would not and spoke peace to him. Jehovah assured him that he would live and lead Israel to triumph. Jehovah was peace to him even before the battles began.

Shalom (peace) means more than freedom from conflict; it means prosperity, health, well-being, and faith in the face of conflict.

5. JEHOVAH RAAH: The LORD is my SHEPHERD

Psalms 23:1 KJV – The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

John 10:11 AMP – I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd risks and lays down His [own] life for the sheep.

6. JEHOVAH TSIDKENU: The LORD our RIGHTEOUSNESS

Jeremiah 23:6 AMP – In His days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is His name by which He shall be called: The Lord Our Righteousness.

7. JEHOVAH SABAOTH/TSEBAOTH: The LORD of HOSTS

Psalms 24:10 AMP – Who is [He then] this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.

2 Kings 6:13-17 Elisha's servant's eyes are opened to see the hosts of God – horses and chariots of fire – surrounding the city.

8. JEHOVAH SHAMMAH: The LORD is THERE

Ezekiel 48:35 AMP – The distance around the city shall be 18,000 [4 x 4,500] measures; and the name of the city from that day and ever after shall be, The Lord Is There. God – the great God – is ever present with His people!

**Hebrews 13:5b-6 NKJV – For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”
So we may boldly say: “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?”**

The Abrahamic Covenant



If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed,
and heirs according to the promise. Gal. 3:29b

The Abrahamic Covenant

1. Introduction - “The Way of Life and Blessing”

A. The Garden Promise - Be LIFE!

Gen 1:28 – God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

B. The promise at the door of Eden

The entire meaning of the salvation blessings starts here at this verse.

Gen.3:15 – “And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.” KJV

Death – Rom.5:12 – “Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned.”

Life – John 10:10b – “I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

C. Noah

Genesis 9:1, 11 – “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth... I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be cut off by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

2. Abraham’s Covenant

“The way of blessing & life, the key to our inheritance rights”

This list contains some overlapping. It could be shortened but it is important to grasp the dimensions of these promises.

Genesis 12:2-3—The Blessing

- I will make you into a great nation,
- I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.
- I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

Genesis 13:15-17

- All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever.
- I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust, then your offspring could be counted. (:16)
- Go, walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you.”(:17)

Gen 15:1-21

- ¹After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:
- ¹“Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.
- ⁴ Then the word of the LORD came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son coming from your own body will be your heir.”
- ⁵ He took him outside and said, “Look up at the heavens and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”
- ⁶ Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.
- ⁷ “I am the LORD, who brought you out to give you this land to take possession of it.”
- ¹³ Then the LORD said to him, “Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years.

¹⁴ But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions.

¹⁵ You, however, will go to your fathers in peace and be buried at a good old age.

¹⁶ In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure.”

¹⁸ “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates—

Genesis 17:1-22

- I will make my covenant between me and thee (Abraham) (v.2).
- I will multiply thee exceedingly (v.2).
- Thou shalt be a father of many nations (v.4).
- Thy name shall be called Abraham rather than Abram (v.5).
- I will make thee exceedingly fruitful (v.6).
- I will make nations of thee (v.6).
- Kings shall come out of thee (v.6).
- The covenant between God, Abraham, and his seed in their generations coming after Abraham is an everlasting covenant (v.7).
- I will be a God unto thee and unto thy seed after thee (v.7).
- I will give all the land of Canaan to you and to your seed as an everlasting possession (v.8).
- Circumcision is the seal of the covenant for both Abraham and his male children (vv.9-14).
- Sarai's name shall be changed to Sarah (v. 15). And I will bless Sarah (v.16).
- I will give thee a son of Sarah (v.16).
- Sarah will be a mother of nations (v.16).
- Kings of people shall be of Sarah (v.16).
- Sarah's son shall be named Isaac (v.19).
- I will establish my covenant with Isaac for an everlasting covenant (v.19).
- I will establish my covenant with Isaac's seed after him for an everlasting covenant (v.19).

The Covenant condition:

Genesis 17:9-14—”Then God said to Abraham, “As for you, you must keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you for the generations to come. ¹⁰ This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you, the covenant you are to keep: Every male among you shall be circumcised. ¹¹ You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you. ¹² For the generations to come every male among you who is eight days old must be circumcised, including those born in your household or bought with money from a foreigner—those who are not your offspring. ¹³ Whether born in your household or bought with your money, they must be circumcised. My covenant in your flesh is to be an everlasting covenant. ¹⁴ Any uncircumcised male, who has not been circumcised in the flesh, will be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant.”

Genesis 22:16-18

- "By Myself have I sworn..." (v.16).
- In blessing I will bless thee... (v.17).
- In multiplying, I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven and as the sand, which is upon the shore (17)
- Thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies (v.17).
- In thy seed shall all families of the earth be blessed (v.18).

3. Is the covenant valid today?

Genesis 17:7 – “I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

Unchanging covenant

Gal. 3:15 – “Brothers, let me take an example from everyday life. Just as _____ a human covenant that has been duly established, so it is in this case. ¹⁶The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. The Scripture does not say “and to seeds,” meaning many people, but “and to your seed,” meaning one person, who is Christ.”

The Unbroken chain

Match the scripture with the name.

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| ___ 1. To Isaac | A. Gen 48:15 |
| ___ 2. Jacob | B. Genesis 31:42 |
| ___ 3. Israel (12 tribes) | C. Genesis 26:2 |

The covenant promises are passed down to Abrahams seed or descendants therefore the covenant name is identified as “the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.”

Exodus 3:5-6—”“Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” ⁶ Then he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.” At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

It is important to note that God changed Jacobs name to “Israel.” Therefore the Twelve tribes are identified by Jacobs covenant name. “Israel” is the covenant name of the covenant sons of Jacob, Isaac and Abraham.

The Covenant Name of God for Israel

David often recounts the blessings of the Abrahamic Covenant

Psalm 105:5-11,42 (please read in its entirety) – “Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced, ⁶ O descendants of Abraham his servant, O sons of Jacob, his chosen ones. ⁷ He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth. ⁸ _____

_____, the word he commanded, for a thousand generations, ⁹ the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac. ¹⁰ He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree, to _____ ¹¹ “To you I will give the land of Canaan as the portion you will inherit...⁴² For he remembered his holy promise given to his servant Abraham.”

The covenant blessings to Israel as a nation and Hebrew child. The History of the Old Testament is a testament to the promises of God to Abraham being displayed and unfolded through their history.

Covenant Blessings to Israel

Please read through these covenant blessings.

Exodus 23:25-33

1. God shall bless their bread.
2. God shall bless their water.
3. God will take sickness from their midst.
4. Nothing shall be barren.
5. Nothing shall cast their young.

6. God will fulfill the number of their days.
7. God will give victory over their enemies.
8. They shall inherit the land.

Leviticus 26:4-12

1. Rain in due season.
2. Land shall yield her increase.
3. Trees shall yield their fruit.
4. Their threshing shall reach unto the vintage.
5. Vintage shall reach unto the sowing time.
6. They shall eat their bread to the full.
7. They shall dwell safely in their land.
8. They will have peace.
9. They shall lie down and not be afraid.
10. The land will be rid of evil beasts.
11. The sword shall not go through their land.
12. They will have victory over their enemies.
13. God will respect them.
14. God will make them fruitful.
15. He will multiply them.
16. He will continue the covenant with them.
17. They shall eat old store.
18. They shall bring forth the old because of the new.
19. God sets his tabernacle among them.
20. God shall not abhor them.
21. God will walk among them.
22. He will be their God.
23. They shall be his people.

Deuteronomy 7:12-26

1. God will love them.
2. He will bless them.
3. He will multiply them.
4. He will bless the fruit of their womb.
5. He will bless the fruit of their land, which includes their corn, wine, oil, cattle, and sheep.
6. He will bless them above all people.
7. No barren male or female among them.
8. No barren among their cattle.
9. He will take away from them all sickness.
10. He will put none of Egypt's evil diseases upon them.
11. He will give victory over their enemies.

Deuteronomy 28.1-14

1. They shall be blessed in the city.
2. They shall be blessed in the field.
3. The fruit of their body shall be blessed.
4. The fruit of their ground shall be blessed.
5. The fruit of their cattle shall be blessed.
6. The increase of their kine shall be blessed.
7. The flocks of their sheep shall be blessed.
8. Their basket shall be blessed.
9. Their store shall be blessed.
10. They shall be blessed coming in.

11. They shall be blessed going out.
12. God will give victory over their enemies.
13. The Lord will command the blessing upon them in the storehouses.
14. He will bless them in all that they set their hand unto.
15. He will bless them in the land.
16. They will be established a holy people unto the Lord.
17. All people of the earth shall see they are called by the name of the Lord.
18. They shall be plenteous in goods.
19. They shall be plenteous in the fruit of their body.
20. They shall be plenteous in the fruit of their cattle.
21. They shall be plenteous in the fruit of their ground.
22. The Lord shall open to them his good treasure.
23. The Lord shall send them seasonal rain from heaven.
24. He will bless all the work of their hands.
25. They shall lend but will not need to borrow.
26. They will be the head, not the tail.
27. They will be the top (above) and not the bottom (beneath).

All of these blessings are attributed and rehearsed through out the Old Testament as covenant blessings through Abraham. If we do not have such blessings today then the Old Covenant is greater and superior than the New Covenant.

What about the Law?

Please fill in the blanks

Gal. 3:15-25 - Brothers, let me take an example from everyday life. Just as no one can set aside or add to a human covenant that has been duly established, so it is in this case. ¹⁶ The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. The Scripture does not say “and to seeds,” meaning many people, but “and to your seed,” meaning one person, _____ . ¹⁷ What I mean is this: The law, introduced 430 years later, does not set aside the covenant previously established by God and thus do away with the promise. ¹⁸ For if the inheritance depends on the law, then it no longer depends on a promise; _____ .

¹⁹ What, then, was the purpose of the law? It was added because of transgressions _____ . The law was put into effect through angels by a mediator. ²⁰ A mediator, however, does not represent just one party; but God is one.

²¹ Is the law, therefore, opposed to the promises of God? Absolutely not! For if a law had been given that _____ , then righteousness would certainly have come by the law. ²² But the Scripture declares that the whole world is a prisoner of sin, so that what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, _____ .

²³ Before this faith came, we were held prisoners by the law, locked up until faith should be revealed. ²⁴ So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ Now that _____

Jesus is therefore the fulfillment of the Law and the Covenant of Abraham, so all of the promises given to Abraham, Isaac, and Israel are given to all who are in Christ Jesus.

Jesus Testimony

Match the scriptures to the description

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| ___ 1. Luke 19:9 | A. Salvation has come because this man is a son of Abraham. |
| ___ 2. Luke 13:16 | B. Shouldn't this woman be set free since she is a daughter of Abraham?
(Greek – "should not" means a necessity of duty") |
| ___ 3. John 8:56-58 | C. Before Abraham was born, I am! |

Paul's Testimony

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|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ___ 1. Gal. 3:29 | A. We like Isaac, are children of the promise. |
| ___ 2. Gal.4:28 | B. If you belong to Jesus, then you are Abraham's seed, |
| ___ 3. Rom. 9:6-9 | C. Jesus redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles |
| ___ 4. Rom.4:13-17 | D. Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring. |
| ___ 5. Gal. 3:13-14 | E. It is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's seed not just natural offspring. |

Peter's Testimony

The description of Israel as Abraham's covenant people.

Exodus 19:5 – "Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, ⁶ you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."

Deut. 14:2 – "for you are a people holy to the LORD your God. Out of all the peoples on the face of the earth, the LORD has chosen you to be his treasured possession.

Deut 26: 18 – "¹⁸ And the LORD has declared this day that you are his people, his treasured possession as he promised, and that you are to keep all his commands.

Please write out the verse

1 Peter 2:9 - "

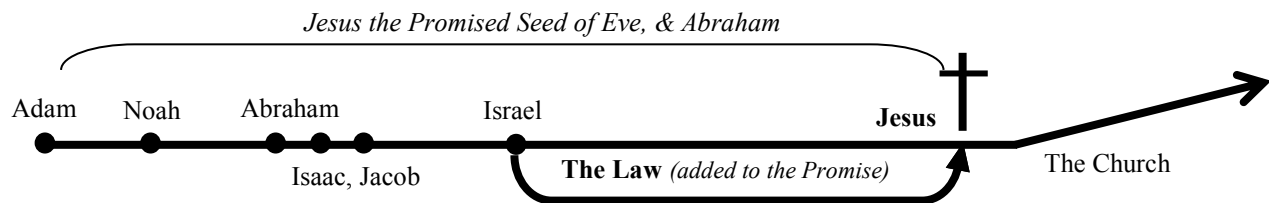
The Writer of Hebrews

Hebrews 6:12-20 – “We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience **inherit** (continuously inheriting) **what has been promised**.¹³ When God made his promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for him to swear by, he swore by himself,¹⁴ saying, “I will surely bless you and give you many descendants.”¹⁵ And so after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised.¹⁶ Men swear by someone greater than themselves, and the oath confirms what is said and puts an end to all argument.¹⁷ Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath.¹⁸ God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged.¹⁹ We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain,²⁰ where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.”

Therefore we should be receiving the same benefits and in fact greater through Jesus the “promised Seed” of Abraham, who fulfilled the law so we could inherit all of the promises of God.

2 Cor. 1:20—”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.”

The Way of Life & Blessing



4. Our Blessings in Abraham’s Covenant

Gen. 12:2 - “I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

“Blessing” is the key word in the Abrahamic Covenant

The meaning of Blessing

Numbers 6: 22 – “The LORD said to Moses, “Tell Aaron and his sons, “This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:

²⁴ ““The LORD bless you and keep you;

²⁵ the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;

²⁶ the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.”

²⁷ “So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.”

To “bless” in Hebrew is **BARAK** – translated "bless" 214 times, "blessed" 61 times, and "blessing" 67 times.

John W. Oswalt states “the major function of BARAK "seems to have been to confer abundant and effective life upon something (Gen. 2:3; 1 Sam. 9:13; Isaiah 66:3) or someone” (Gen. 27:27 ff, Gen. 49) (TWOT,I, p.132).

He further states "To bless in the Old Testament means "to endue with power for success, prosperity, fruitfulness, longevity, etc.'" (TWOT,I, p. 132). “The lesson is clear. God gives life" (TWOT,I, p.132)

John 10:10 – “I have come that you may have life, and life abundantly.”

“It is clear that for the OT the abundant life rests directly upon the loving and faithful nature of “God.” (TWOT,I, p.132).

“BARAK means to endue with beneficial power. Blessing involved a self-contained beneficial force which one could transmit to another...” (NID,I, p.207). - Dr. H. G. Link

“The nature of the blessing is that of conferring and transference of beneficial power, which produces fertility in men and in livestock and lands. Blessing works vertically in the continued growth of succeeding generations. Horizontally, it effects peace, security from enemies, good fortune and well-being for a tribe or group (expressed most comprehensively in the concept 'shalom', (well-being)) (NID,I, p.208).

The Greek Old Testament, the Septuagint, translates the Hebrew word BARAK with the Greek word **EULOGIA**. EU = "well" LOGOS = "speech, word." EULOGIA, then means "well-spoken" or a “good word” to bless.

From BLESSING three great facts emerge:

1. Blessing comes from God.
2. Blessing requires an enduement of God's beneficial power.
3. Included within the scope of God's beneficial power is “well-being” for every area of life, that is, salvation for the soul, prosperity (at the very least, having our needs met), and physical health, etc.

From these three great facts, we derive the following concise definition of BARAK or EULOGIA:

**“Blessing is God's beneficial enduement of power to produce well-being in every area of life.”
The Holy Spirit living in us is the blessing of God’s nature in us.**

Write out the following verses:

2 Peter 1:3,4 _____

Romans 5:17 _____

Jesus & N.T. Healing



Week Two

“He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases.” -
Matthew 8:17

SESSION 4

1. JESUS and Healing

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy;
I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”
- John 10:10

1. Sin & Sickness are two fruits from the same tree - DEATH

Ps 103:2-6 - ¹ Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. ² Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits— ³ who _____
_____, ⁴ who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, ⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. ⁶ The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. NIV



James 5:14 – “Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer offered in faith _____

¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. NIV

Verse 15 - “And the prayer of faith will **save** the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed **sins**, he will be forgiven.”

the prayer of faith shall save ⁴⁹⁸² the sick,

266 hamartia (ham -ar-tee' -ah); **a sin.** (KJV)- offence, sin

- A. To miss me mark, to err, be mistaken, to miss or wander from the path of uprightness, to do or go wrong to wander from the law of God, to violate Gods law, to sin.
- B. That which is done wrong, sin, an offense, a violation of divine law in thought or in action.

#4982 - sozo (sode'-zo); Strongs & Thayers – “safe”; to save, i.e. deliver or protect: KJV - heal, preserve, save (self), do well, be (make) whole, to save, to keep safe and sound, to rescue from danger or destruction, from injury or peril, to save a suffering one, (from perishing), that is, one suffering from disease, to make well, to heal restore to health, to preserve one from danger of destruction, to save or rescue, to save in the biblical sense;

Salvation (sozo) bears the fruit that heals the fruit of death – that is “LIFE”

Matt. 1:21 – “She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” And the effects of sin physical or spiritual.

John 10:10 – “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

2. Jesus treated Sin and Sickness the same.

Sickness & Disease

Matt 9:1-8 - Jesus stepped into a boat, crossed over and came to his own town. ² Some men brought to him a paralytic, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic,

_____ ³ At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, "This fellow is blaspheming!" ⁴ Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, "Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? Which _____

_____ ⁶ But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins...." Then he said to the paralytic, "Get up, take your mat and go home." ⁷ And the man got up and went home. ⁸ When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to men. (See also in Mark 2:1-12 and Luke 5:17-26)

3. Saved from death

John 3:14-17 – "Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, _____ ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, _____ . Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son."

Num 21:4-9 - They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; ⁵ they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the desert? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!" ⁶ Then the LORD sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. ⁷ The people came to Moses and said, "We _____ when we spoke against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ The LORD said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten _____ ." ⁹ So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, _____

Life – "sozo" is to heal and forgive sin, which both ultimately lead to death

1. Are these two passages referring to the same event with Moses?
2. By healing the people did God also forgive them of their sins? If so would it be right to say that God will forgive the sins and heal the physical afflictions of Israel but God will only forgive the sins of New Testament believers and does not heal them?
3. The truth is in the preaching and understanding of the "Whole or Full Gospel", that God desires to save man from anything and everything that causes sin, sickness, destruction, or death. This proves that "eternal life" consists of more than just "going to Heaven"

Romans 8:32 – "He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?"

Romans 5:17 – "For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ."

4. By His Stripes

Isaiah 53:4 – “Surely he took up (*nasa – to lift up*) our infirmities (2483 “choliy” sickness, disease) and carried our sorrows (4341 “makob” *physical and mental pain*), yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.”

Matt. 8:16 – “When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick. ¹⁷This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: “**He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases.**”

**Jesus had not yet carried or bore anything yet because he hadn't accomplished
His final work on the Cross yet.**

Did Matthew ascribe this prophecy to Jesus as a fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah?

Isaiah 53:4 – “But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, (Rom.5 justification) and by his wounds we are healed.”

1 Peter 2:24 – “He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.”

The words used for “healed” each time was a word that was only used for physical healing. This was by no mere chance. These words exactly portray the intent. In Hebrew it was:

Rapha' (*raw-faw'*); *Strongs#7495 (as in Jehovah-Rapha) or raphah; a primitive root; properly, to mend (by stitching), i.e. (figuratively) to cure: KJV cure, (cause to) heal, physician, repair, thoroughly make whole. (Always used in reference to physical healing except once when used in reference to repairing the temple alter. In Greek it was: laomai (ee-ah'-om-ah-ee); Strong's #2390)*

**Isaiah was a prophecy of the cross that declared on that day “we are healed”
Peter declares after the crucifixion that we “have been healed.”**

This takes healing out of the realm of faith and into the realm of fact.

1 Cor.12:2 – “We have not received ... the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.”

Forget not all his benefits – Psalm 103:2

Healing is a fact that has been done – It is finished!

We do not have to hope God will provide a way of salvation for the lost He already did. Therefore we do not have to have faith or hope that God will provide a way for healing He already did.

Remember after the removal of sin came the blessing

Numbers 6:22 – “The LORD said to Moses, ²³“Tell Aaron and his sons, ‘This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: ²⁴“The LORD bless you and keep you; ²⁵ the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; ²⁶ the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.”” ²⁷“So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.”

SESSION 5

JESUS & THE WILL OF GOD

1/5 of the verses in the Gospels have to do with Jesus healing in some way or other. That is significant to Christ's ministry and proclamation.

What is God's Will?

Match the Scripture to the reference

- ___ 1. **John 10:10** A) The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may save life, and have it to the full.
- ___ 2. **1 John 3:8** B) "Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well. (Beloved, I wish (*euchomai* – pray) above all things that you may prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospers.") KJV
- ___ 3. **Acts 10:38** C) "He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.
- ___ 4. **Luke 4:18** D) "This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,¹⁰ your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
- ___ 5. **3 John 1: 2** E) "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.
- ___ 6. **Matt. 6: 9, 10** F) "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."
- ___ 7. **Matt. 4:23** G) Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.
- ___ 8. **James 1:22** H) "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed,¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

2. The Father's will towards sickness

Heb.1:3 – "The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.

John 14: 8 – "Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father."

If Jesus is the full expression of God, then why did Jesus NEVER put sickness on even one person? Why did he always remove sickness and disease, rather than put it upon anyone? Jesus had "healing services" everyday, NOT ONCE did He EVER tell anyone to keep their sickness or disease.

Is the Father willing to heal us?

No one really questions whether or not God CAN heal. The doubt comes in when God's WILLINGNESS to heal is brought up.

Write out verse:

John 5:19 _____

Any time the topic of God's willingness to heal came up. Jesus always said the same thing, "I will."

Matt. 8:2-3 "A man with leprosy came and knelt before him and said, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean." Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Immediately he was cured of his leprosy."

"I Will"

a. Strong's #2309 - theleo and etheleo (etheleh'-o); to determine (as an active option from subjective impulse); Hebraism, to delight in: showing a disposition of the nature, and is in a continuous sense, and can be translated: "I am always willing". To desire, to be disposed, to intend, to have in mind, to be resolved or determined, to purpose, to desire, to wish, to love, to like to do a thing, to be fond of doing, to take delight in, to have pleasure in.

b. Strong's #1014 – *bolomahee* - properly denotes rather a passive acquiescence in objective considerations, i.e. **choose or prefer**.

This is a continuous intent in Greek

"I am always willing" - To choose this Greek word rather than #1014 shows the purposeful intent and determination of Jesus to heal. Jesus was not just saying, "I will do it."

He was saying, "I will always do it because it is my intense desire and longing to act on my nature which is to deliver people.

Conclusion:

"What is the inclination of God's will towards the process of death in sickness and disease?"

Answer:

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." John 10:10

**Jesus never prayed to the Father for the sick to recover He commanded sickness to leave.
It was the will of the Father.**

IVP New Testament Commentaries

Despite our claim to believe the Bible, we often reject those of its teachings that violate our traditions. Although Matthew employs Jesus' past healings as a proof of Jesus' messianic claim, he spends much of his narrative presenting Jesus as healer also because he expected his audience to experience Jesus as continuing healer, as the One who now holds all authority in heaven and on earth (28:18; see also 9:35-38). Yet just as many Protestants before William Carey doubted that the Great Commission (28:19) was for today, many Christians seem reluctant to embrace Jesus' power to touch physical illness today. Their reluctance is understandable as a reaction against the many excesses of some prominent figures, but it nevertheless betrays an inadequate attention to many biblical texts. Too many of us still read the Gospels as if they were merely history without preaching, instead of hearing God's Spirit preaching through the history.

-Matthew 8:14-17- IVP New Testament Commentaries

Sons of God



“... because in this world we are like him.” 1 John 4:17b

Lesson #6

1. Who are Sons of God?

A. A direct creation of God is called a “son of God” in scripture. The angels who are each created uniquely by God are referred to as the “sons of God.”

Job 31: 5-7—”Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵ Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶ On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷ when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? ESV

Adam as a direct creation of God is called a “son of God.”

Luke 3:38 – “the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.”

Yet after the fall Adam's children are identified as sons of Adam not sons of God.

Gen 5:1-3 - “When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God. ² He created them male and female and blessed them. And when they were created, he called them “man.” ³ When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image; and he named him Seth

Now through the Cross we are a new creation in Christ whereby we are born from above and direct creations of God by the Spirit. Born again believers are therefore once again called “sons of God”

John 1:12 - “But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:” KJV

B. Jesus “THE” only Begotten Son of God

Jesus is declared to be the Son of God in the New Testament. This does not mean He is a created being because the Word of God states His eternal nature. The title of son of God for Christ refers to His nature and substance being the same as the Father. As a title in Hebrew culture it also describes his full rights and authority to do the will of the Father. This right and position is now identified in the Church, the body of Christ.

(Note: it is unfortunate but many of the newer translations try to be gender neutral and miss the importance of the term, “sons of God” and simply translate that title as “Children of God.” Therefore we will cite the KJV for these references.)

Romans 8:15-17 – “For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

1 John 3:1-3 “Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the **sons of God**: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. 2. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. 3. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.” KJV

Eph 4:11-15 – “It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, ¹² to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the **whole measure of the fullness of Christ.** ¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up **into him** who is the Head, that is, Christ.”

Sons of God (the Church)

Rom. 8:15 – “For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship (adoption). And by him we cry, “*Abba, Father.*”¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs— heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Paul uses a very specific term for being adopted as “sons of God.” This word is essential to understand the purpose of our calling into maturity. The following author explains;

“To be clear about Paul’s teaching we need, first, to cease the well-worn practice of confusing Paul’s language of adoption with John’s references to the new birth (notably Jn 1:12-13; 3:1-21; 1 Jn 2:28-3:3). The terms they use construct two distinctive models (metaphors), which convey differing concepts of our salvation. Whereas John’s model speaks of the birth of the children of God (*tekna tou theou*) into the kingdom – emphasizing their subsequent growth into the image of the Son (*huios*) – Paul’s refers to the adoption of God’s (mature) sons into his family, and indicates the new status they have in Christ, and all that goes with it: (the inheritance).¹

There been a limited understanding of the purpose of the maturity of the body because men have looked at biblical adoption through the eyes of modern western culture. The traditional Hebrew view of “the adoption of a son” has absolutely nothing to do with the placement of an orphan into a foster home, rather, it has to do with a young man coming into a place of maturity whereby the full authority and resources of his father are bestowed upon him.

When the term “sons of God” appears to us in English, “sons” could be taken in several different ways, but in the original language, Paul was very careful in his choice of words. For the word "sons" Paul very carefully chose the word "huios" rather than the word "teknon" (which means infant) or "teknon" (which speaks of a child or a youth) because he was not referring to mere children. "Huios" specifically speaks of matured, fully developed sons, or those who have come of age into full maturity. Of the three words, "huios" is the only word that the Holy Spirit inspired Paul to use when he spoke of those to be manifested as sons of God in Romans 8.

Even though the child is the son of the father who is the land owner he is not distinguished from the other children until the day of his placement into full rights. This ceremony of adoption is not about relationship but rights. This usually takes place at about 30 years of age when the father adorns his son with his robes and declares, “This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased.” The adult son is no longer tossed to and fro but educated and mature to run his fathers house. He is elevated in stature and considered a full heir of all of his father’s property. This is the adoption Paul is talking about. This is the purpose of the work of the Holy Spirit within the believer as a “son of God.”

¹ From Slaves to Sons!, (reprinted from Foundations [U.K.] 55 [2006], 17-19), Tim J. R. Trumper <http://www.7thref.org/Resources/From%20Slaves%20to%20Sons.pdf>

Sonship

PURPOSE	DEFINTION	PRIVILEGE	GLORY
To allow the Spirit of God to dwell in us (Rom.8:1-13)	Adopted by God the Father (Rom.8:14-15)	Freedom from tutors and the condemnation of the Law. (Gal.4:1-7)	Spiritual intimacy with the Father. (Rom.8:14-15)
To make us righteous in our thinking, conduct and labor. (1 Tim.1:1-4, 6:3,4)	Adulthood in God’s Family (Gal.4:1-7)	Freedom to be willfully led into all truth. (Rom.8:14-15)	Fulfill the plan of creation and the purpose of salvation. (Gal.4:1-7)
To fulfill our potential as saints, living in Holiness unto God. (Rom.8:1-13, 14-15)	Educated directly by God the Father through the Spirit. (Gal.4:1-7)	Authority to be called a son of God. (Jn 1:12)	A joint heir with Christ. (Rom.8:17)
	Training for our inheritance. (Rom.8:17-19)	Opportunity to labor with Jesus for the Father. (Rom.8:14-15, Matt.11:29)	Built up into the full stature of Christ (Eph.4:11-13)

2. Our Position as Sons of God.

A. Dominion:

Gen 1:26-28 - 26. And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion (#7287) over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. 28. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion (#7287) over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. (KJV)

Dominion—*Strong's #7287 radah (raw-daw')*, to tread down, i.e. subjugate; specifically, to have dominion, to prevail against, reign, (bear, to make to) rule over, take.

Ps 8:4-8 – “what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? ⁵ You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. ⁶ You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet:”

Ruler—*Strong's #4910 mashal (maw-shal')*; to rule: translated in the KJV as: (have, make to have) dominion, governor, reign, (to cause to have) rule, have power.

B. Authority

1. Matt. 10:1 – “He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.”

2. Luke 10:1,2,9,17-20 - “After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. ² He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.

...⁹ Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God is near you.’

...¹⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.¹⁸ He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. ²⁰ However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

The Great Commission

Matt 28:18-20 “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Luke 24: 27 - “...repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Mark 16:17 – “And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸ they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.”

John 1:12 – “Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right (*exousia* – authority *the power of rule or government*) to become children of God— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.”

C. Power

Match the Scriptures to the reference:

- ___ 1. 1 Jn 3:8 A) “But you will receive power (dunamous) when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
- ___ 2. John 14:12-14 B) “I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.
- ___ 3. 1 John 4:17 C) “In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, **because in this world we are like him.** *The literal Greek rendering “because even as the one is, so also we are in the world”*
- ___ 4. Acts 1:8 D) “He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work.”

D. Servants

Sons of God, servant to all, but master to devils.

- ___ 1. Mark 10:44-45 “And whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”
- ___ 2. Luke 17:7-10 “Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn’t do it, sins.”
- ___ 3. James 4:17 Suppose one of you had a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Would he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, ‘Come along now and sit down to eat’? Would he not rather say, ‘Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink’? Would he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? **So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’”**

3. How Does A Son of God Act?

1. The same attributes as Jesus:

A. The key to healing is the virtue of Christ flowing in our heart. Acting upon His righteousness (right relationship with the Father) and His compassion for the people.

James 5:16 – “The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.”

“The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” KJV

Matt.6:33 - “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

2 Cor. 5:21 - “God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Cor. 3:7-12 - “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, will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? If the ministry that condemns men is glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory. And if what was fading away came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts! Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold.”

The Compassion of Christ (Matt. 15:32, 20:34; Mark 1:41, 6:34, 8:2; Luke 7:13-15)

Mark 1:41 – “Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!”

Matt.14:14 - “When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.”

Matt.20:324 - ”Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him.

Moved with Compassion

by Jerrell Jobe

On a number of occasions the Gospels record that Jesus was moved with compassion. The word used here for compassion is an interesting word choice. The word *splagchnos* is the Greek word for bowels or intestines. The bowels were regarded as the seat of the more violent passions, such as anger and love; but by the Hebrews as the seat of the tender affections, especially kindness, benevolence, compassion; hence our heart (tender mercies, affections, etc.)¹ The word could be used to describe tender emotions, or it may picture deeply felt feelings for someone else.

Splagchnos was also used outside of the New Testament context.² It was used in pagan worship rituals. One would take an animal to be sacrificed and cut its heart and insides out. They would then lift up the insides with outstretched hands towards their god. They called that which was in their hands the compassions. Thus, this word spoke of a deep emotional and spiritual churning within ones personhood. Jesus was moved with compassion. Rick Renner, author of Sparkling Gems from the Greek, describes this word in the context of Jesus ministry by saying,

In every example where Jesus felt compassion for someone or for a mass of people, there was such a movement of compassion from within Him that it surged out of Him to meet the needs of people. In some cases, that movement of compassion caused Him to provide food, to raise the dead, to deliver the demon-possessed, to heal the sick, and to provide teaching for those who were like sheep without a shepherd.

When the human spirit is deeply touched and moved by the need of another person, it causes a movement or a release of divine power to surge from deep within that person to reach out and meet the needs of the other individual. This is the reason that every time Jesus was moved with compassion, it always resulted in a healing, deliverance, resurrection, supernatural provision, or some other action that changed someones life. You see, compassion always produces action. The force of compassion cannot leave a person in the sad condition in which he was found; it moves one to do something to change that other persons situation.³

Interestingly, the Apostle John uses the word *splagchnos* (bowels) in 1 John 3:17, where he writes, But who ever has the worlds goods, and sees his brother have a need, and shuts up his bowels of compassion from him, how does the love of God abide in him? The word shuts up means to lock up or to tightly shut up. It is a picture of a believer who sees someone else's need, but instead of letting that compassion move him to action, they subtly, perhaps deliberately tighten down the valve of their spirit and shut down the flow of compassion.

We live in a time when it is easy to see the needs of others and feel no movement on the inside, no deep emotion, no stirring of the bowels, no *spagchnos*.

1—New Testament Greek Lexicon, ref. no. 4698.

2—Rick Renner, Sparkling Gems from the Greek, (Tulsa, OK: Teach All Nations, 2003), 771.

3—Ibid, 772 hers in need.

The Fruit of the Spirit of Jesus:

Gal 5:22-25 - "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature (flesh) with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."

2. Has the Gifts of the Spirit:

1 Cor 12:8-10-To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, **to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit,** ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues.

A. Gifts of Healing, and the Church--Healing Shows Non-Christians and Christians God's Power and Love. A careful study of the Gospels and Acts shows that one of the chief functions of healing in the New Testament is to accompany the preaching of the gospel and to show people God's power and mercy. Healing is not just one of the gifts of the Spirit. In the New Testament, healing ministry is a primary tool alongside preaching God's Kingdom to show those who don't know God as well as God's people the power of Jesus' cross to forgive their sins and restore them to the life of God:

Mat. 4:23; 9:35-36; 10:1,7-8; 11:5; 12:15,18; 15:30; 19:2 (cf. Mk. 10:1); 21:14 (cf. Lk.21:37); Mk. 1:38-39; 2:2, 11; 3:14-15; 6:12-13; 10:1 (cf. Mat. 19:2); Lk. 4:18; 5:17,24; 6:6-11, 17-18; 7:22; 9:1-2; 10:9,13; 13:10-13, 22, 32; 14:4, 7ff.; 21:37 (cf. Mat. 21:14); 16:15-18,20; In. 3:2; 7:14-15,21-23,31,38; 10:25,32, 38; 12:37,49; 14:10,12; Acts 1:1; 2:22; 3:6, 12; 4:29-30; 5:12-16, 20~1, 28, 42; 6:8,10; 8:4-7, 12; 9:17-18 (cf. 22:13), 34-35; 10:38; 14:3,8-10, *15ff.*; *15:12*, 36; 18:5,11 (cf. II Cor. 12:12; I Cor. 2:4-5); 19:8-12; Rom. 15:18-19; I Cor. 2:4-5; 11:1; 12:1-11,28-31; 14:22-25; II Cor. 12:12; Gal. 3:5; Phil. 4:9; I Thes. 1:5-6; Heb. 2:3-4; 6:1-2; Jas. 5:13-16.

B. Embracing God's General and Specific Will concerning Healing

Scripture clearly shows that as a general rule it is God's will to heal the sick. James 5:15 says "the prayer of faith *will heal (Greek future indicative) the sick*" *not* "the prayer of faith *may or may not* heal the sick." And the overall witness of the New Testament regarding God's attitude toward healing shows that God desires to heal. Any reader of the Gospels knows that God's Son healed the sick. Acts and the Epistles show that the apostles and Early Church laity healed the sick (Stephen, Philip, Ananias, the Corinthians, Galatians, Jewish Christian churches, etc.;

E.g., Acts 3:6,12; 4:29-30; 5:12-16,20-21,28,42; 6:8, 10; 8:4-7, 12; 9:17-18 (cf. 22:13),34-35; 14:3,8-10,*15ff.*; 15:12,36; 18:5, 11(cf. II Cor. 12:12; I Cor. 2:4-5); 19:8-12. Rom. 15:18-19; I Cor. 2:4-5; 11:1; 12:1-11,28-31; II Cor. 12:12; Gal. 3:5; Phil. 4:9; I Thes.1:5-6; Heb. 2:3-4; 6:1-2; Jas. 5:13-16.).

God gave the church gifts of healing (I Cor. 12:9). As well, He commands the church to pray for the sick in James 5:14-16. So we know from all this evidence that as a rule, God desires to heal the sick. Scripture also makes it clear that in a minority of cases for various reasons the early church did not always see all the sick healed (2 Tim. 4:20; Phil. 2:26-27; 1 Tim. 5:23; Gal. 4:13-14). If we read about the prayer of faith that makes the sick person well in James 5:14-18, we find that the way that Elijah listened to God's immediate word and then prayed in 1 Kings 18, is an example of the prayer of faith that will make the sick person well. Elijah first heard the prophetic word of God in 1 Kings 18:1 that God was going to send rain, and then in 1 Kings 18:41-45 Elijah actually prayed for the rain that God said He was going to send. So the faith that heals the sick involves hearing what God wants to do in prayer for the sick person and praying that out over the sick person until we see the fullness of healing manifested in their body, just as Elijah prayed until he saw the rain finally begin to come.

3. Does what pleases the Father:

John 8:29 - "The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him."

4. Speaks the words of The Father:

John 3:34 - "For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit."

5. Does the works of The Father:

Luke 4:18 - "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

6. Destroys the works of the devil:

1 John 3:8b - "The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work."

Demons & Sickness

The New Testament teaches, that Satan and his demons are a real and palpable foe. Many references in the New Testament concerning sickness relate to demonic oppression. Of course not all sickness is demonic since we live in a fallen world, but many times Jesus and the Apostles treated sickness and as demonic attacks that needed the authority of the Kingdom to command healing. (Mt. 9:1-12; Mk. 2:1-11; Jn. 5:14;)

Scripture clearly shows that demons have specific functions and assignments:

- 2 Tim. 1:7--"spirit of fear" (pneuma deilias)³²
- 1 Tim. 4:1--"deceiving spirits" (pneumasin planois)
- 1 Tim. 4:6--"spirit of error" (to pneuma tes planes)³³
- Rom. 11:8--"spirit of stupor" (pneuma katanuxeos)³⁴
- Rom. 8:15--"spirit of bondage to fear" (pneuma douleias)³⁵
- Acts 16:16--"spirit of divination" (pneuma puthona)
- Lk. 13:11--"spirit of sickness" (pneuma ... astheneias)
- Lk. 11:14--"demon of muteness" (daimonion ... kophon)
- Mk. 9:17, 2S--"mute and deaf spirit" (pneuma a/a/on [to a/a/on kai kophon pneuma])
- Mat. 12:22--blindness and muteness caused by a demon (daimonizomenos taph/os kai kophos"; which Jesus healed by driving the demon out (Mat. 12:24, 28).
- Mat. 9:33--muteness caused by a demon (anthropon kophon daimonizomenon)



Mark 16:17-18 - "And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."

Luke 10:17-19 - "The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." ¹⁸ He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. ²⁰ However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Acts 10:38 - "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him."

³² That the second "spirit"--the Spirit of love, power, and discipline--is personal suggests the first "spirit" is personal too.

³³ 1 Tim. 4: 1-3 makes it clear that this is a personal demonic spirit.

³⁴ That this refers to demonic agency and not just an inner attitude is suggested by 2 Cor. 4:4 which is part of discussion by Paul of the veil over Israel's heart (2 Cor. 3: 15) similar to the discussion of Israel's unbelief in Romans 11.

³⁵ Personal demonic agency here is suggested by Heb. 2: 14-15 (cf. Eph. 2:2).

³⁶ Hardly just an inner attitude, since the theme of spiritual prostitution elsewhere clearly refers to involvement with personal evil spirits and demonic deities (Lev. 17:7; 20:5,6; Nu. 25:1-3; Ps. 106:28,36-39).

Healing & Deliverance

The general causes of sickness and disease are the fall of man, sin, the work of Satan and demons, and the execution of the law of sowing and reaping. We do not mean to say that every person's sickness is a direct result of some personal sin, for this is not true. This is true of many cases of sickness, but of some it is not (Jn. 9:1-4; 11:4). Christ and the apostles dealt with sickness as they would deal with sin (Mt. 9:1-12; Mk. 2:1-11; Jn. 5:14; Jas. 5:14-16). They also dealt with sickness by casting out demons who cause it (Mt. 10:1-8; Mk. 6:7-13; 16:17-20; Acts 10:38).

Divine healing and health is a definite act of God through faith in Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit, the Word of God, and the precious blood of Christ, whereby the human body is cured, healed, repaired, delivered from sickness and its power, and made as whole, sound, and healthy as it was before the attack.

The Greek *sozo* means "to save," "deliver," "protect," "heal," "preserve," and "make whole." It is used 86 times in reference to saving the soul, but in the following passages it refers to saving the body and healing it of sickness (Mt. 9:21-22; Mk. 5:29, 34; 6:56; 10:52; Lk. 8:36, 48; 8:50; 17:19; Acts 4:9; 14:9).

Mr. S. Weir Mitchell, one of the greatest physicians that has ever lived, said, "Back of each disease there is a cause that no drug can reach." Drugs may deaden pain, kill germs, and counteract certain poisons in the body, but they cannot heal. Many times they harm the body worse than the germs. All healing is done by nature and by God. Drugs may be used as antidotes, but this is the extent of their power. Christ atoned on the cross for sin and for sickness, and God is as willing to heal as He is to forgive of sins. If Christ came to take away sin, He certainly came to take away sickness, the fruit of sin. The only hindrance in getting the full benefits of Calvary is unbelief and lack of appropriation of the blessings which Christ died to give to all men (Isa. 53:4-5; Mt. 8:16-17; 1 Pet. 2:24; Jas. 5:14-16).

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Disarming the enemy

Col. 2:13-15 - "When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross."

Jesus never prayed for the sick He commanded sickness or the demonic to leave. The Cross disarmed the enemy and his power by the blood of Jesus. We are to declare the Good News and command the enemy to leave in Christ's authority.

4. Examples of Dominion given to man:

Match the Scriptures:

___ 1. Matt 10:7-8

___ 2. Luke 10:1, 8-9

___ 3. Matt 16:19

___ 4. Matt 21:22

___ 5. 1 John 5:14

___ 6. Matt 10: 40

- A. "If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."
- B. "He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me."
- C. "As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give."
- D. "After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go...When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God is near you.'"
- E. "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he heals us."
- F. "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

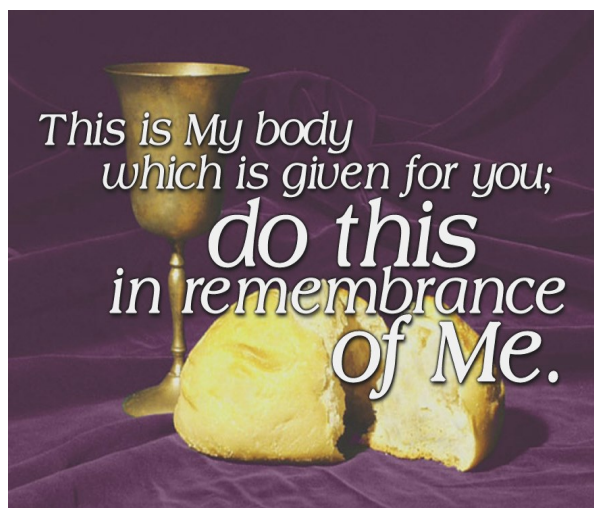


John G. Lake— Apostle to Africa

"In the area of Spiritual Dominion, we need only see a few things clearly to change our lives AND the lives of all we meet forever. If you will earnestly seek to have the truths that I am about to share with you, engrafted into your heart, you will walk upon this earth like Jesus, as God intends you to." - John G. Lake

- 1. Truth #1** - God intended MAN to have and walk in dominion ON THE EARTH.
- 2. Truth #2** - Man forfeited that position of dominion by acting on Satan's word instead of God's word.
- 3. Truth #3** - When man forfeited his position of dominion, he also forfeited his position of fellowship and communion. (Fellowship, Communion, and Dominion are not different positions, they are all one in the same.)
- 4. Truth #4** - God wanted man in a position of fellowship/dominion so much that He was willing to sacrifice Jesus to return man to his original position.
- 5. Truth #5** - Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil -By His life He showed us how to live on earth as a man walking in dominion. He was the second Adam. Jesus walked like a man without sin, in a sinful world.
- 6. Truth #6** - Jesus did His part. If we are not back into our original position before God, then Jesus' sacrifice was not as good as Adam's sin was bad.
- 7. Truth #7** - We, being the body of Christ, are to walk as Jesus upon the earth, being for others what Jesus was and is for us. We are to be deliverers of those who are bound by Satan, as Jesus did. Jesus showed us how. By having fellowship and communion with our Heavenly Father, and freely giving what we have freely received.

Healing Vehicles



Week Three

“Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.” - Matt. 18:19-20

Lesson #7 - I'll meet you there

Healing Vehicles

1. The anointing

- This anointing is sovereign by the purposes of Jesus. No requirement of faith is required for healing.
- Healing as signs and wonders are to point to Christ and the power of His Word.

Rev. 3:7-8 - "These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut."

Col.4:3 - "And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains."

Acts 19:11 - "God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them."

Acts 5:12-16 - "The apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade. ¹³ No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number. ¹⁵ As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. ¹⁶ Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by evil^[a] spirits, and all of them were healed.

The following vehicles are activated by faith, as the Lord meets us in our need.
Touching as by faith.

2. The Laying on of Hands

Jesus and his apostles healed through laying on of hands. (Matt. 9:18; Mark 5:23, 6:5, 8:22-25; Luke 4:40, 13:13; Acts 28:8) Through this ceremony the divine power (holy spirit) passed from Jesus and his apostles to the beneficiaries for a specific purpose.

Mark 16: 18 - "And these sign shall follow them that believe...they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

Acts 8:17 - "...Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit."

The transfer of promise and power

Acts 19:6 - "When Paul placed his hands on them, the holy spirit came on them, and they speak in tongues and prophesied."

1 Tim.4:14 - "Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you. "

3. Unction – Anointing with Oil



Anointing with oil for many different purposes was commonly practiced throughout the Scriptures. The New Testament mentions it specifically in connection with praying for the sick. On one occasion Jesus sent out the twelve disciples on a mission; they "anointed many sick people with oil and healed them." (Mark 6:13). In a congregational situation, the usual procedure is for a sick Christian to call for the elders of the church to pray over him and to anoint him with oil (James 5:14-16).



In biblical times oil was commonly used as a healing agent (Luke 10:34). But when used by the early Christians for anointing purposes it was merely a symbolic reminder to God's healing power. Today as then, the anointing oil itself has no healing power. Healing takes place by the power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:38), of whom oil is a symbol.

Mark 6: 13 – “They went out and preached that people should repent. ¹³ They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.”

James 5:14-16 – “Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord.

4. The Office of Elder

The position of Authority—Authority is key when speaking against sickness and demons. Healing may be pronounced simply by the virtue and authority of the office.

James 5:14-16 – “Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.”

Matt. 8:5-10, 13 - “When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. ⁶ “Lord,” he said, “my servant lies at home paralyzed and in terrible suffering.” ⁷ Jesus said to him, “I will go and heal him.” ⁸ The centurion replied, “Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹ **For I myself am a man under authority**, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and that one, ‘Come,’ and he comes. I say to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” ¹⁰

When Jesus heard this, he was astonished and said to those following him, “I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith...” ¹³ Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go! It will be done just as you believed it would.” And his servant was healed at that very hour.”



5. The Prayer of Faith

Faith is the way you use God's grace. It's our part to exercise the faith God authors, but it's God's part to finish it. Only the Holy Spirit authors the “Prayer of Faith.” Even after all your best intentions are prayerfully carried out, it is still only the Holy Spirit Who can make the difference between the prayer that demonstrates faith in asking and the true “Prayer of Faith”. The “Prayer of Faith” must be in the specific will of God. Only the Holy Spirit that can lead and inspire the direction that we are to take in fulfilling God's specific will.

Romans 8:26-27 - “In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.”

Any QUANTITY of faith is enough faith but the QUALITY of Faith is another matter. While there are no levels in the quantity of Faith possessed, (mustard seed) there are levels of QUALITY, i.e., “strong” versus “weak”, fervent and effectual.

Write out 1 John 5:4 - _____

Persevering in prayer is essential to the "Prayer of Faith", or else the answer that surely would have come-- won't. This is a process of war so it must be continuous.

Eph. 6:18 - "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints."

Col. 4:2 - "Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving."

1 Thess. 5:17 - "Pray without ceasing."

The power does not come from how much you want it to happen, but how much you trust that God declared it in His covenant.

There seems to be a nuance here but it is, in fact, a critical difference to an enemy. This war must be waged with persistence and strategy through the virtues of Christ, with righteousness and compassion

James 5:16 – "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" KJV

6. The Covenant Meal

Healing is again connected to the Atonement in Scriptures concerning the "Lord's Supper" "Communion", or Eucharist" in 1 Cor.11:23-31:

"For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new (in quality) covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

²⁷ Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. ²⁹ For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing (judge between) the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰ That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep."

Note: The "many among you (in the church) are weak and sickly, and some are even asleep" because they did not discern the Lord's body (not the Lord's blood, but His body).

Unforgiveness between each other would need the Lord's blood for forgiveness not the body. The body carried the sickness & pain, the blood paid the price for sins. It must be recognized for healing.

If one can become sick by partaking communion wrongly, then naturally one can obtain healing by partaking correctly.

The word "remembrance" means to receive and refresh the benefits of the covenant, to pronounce His blessings anew in our midst as the day they were established.



7. The Power of Agreement

The covenant power of agreement and unity is powerful in creation and the Spirit realm. The Bible talks about the power of agreement. The Tower of Babel is a classic reference to the power of agreement between men.

Gen.11:6 - “The LORD said, “If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them.”

Psalm 133 speaks of the anointing of agreement is when the Lord commands blessing. So we must stand in agreement together for pray to defeat the enemy and sickness.

Psalm 133 - “Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.”

Matt. 18:19 – “Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.”

8. The Blood of Jesus

The declaration of the “Blood of Jesus” is not a mystical application of the blood applied through our asking it is in fact the pronouncement our victory over sin and Satan. It is through the blood of Jesus that all the promises of God are “yes” and Amen to us through the covenant made by His blood. (2 Cor.1:20) It is through the blood that the enemy has been disarmed. (Col.2:15) It is through the blood that the covenant is sealed, our sins are forgiven and the Holy Spirit comes to dwell in us making us sons of God. (1 Jn 1:7, Eph 1:13)

Understanding what the blood of Jesus accomplished gives us authority to speak to the sources of our ailment whether it be our sin or demonic we can have victory through the blood. All that is left to consider then is the physical ailment but since we are saved (sodzo) and delivered by the blood we can speak to the body and command its healing by the covenant promises secured by the blood!

Therefore the declaration of the blood of Jesus is knowing of what is ours in the covenant. It is not a magical incantation nor a spiritual application of blood in the spirit, it is an authoritative license for the power of the Kingdom to manifest in the reality of the situation. The blood of Jesus is our battle cry of victory!

9. The name of Jesus

Just like the blood of Jesus the “name” of Jesus is not a magical word. It is a word of covenant and the name of the king of the universe and all authority. To call upon our Lord is to call upon the God of all creation as our help and Savior. The name of Jesus holds all authority in heaven and in earth and below the earth. It gives the children of God the right to call upon His authority in any given situation. We must speak it with authority and knowledge. It is truly the difference between relationship or fraud. Consider the seven sons of Sceva, they did not know the Lord personally but used his name and it exposed their ignorance. We must not use His name in ignorance but in relationship in order to call upon His grace in a time of need.

Acts 19:13-16 - “Some Jews who went around driving out evil spirits tried to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who were demon-possessed. They would say, “In the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches, I command you to come out.” ¹⁴ Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this. ¹⁵ One day the evil spirit answered them, “Jesus I know, and I know about Paul, but who are you?” ¹⁶ Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all. He gave them such a beating that they ran out of the house naked and bleeding.”

Fill in the blanks

Matt 28:18 - “Then Jesus came to them and said, “ _____
 _____¹⁹ Therefore go and make disci-
 ples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. _____
 _____.”

John 17:11 – “Holy Father, protect them by _____
 the name _____ so that they may be one as we are one.”

John 14: 13-14 – “ And I will do whatever you ask _____, so that
 the Son may bring glory to the Father. ¹⁴ You may ask me _____
 _____, and I will do it.”

“Ask” is the word for *command* when speaking to a thing. To God it means to ask in the strongest sense possible. We are authorized to command sickness and demons.

Acts 3:6 - “Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. _____
 _____, walk.” ⁷ Taking him by the right hand,
 he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong.

List the Nine Healing Vehicles listed in this weeks lessons.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____

Healing Prayer



“... because in this world we are like him.” 1 John 4:17b

Session 8

Prepared for Prayer**Three Steps to Action: “Revelation brings conviction, which leads to action”**

- A. Revelation-** Enlightenment concerning God's Will (Oh, that's what God wants me to do)
- B. Conviction-** determining where you are in fulfilling God's Will (I'm not anywhere near that.)
- C. Action-** completing the fulfillment of God's Will (I must do...)

When to pray for healing?

Matt. 7:12 - So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

If you were sick and someone had the power of God in their life to heal you, would you want them to come to you and minister healing? Anyone who will answer honestly would have to say they would. (In your answer is the commission to the healing ministry!!!)

Rhema vs. Revelation

In the Greek New Testament there are two primary words translated into English as “Word”

- 1. Logos**—#3056199~(log'-os); from 3004; something said (including the thought); by implication. A topic (subject of discourse), also reasoning (the mental faculty) or motive; by extension, a computation;
- 2. Rhema** #4487 hray'-mah) from 4483; an utterance (individually, collectively or specifically); by implication, a matter or topic (especially of narration, command or dispute); with a negative naught whatever:

As you can tell, there is practically no difference between the two words in the Strong's Concordance Dictionary. In today's Christianity, we have a teaching that has infected virtually every aspect of the Christian life and doctrine.

We have had "Bible Teachers" tell us that the word "rhema" means a special divine impartation or leading.

Errors:

1. Some have said that a Rhema word from God was necessary before you could act on a Scripture.
2. Some have taught that you do not have to obey or perform every Scripture, just those that the Holy Spirit "quicken" to you. This teaching is not in the Bible.

There has been much said about the difference between the two words, Logos and Rhema. *Below is the article reproduced from Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words.*

The significance of “rema” (as distinct from logos) is exemplified in the injunction to take “the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” Eph.6:17

Here the reference is not to the whole Bible as such but to the individual scripture, which the Spirit brings to our remembrance for use in the time of need, a prerequisite being the regular storing of the mind with Scripture. (Copyright 1985, Thomas Nelson Publishers)

Rhema is therefore bringing the Logos you stored in your memory in to remembrance.

A "Rhema" word is any "Logos" word that you act upon. When you read a scripture you are reading Logos, but when you remember that scripture and act upon it in any situation, it becomes “rhema.” If you want more Rhema start acting upon more Logos.

The ABC's of a Divine Healing Ministry

A. Availability

1. **Isa 6:8-9** - Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”⁹ He said, “Go and tell this people: “‘Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving.’”

2. **Ezek 22:30** - “I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none.”

3. **Ezek 3:18-21** - When I say to a wicked man, ‘You will surely die,’ and you do not warn him or speak out to dissuade him from his evil ways in order to save his life, that wicked man will die for^[a] his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood.¹⁹ But if you do warn the wicked man and he does not turn from his wickedness or from his evil ways, he will die for his sin; but you will have saved yourself.

“Again, when a righteous man turns from his righteousness and does evil, and I put a stumbling block before him, he will die. Since you did not warn him, he will die for his sin. The righteous things he did will not be remembered, and I will hold you accountable for his blood.²¹ But if you do warn the righteous man not to sin and he does not sin, he will surely live because he took warning, and you will have saved yourself.” (**Ezek 33:3-9**)

4. **Prov 3:27-28** - Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act.²⁸ Do not say to your neighbor, “Come back later; I’ll give it tomorrow”— when you now have it with you.

5. **James 4:17** - Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn’t do it, sins.

B. Bold Believing

1. **Prov 28:1** - The wicked man flees though no one pursues, but the righteous are as bold as a lion.

2. **1 Thess. 2:2**- We had previously suffered and been insulted in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in spite of strong opposition.

3. **Eph 3:11-12** - according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

4. **1 John 4:17-18** - In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him.¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

The Will of God – “Thy will be done.”

Nowhere in the Bible does it say to pray, “If it be thy will.” That is a passive release and question concerning the will of God. Matthew 26:42 is a confirmed statement of the will of God.

Matt. 26:42 – “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.”

C. Compassion

1. **Matt. 9:36** - “When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.”

2. **Matt 14:14** - When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

3. **John 11:33-35** - “When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled.³⁴ “Where have you laid him?” he asked. “Come and see, Lord,” they replied.³⁵ Jesus wept.

How to Pray Session 9

Keys to Healing Prayer

Your attitude Matters

Compassion & Righteous indignation

Authority- This is a legal transaction.

- Jesus never prayed for the sick He commanded sickness to leave.
- This is a strategy of war – territories and issues of life & death.
- We must evict all trespass of sickness and the demonic.

Power - You must be the dominant spiritual force!

- The power does not come from how much you want it to happen, but how much you trust the authority of what God declared in His covenant.
- There seems to be a nuance here but it is, in fact, a critical difference to an enemy.
- This war must be waged with persistence and strategy.

Blessing - Bless those who bless, curse those who curse

- Stop the sickness or the spirit behind the sickness
- We must speak death to the life of the sickness or disarm the spirit giving life to the sickness.

The “A, B, C's” of divine healing ministry: **1) availability, 2) boldness, and 3) compassion**

The Power of the will

- You are a physical presence that has the authority over the physical realm.
- You generate power by the will of your decisions. (Adam & Eve)
- As a Sons of God you have authority over the physical and spiritual realms.

Heb.1:14 – “Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?”

1 Cor.6:3 – “Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life!”

Rom. 16:20 – “The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.”

The Authority to Command the covenant will

Matt.28:18 – ““All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Mark 16:17 – “And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.”

- 1. As a member of the Covenant** you have authority to speak the will of the covenant. As an ambassador you represent the Kingdom of God.
- 2. In the name of Jesus** – does not mean simply to say the literal name but all of the authority it represents.
- 3. You must will the will of God.** Do not ask God to do it, He commanded you to do it. You are the will of God in the earth.

Example: An amplifier

Postures in Prayer

Petition/ Intercession ("So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard me.... ' In. 11:41; "His father was sick in bed, suffering from fever and dysentery. Paul went in to see him and, after prayer, placed his hands on him and healed him" Acts 28:8.

Command ("Be quiet! ... Come out of him!" Mk. 1:25; "Be clean!" (to a leper) Mk. 1:41; "Get up!" (to a lame man) Mk. 2: 11, In. 5:8, Acts 9:34; "Stretch out your hand" Mk. 3:5; "Get up" (to a dead person) Mk. 5:41, Lk. 7: 14, Acts 9:40; Jesus spoke to a deaf man's ears, "Be opened!" Mk. 7:34; Jesus "rebuked the fever, and it left her" Lk. 4: 39; "See again! (Grk. *Anablepson*)"(to a blind man) Lk. 18:42; "Lazarus, come forth!" In. 11:43; "Walk!" (to a lame man) Acts 3:6; "Stand up!" (to a lame man) Acts 14: 10).

--The Command prayer is the most frequent type of healing prayer in the Gospels and Acts, so expect the Lord to lead you to use the prayer of command a lot in healing prayer.

--Then command the underlying disease (cancer, arthritis, etc.) to leave the person-treat it like an intruder and tell it to leave and never return in Jesus' name. Notice Jesus "rebuked" the fever in Lk 4:39 like He "rebuked" (same Greek word) demons elsewhere (Matt. 17:18; Luke 9:42; Mark 9:25 He rebuked the evil spirit: "You deaf and mute spirit ... I command you, come out of him and never enter him again!").

--Pronouncement ("Woman, you are set free from your infirmity" Lk. 13: 12; "Your faith has healed you" Lk. 18:42; "Take your mat and go home" Mat. 9:6; "Go ... wash in the Pool of Siloam" In. 9:7; "Go, show yourselves to the Priests.' And as they went, they were cleansed" Lk. 17:14).

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General Prayer steps

- Laying on of Hands (authority)
- Pronounce healing
- Speak to the sickness and the spirit behind it
- Command life & blessing into it
- Listen to the Spirit
- Release life

Conclusion:

The most frustrating position in which Christians that believe in divine healing can find themselves, is to know that God can heal, that God does heal and that He will heal the sick, and yet still not be used of God to heal the sick.

- A. Christians everywhere are looking for that one book that can give them what they need to get started in healing ministry.
- B. They are looking for that one key that will instantly change everything.
- C. They think (and are often taught) that if they hear enough "Word" preaching, they will gradually get filled up with faith and then they will explode upon the world scene as the next world-renowned healing evangelist.
- D. They think that if they just get that new book out by the man with that great healing ministry, they will "get it".

The problem is they are trying to get "it" rather than get "Him"

The # 1 secret of a healing ministry:

Acts 4:13 - Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marveled: and they took knowledge of them that **they had been with Jesus**.

The secret key is to know that there is no secret key, its being with Christ.

When a Christian begins to spend time with God, they begin to think, and act like Him.

- A. Revelation of Jesus**
- B. Conviction of Jesus**
- C. Action of Jesus**

Remember the recipient is free to accept or reject our prayers and Gods answer.

Why people get sick Session 10

1. Demonic

John 10:10 - The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

Luke 13:10 – “And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up *herself*.¹² And when Jesus saw her, he called *her to him*, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.¹³ And he laid *his hands on her*: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God”

2. Sin – sinful activities breed sickness.

James 1:15 – “Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.”

Gal 6:8 - “For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

John 9:1-3 – “As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth.² His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”³ “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life.

3. Fallen world disease & aging is the process of death

2 Cor. 4:16 - “Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

4. Self infliction - We continually put ourselves in sickness, wittingly or unwittingly,

A. **Our diet & Health risks.** (smoking, medical mishaps)

B. **Breaking the laws of nature** – gravity – laws of motion etc. risk & free will

What curse are we free from?

A. The Curse of the Law

Gal 3:13-14 – “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.”

B. Not the curse of creation – our bodies are still under the curse of creation.

2 Cor. 4:16 – “Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.”

Rom 8:23 – “Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.”

The blessing of Christ’s covenant provides the life of God that combats the effects of sin, sickness & disease.

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

Hindrances to healing

1. We don't pray for the sick
2. We don't speak authority over sickness and the force behind the sickness. Don't impart life.
3. We have sin in our life – unforgiveness
4. Satan, guardians of lies and deceit keeps the sick person ill.
5. They like the attention it brings. (the place of the familiar)
6. It's their time to die.

Rev.1:18 – “I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever!
And I hold the keys of death and Hades.”

Why are some not healed?

- **They stop seeking**

Living under the law – not receiving the benefits of the blessing. Do not claim rights as sons of God.

Continue in incorrect lifestyle choices: breaking principles for healthy living and prosperity.

So that God's work will be manifest in them later.

John 9:3 - ““Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life.

They are still waiting patiently for their promise to come to pass.

God's Redemptive plan

God's redemptive use of suffering

Developing Dependence – trust and faith developed.

1 Cor.1:3 – “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

James 1:2 – “Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. ⁴ Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.”

1 Peter 4:19 – “So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.”

1 Peter 1:6 – “In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.”

Minister the presence of Christ in the midst of pain & suffering

Psalms 46 – “God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.”

Biblical Authority
for HEALING
PRAYER

Appendix

Paul's Thorn in the flesh

1. 2 Cor.12:7-10- “To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹ But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. ¹⁰ That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”

A. Thorn in the flesh

Numbers 33:55 – ““*But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land, those you allow to remain will become barbs in your eyes and thorns in your sides. They will give you trouble in the land where you will live.* ⁵⁶ *And then I will do to you what I plan to do to them.*”

Judges 2:3 – “*Now therefore I tell you that I will not drive them out before you; they will be thorns in your sides and their gods will be a snare to you.*”

A thorn in the flesh - Is an opposition that annoys and distresses your plans

B. Flesh – “*sarx*” GK. – the nature of humanness

Body – “*soma*” which literally and specifically means the human body

C. Demonic buffeting

Torment or buffet – “*kolaphizo*”- to strike with a fist to inflict pain

1 Cor.4:11 – “*To this very hour we go hungry and thirsty, we are in rags, we are brutally treated, (*kolaphizo*) we are homeless.*”

PAUL’S BOASTING - 2 Cor. 11:18 – “Since many are boasting in the way the world does, I too will boast. ¹⁹ You gladly put up with fools since you are so wise! ²⁰ In fact, you even put up with anyone who enslaves you or exploits you or takes advantage of you or pushes himself forward or slaps you in the face. ²¹ To my shame I admit that we were too weak for that! What anyone else dares to boast about—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast about. ²² Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they Abraham’s descendants? So am I. ²³ Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. ²⁴ Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. ²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, ²⁶ I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my own countrymen, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false brothers. ²⁷ I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. ²⁸ Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches. ²⁹ Who is weak, and I do not feel weak? Who is led into sin, and I do not inwardly burn? ³⁰ If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. ³¹ The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, who is to be praised forever, knows that I am not lying. ³² In Damascus the governor under King Aretas had the city of the Damascenes guarded in order to arrest me. ³³ But I was lowered in a basket from a window in the wall and slipped through his hands.

1 Cor. 12:1 - “ I must go on boasting. Although there is nothing to be gained, I will go on to visions and revelations from the Lord. ² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. ³ And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows— ⁴ was caught up to paradise. He heard inexpressible things, things that man is not permitted to tell. ⁵ I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. ⁶ Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say.

2. The Compensation Grace

“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

Sufficiency (arkeo) to be possessed of unfailing strength, , to defend, ward off, to deliver and heal.

Power – dunamis—means perfect – complete in weakness .

He could not do any miracles—Hometown Rejection

Mark 6:1-7 – “Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. 'Where did this man get these things?' they asked. 'What's this wisdom that has been given him, **that he even does miracles!** Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?' **And they took offense at him.** Jesus said to them, 'Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor.' **He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people AND HEAL THEM. And he was amazed at their lack of faith.** Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. Calling the Twelve to him, he sent them out two by two **and gave them authority over evil spirits.**”

The point that Mark is making is not that Jesus could not perform miracles because of his lack of power, but due to the people's lack of faith. Jesus **would not** perform a miracle to please the unbelieving crowds because the Father did not will it. Jesus only did what He saw His Father doing and in this case the Father did not have Jesus minister. It was not because of the lack of their faith that restrained Jesus it was His obedience to the Father. Mark is quick to mention that Jesus did perform a few miracles of healing before departing. Jesus also gave authority to his disciples to perform miracles such as casting out demons!

The Medical evidence of Faith

Some three hundred years ago, the Age of Faith gave way to the Age of Reason. Out the window went the power of prayer, to be replaced by the belief that the key to physical and mental recovery resided in the hands of medical science - amongst learned men and women, anyway. The unwashed still persisted with their silly superstitions.

Now science has done a complete 180. To date, there have been about 1,200 studies on the healing power of faith and the health effects of spirituality, according to Dr Harold Koenig, founder of the Center for the Study of Religion and Spirituality at Duke University. Five studies he has been involved in include:

- A 1998 study of nearly 4,000 people aged 65 years and older which found the risk of diastolic hypertension 40 percent lower among people who attended religious services at least once a week and prayed or studied the Bible at least daily.
- A 1997 study of more than 1,700 older adults from North Carolina which found that persons who attended church at least once a week were only half as likely as non-attenders to have elevated levels of interleukin-6, an immune system protein involved in a wide variety of age-related diseases.
- A 1998 study of 87 depressed older adults which found those who recovered from depression the fastest corresponded to the extent of their religious belief.
- A study of 542 patients aged 60 or older admitted to Duke University Medical Center which found those who attended religious services weekly or more reduced hospital stays by more than half. People with no religious affiliation spent an average of 25 days in the hospital compared to 11 days for patients affiliated with some religious denomination. Patients who attended religious services weekly or more also were 43 percent less likely to have been hospitalized in the previous year.
- A 2002 study of 116 depressed geriatric patients who were given standard medications treatment over 12 weeks. The recovered patients in the study reported "significantly more frequent public and private religious practices, greater positive religious coping, and less negative religious coping" than those who remained depressed.
- A 1995 study of 232 patients at Dartmouth Medical School which found that elderly heart patients were 14 times less likely to die following surgery if they found strength and comfort in their religious faith and remained socially involved.
- A landmark University of California at Berkeley study that followed 5,286 people from Alameda County, California over 28 years, which found those who attended religious services weekly or more were 25 % less likely to die than infrequent attendees.
- A 1998 study of 2,025 senior citizens in Marin County, California which found attending worship services on a regular basis was an important factor in predicting longevity.
- A 1999 study tracking more than 21,000 US adults which found attending religious services more than once a week can expand one's life up to seven years and added a potential 14 more years to the life span of African Americans.

In 2001, Dr Koenig, along with fellow Duke scientist, David Larson MD, MSPH, and Michael McCullough PhD of Southern Methodist University, published "Handbook for Religion and Health" (Oxford University Press). In preparing the book for publication, the authors reviewed more than 100 studies on the relationship of religion to depression. Two-thirds of those studies found religious persons have less depression than those who are non-religious, and if they become depressed, they recover more quickly.

A review of 12 studies by Dr Larson et al published in the Journal of Psychology and Theology in 1991 found a positive relationship between religious commitment and lower suicide rates. A study by Nisbet et al published in the Journal of Nervous and Mental Disorders in 2000 found that adults 50 years or older who never participated in religious activities were four times more likely than religious people in their age group to commit suicide, replicating the results of a 1972 study.

Skeptics cite the placebo effect as a probable cause of the benefits of spiritual belief, together with the fact that religious communities offer the kind of support networks that reduce stress and ease mental anguish. Additionally, those who attend religious services have better health habits, such as drinking and smoking less. Finally, religions encourage marriage, which is a reliable predictor of longer life.

Biblical Authority *for* Deliverance **PRAYER**

Origins of the Demonic



Week Four

Deliverance Ministry—Introduction

Do Demons Exist?

There is undeniable evidence in scripture that Satan is real. The Biblical Christian must believe that the Old Testament, New Testament, and the words of Jesus testify that Satan and demons are real and that the believer is in a real spiritual war against them.

C.S. Lewis put it this way;

“The commonest question is whether I really "believe in the Devil." Now, if by "the Devil" you mean a power opposite to God and, like God, self-existent from all eternity, the answer is certainly No. There is no uncreated being except God. God has no opposite. No being could attain a "perfect badness" opposite to the perfect goodness of God; for when you have taken away every kind of good thing intelligence, will, memory, energy, and existence itself there would be none of him left.

The proper question is whether I believe in devils. I do. That is to say, I believe in angels, and I believe that some of these, by the abuse of their free will, have become enemies to God and, as a corollary, to us. These we may call devils. They do not differ in nature from good angels, but their nature is depraved. Devil is the opposite of angel only as Bad Man is the opposite of Good Man. Satan, the leader or dictator of devils, is the opposite, not of God, but of Michael.

There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors, and hail a materialist or a magician with the same delight."¹

“Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.”

- 1 Peter 5:8



1. C.S. Lewis, *Screwtape Letters*, Lollier Books, Macmillan Publishing Co., New York, 1982. Revised paperback edition pp vvi, 3

Satan

The Old Testament is quite extensive in revealing to us that Lucifer (Satan) is real. His presence is first noted in Genesis and continues throughout the Bible. He is present in the garden, with the struggle of Job, and in Zechariah 3 he accuses Israel before God's throne. The New Testament reveals Satan through each writer. Even Jesus himself testifies to his existence 29 separate times in the four gospels.

Although Satan is a force to be reckoned with we must never credit more power to Satan than he has. He does not have the same attributes as God. Satan is a created being made by Jesus. (Col. 1:16). His characteristics are that of an angel. He has intellect, emotion and a will yet has limited strength. He can only be in one place at one time and is ignorant of God's sovereign plans because he is not all knowing. Lucifer would like for us to think he is as powerful as God because he wants to esteem himself as God, but he is not.

The devil is not the red-horned, pitchfork carrying creature that people so often illustrate. No, the Bible tells us that Lucifer is a most beautiful creature. "Lucifer" means "radiant light", as Paul warns us in 2 Corinthians 11:14 to beware of this adversary who can appear as a beautiful radiant light.

"Marvel not; for Satan himself is transformed (fashions himself into) an angel of light."

There are two key passages in the Old Testament that reveal Satan's origin and fall. They are Ezekiel 28:1-19 and Isaiah 14:12-17, Both these passages are written to literal kings of earthly kingdoms, yet the truths see past these kings and reveal the mysteries of Satan.

Read Ezekiel 28:1—19

Lucifer was created holy. As we read in verse 14, he was created as all the other angels, by Jesus. (Col. 1:16, John 1:1-3) He was a Cherubim, the highest class of angels. He is twice called a "covering" cherub. The covering cherub guarded and trafficked all praise and honor unto God. Cherubim speak of God's glory, holiness and sovereignty. He was the "anointed" cherub, God's appointed leader. Lucifer was in the holy mountain walking up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. In other words, he ministered before the very throne of God. It is most probable Lucifer was in first position to God in all of the created spirit realm. He was God's appointed ruler. Verse 12 tells us that Lucifer sealed up the sum of wisdom and perfect beauty. He was perfect in his ways before his fall (vs 15). God created him to have all perfection and said, "I have set thee so," (vs 14), That is how he is so subtle and deceitful. He is great in wisdom. In verse 13 tabrets (tambourine) and pipes are mentioned in the King James as well as other translations. Newer translations omit these references. Some commentators say the tabrets and pipes are "the sockets and grooves used as the settings for the precious stones", but most every other place these words are used in the Bible they are referring to musical instruments. These refer to the perfection of music as possibly a type of "one man orchestra". Being the covering, anointed cherub, he probably led all of the angelic host in worship by his music, somewhat of an angelic director of praise and worship. Some believe the pipes were set within his very being, within his very voice. Every precious stone covered him. Every color stone shone off of him. (He is referred to as an angel of light by Paul in 2 Corinthians 11:14) Ezekiel says Satan walked in the presence of God's fire and light. He must have therefore reflected and radiated beautiful colors through his precious, jeweled covering. Ezekiel 28:15 reveals God's indictment; "till iniquity was found in thee". :17 tells us why Satan fell, "Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty..." Pride was the original sin of Lucifer. He reflected upon his own perfection and beauty even more than God's. :18—declares that Lucifer defiled the sanctuaries of God by his merchandise (vs 16) and his traffic of iniquity (vs 18) which may refer to his gathering, persuading and recruiting other angels to follow him.

Isaiah 14:12-17

How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! ¹³ You said in your heart, "I will ascend to the heavens; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon." ¹⁴ I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High." ¹⁵ But you are brought down to the realm of the dead, to the depths of the pit. ¹⁶ Those who see you stare at you, they ponder your fate: "Is this the man who shook the earth and made kingdoms tremble, ¹⁷ the man who made the world a wilderness, who overthrew its cities and would not let his captives go home?"

Verse 13 of Isaiah 14 tells us that evil entered the universe through one person's heart. Lucifer took his eyes off God's glory and placed them on his own perfection. I Timothy 3:6 warns us of this sin, "...lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil."

All his pride was within the secrecy of his heart as he continued to guide the worship in heaven, but God found the iniquity immediately. You can't hide from God, especially the first sin of all. There are five statements in verses 13-14 that describe the very sin of Satan.

Write all five statements that start with "I will."

1. I will _____
2. I will _____
3. I will _____
4. I will _____
5. I will _____

The first "I will" described how Satan desires to dwell in the place God does. Number two describes how Satan desires to exalt himself over God's creation and above God. Thirdly, he desires to sit upon the mount, which according to Isaiah 2:2, is the center of God's kingdom, which may also refer to the Messiah's future reign. He fourthly desires to ascend above the Clouds. Most translate this as the "clouds" of God's glory. Satan wanted to ascend above God's own glory and splendor. Fifth and lastly, he desired to become like God, the possessor of heaven and earth and the very deception he tempted man with. From this point, Lucifer, the anointed Cherub, became Satan, which means "adversary".

TRUE OR FALSE (from commentary)

- ___ 1. Satan is equal to Jesus in power and authority in the earth.
- ___ 2. Satan looks like an evil beast with horns and a pitchfork.
- ___ 3. The name Satan means "bright light."

- ___ 4. Lucifer was at one time anointed by God.
- ___ 5. Lucifer was perfect in beauty and wisdom.
- ___ 6. It's believed Lucifer couldn't carry a tune.
- ___ 7. He was covered with every precious stone.
- ___ 8. Pride is the original sin.
- ___ 9. God found pride in Lucifer's heart.
- ___ 10. There are only three "I wills" of Satan.
- ___ 11. Satan wanted to be like God and even greater.

ONE THIRD OF THE ANGELS

It seems God allowed Satan to sow his seed of deception and did not immediately cast him out of heaven. As previously discussed, he was found trafficking his lies. This period of time may have very well been given to Lucifer as a chance to repent but instead, he perpetuated his pride. Ezekiel 28:16 tells how God cast Satan to the ground. Revelation 12:4,9 describes how Satan persuaded 1/3 of the angels to follow in his rebellion. "And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven...(vs 11).

Jesus says in Luke 10:18, "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven "

It was in God's sovereign wisdom and counsel to give angels their own will and some chose to rebel. God did not cause it but allowed it for the purpose of his ultimate plan. God did not create sin or rebellion but He created a perfect universe that had the freedom to love or hate. He created the angels and man in his image with intellect, emotion and a free will. He did not want beings that loved Him because they knew nothing else. He wanted beings that would respond to Him willingly, in love. Within that freedom of will came the choice of rebellion. God knew that and has allowed it to continue, but He has sent the Lamb, slain from before the foundation of the earth, (Rev. 13:8) who will judge righteously. God is in complete control.

The consequences of Satan's sin were great in God's creation. Rebellion and pride entered into perfect harmony and holiness. Satan's holiness and anointing became corrupt. He no longer served the Lord but opposed Him. Scripture does not reveal when the rebellion and casting out occurred but one can approximate the time. Job 38:7 tells us all the angels rejoiced at the creation of earth. Therefore sometime between the creation of earth and the temptation of Eve in Genesis three, Satan was cast from heaven.

THE NAMES OF SATAN

Satan is mentioned over 175 times in scripture by many names. A name describes one's character. **Write the names for Satan that are found in each scripture.**

1. Matthew 10:25 _____
2. Isaiah 14:12 _____
3. 2 Corinthians 6:15 _____
4. 1 Peter 5:8-9 _____
5. 2 Corinthians 11:3 _____
6. 2 Corinthians 4:4 _____
7. John 12:31 4 _____
8. Ephesians 2:1-3 _____
9. Matthew 13:39 _____
10. Matthew 4:3 _____
11. Matthew 13:19 _____
12. Revelation 12:9 _____
10. 2 Corinthians 4:23,4 _____

Satan's original name, given by God, was "Lucifer". Lucifer means "son of the morning" or "son of the dawn". After Lucifer's fall, he is known as "Satan", which is a Hebrew word for "adversary", for he became the chief adversary of man and God. The Devil, also a common name used for Satan, is used some 35 times in Scripture. "Devil" is derived from the Greek word *diabolos*, which means slanderer or one who trips up. It is the same word we get diabolical from, which means extreme wickedness. All of Satan's attributes and character are found in all of his followers. They are all bankrupt and diabolically opposed to God and His nature.

SATAN'S CHARACTER

Write the characteristics of Satan found in these scriptures.

1. John 8:44 _____
2. Revelation 12:10 _____
3. John 10:10 _____
4. I Timothy 3:26 _____
5. I Peter 5:8 _____
6. 2 Corinthians 11:14 _____
7. Luke 22:31 _____
8. 2 Corinthians 2:11 _____

9. Matthew 13:24-26,38—39 _____

10. 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 _____

11. Matthew 4:1 _____

SATAN'S ACTIVITY

Satan was cast out of the presence of God and down to earth. He was put under the dominion of man. Satan took that dominion by tricking man to rebel and sin against God. Satan subverted man's dominion by making man a slave to his own sinful nature. By this act Satan became the Prince of the World. (John 12:31)

Write the titles of Satan over this world as found in Scripture.

1. 2 Corinthians 4:4 _____

2. Ephesians 2:2 _____

3. Matthew 12:24 _____

4. John 12:3 _____

Satan has gained dominion of the earth and caused man to be his slave Matthew 4:8-9 proves Satan's dominion when he tempts Jesus with it.

“Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 9 “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”

Satan is actively opposing God and His restorative work in man. He is causing interference with the kingdom of Heaven to promote and exalt his kingdom of darkness. Satan opposes God, man and the children of God.

SATAN'S OPPOSITION TO GOD

Satan is not opposite in qualities and attributes of God, for he is a created being, a fallen angel, but he is opposed to the nature of God. God is light, Satan who once reflected that light is now full of darkness. God is love, Satan is full of hate and lies. God is life and Satan is in the business of death. God is truth, Satan is the father of lies. Satan perverts all of God's Creation whenever he can. He perverts true religion by false religion, salvation by humanism. He seeks to corrupt God's program for man. For as God has been working His plan of salvation and the mystery of the Church Age, Satan has been working "the mystery of iniquity." The mystery of iniquity began in the garden, through the tower of Babel and in human government over nations until Satan can rally the world of man against God at the battle of Armageddon. Satan has been actively perusing this ends by the means of false religion and corrupt governments.

"For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming. The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders and in every kind of evil that deceives those who are perishing." 2 Thessalonians 2:6-10 (N.I.V.)

SATAN'S OPPOSITION TO MAN

Satan is pursuing his overthrow of God by perverting and using man. He uses man and prevents him from the influence of God by four basic hindrances. Please write them out as you find them in these scriptures.

1. Luke 8:12 _____
2. 2 Corinthians 4:3—4 _____
3. 1 Timothy 4:11-2 _____
4. Ephesians 2:1—3 _____

SATAN'S OPPOSITION FROM MAN

There is one threat to Satan's kingdom and that is the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. God has a kingdom of light, an army of redeemed that have been set free from the wiles of the devil and are demolishing Satan's works. This means there is spiritual war raging. Since Jesus destroyed the work of the devil there is now a battle between the redeemed and the demonic hosts to save the souls of those lost and in bondage to sin. The Christian soldier must learn to fight the enemy with skill and power in order to set the captives free.

"Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices." 2 Corinthians 2:11

Match the opposition that Satan uses with their scripture.

- ___ 1. We must be armed and ready to fight against Satan's tricks and fiery darts.
- ___ 2. Satan accuses us before God day and night
- ___ 3. Tempting us with the things of the world.
- ___ 4. Temptation, drawn by our lust.
- ___ 5. False teachers, prophets and false doctrines.
- ___ 6. Division by sin, differences and forgiveness

A. 1 Corinthians 1:10-11; 2 Cor. 2:10,11

D. 1 John 2:15-17

B. 2 Peter 2:1-3

E. Revelation 12:10

C. James 12:14,15

F. Ephesians 6:10-18

THE KINGDOM OF DARKNESS

A common excuse for sin is "the devil made me do it" and that is a cop out. In fact most of us will never come in contact with Satan himself. Satan longs to be thought of as God with almighty power, but he is not. Satan can only be in one place at one time. He cannot read our mind or thoughts. He does not know what we are thinking. He can only view the stature of our mind. Satan can't accomplish his goals without help, so he has 1/3 of the angels that rebelled with him to work for him. Just as God set up an army of ranks and divisions of angels, so did Satan. Satan took the fallen angels, all the various types and creations of spirit beings, and set them into ranked positions. This is the kingdom of darkness.

THREE DIVISIONS OF ABODE

Satan was a covering cherub, therefore he dwelt in the third heaven, God's throne room. When Satan sinned, God cast him out of the third heaven although he still has access by God's permission (Job 1, Zechariah 3, Revelation 12) Satan and his angels are active in three regions of the creation:

1. The First & Second Heavens
2. The Earth
3. Under the Earth

1. FIRST-ABODE — THE HEAVENS

Scriptural proof of Satanic activity in the air.

True or False

- 1. Satan is called the Prince of the Power of the air in Ephesians 2:2
- 2. Satan and all his angels will eventually be cast to earth during the tribulation and the inhabitants of heaven, the angels, will rejoice. Revelation 12:9—12

The collective name for angels is "Host" ("Heavenly host") the Hebrew for "host" is *sabaoth* which means "armies." Strong's Concordance (6635) defines "host" as "a mass of persons or things especially organized for war, an army." Angels are often described in military terms in the bible, such as encampment (Genesis 32:1-2), command structure (Psalms 91:11-12; Matt.13:41; Rev.7:2), and combat (Jdg.5:20; Job 19:12; Rev.12:7). Many students of Angelology believe Colossians 1:16 is the text in which we find the military order of angels in the heavens and over the earth. Satan seems to have set up the same rankings or orders as the elect angels to counteract the work of God. This is seen quite clearly in Daniel 10 when God's principality angel fought with Satan's principality angel.

Daniel 10:12—"Then he continued, "Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them. 13 But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia. 14 Now I have come to explain to you what will happen to your people in the

Colossians 1:16—“For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ”

Thrones - thrones rule over nations and countries. Examples of satanic thrones over a country would be: A religious throne over Ireland, an- Anti Christ (communist) throne over Russia, a lustful throne over America which brings materialism and perversion.

Principalities (Princes) - these hold territories under thrones such as North, East, South or West. Daniel 10 speaks of the Prince of Persia and the Prince of Greece that contend with God's angels..

Rulers (dominion) - governed under a principality, they rule regions or cities. Los Vegas would be heavily oppressed by a ruler of greed and sexual perversion.

Virtues - known for strength and miracles. Demonic virtues would probably be used to perform Satan's miraculous lying wonders for the Anti Christ. "Even him whose coming is after the working of Satan all power and signs and lying wonders." II Thess 2:9

Powers - pretenses & ideologies, to bring about moral changes, trends, fashions, political trends and false religions. Evil powers bring liberal morals and attack the social fibers for degeneration of cultures.

SUMMARY: Order of Angels

1. Satan—Prince of the power of the air
2. Thrones - rule countries, nations, providences
3. Principalities or Princes - territories under thrones
4. Dominions - rule districts, governments within the limits of a principality
5. Virtues - perform mighty miracles
6. Powers - bring moral and physical changes in social climate

2. THE EARTH, THE SECOND ABODE

Satan is also "The god of this world..." 2 Corinthians 4:4

THE ORIGINS OF DEMONS

There seems to be a distinction between the fallen angels that operate in the heavenlies and the demonic entities that roam the earth although they both hold their allegiance to Satan. The Jews and Greeks distinguished angels from demons as seen in Acts 23:8-9,

“The Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, and that there are neither angels nor spirits, but the Pharisees believe all these things.⁹ There was a great uproar, and some of the teachers of the law who were Pharisees stood up and argued vigorously. “We find nothing wrong with this man,” they said. “What if a spirit or an angel has spoken to him?””

There are three points of view as to the origin of demons.

1. Fallen angels
2. The souls of a pre-Adamic race
3. The Nephilim (the disembodied souls of the cohabitation before the flood, Genesis 6)

1. **Fallen Angels**— This theory simply states that the demons are the fallen angels that rebelled with Lucifer. This concept overlooks the point that demons cannot be angels because angelic bodies were not destroyed; consequently they cannot inhabit anyone. There seems to be a distinction between fallen angels who abide in the heavenly realms and demons that roam the earth. Demons seem to be disembodied spirits that once had a body and are seeking a resting place in a physical body.

2. **PreAdamic Race**—The concept is that a preAdamic race of beings existed on the earth before Adam in Earth's dateless past. Some believe they were similar to man today in that they had a body, soul and spirit. Consequently at the fall of Satan they were judged and their bodies returned to the dust and their spirits remained upon the earth. The problem here is that there is no passage of Scripture for this view other than Genesis 1:1-2. The argument holds that the original earth was destroyed and that's why it became "formless and void" since God never created anything less than perfect. (The Hebrew implies it "became" formless and void) Therefore, there must be disembodied spirits of creation past that are seeking bodies to possess. Yet, the argument for a pre-Adamic race cannot be supported by Scripture.
 1. The Bible states that it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment (Heb. 9:27) Not the freedom to walk throughout the earth as spirits.
 2. Romans 5:12 and I Corinthians 15:21 imply that there was no death in the world until Adam sinned.
 3. I Corinthians 15:45,47 tells us Adam was the first man and Eve is the "mother of all living." (Gen. 3:20)
 4. If there were a preAdamic man why did Jesus not redeem them as he did this race of fallen men?
 5. Nowhere in scripture does it state demons are disembodied spirits. Scripture refers to angels as "Spirits" (Heb. 1:4, Ps. 104:4) as demons are referred to as spirits as well. (Matt. 8:16 and Luke 10:17-20)
 6. The Lake of fire was prepared for the devil and his angels (Matt. 25:41) so what about the pre-Adamic spirits? If they are not angels why is there no mention of their punishment.

3. **The Nephilim— Read Genesis 6:1-8, 2 Peter 2:4-10, Jude 6-7**

2 Peter and Jude shed light on the Genesis 6 episode of fallen angels comingling with the women of the earth. In review of these two passages the incarcerated angels seem to be related with that of sexual perversion. The language of Jude :7 is "since they in the same way as these (Sodom and Gomorrah) indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh" (N.A.S.B.) The angelic sin seems to be gross immorality and going after strange flesh. Jude 6 says they left their first estate or "habitation." The peculiar sin of these angels is compared with Sodom and Gomorrah in both 2 Peter and Jude. It seems that the angels took on human form leaving their angelic "habitation" as Jude 6 implies and cohabitated with the women of earth.

Thus, they went after strange flesh (Jude 7). Angels do not procreate among themselves according to Matthew 22:30, yet we do not know the total powers of fallen angels. Angels can take on human form and perform such human functions as eating, walking, and talking.

Genesis 6 says the women bore "giants." The Hebrew translation of the children they bore is "nephilim" which means "fallen ones". These fallen ones must have been part terrestrial and human in a hybrid human form. God saw this sin and how it corrupted the human race except for Noah and his family and determined to destroy the corrupt population.

In this judgment God took the fallen angels and chained them in "tartarus" until the last days. He destroyed the population of nephilim by the flood and kept Noah so that there would be a pure seed for Messiah to come. It is this destruction of the nephilim that explains the population of demons that roam the earth. They were not assigned to a place of torment and so they roam seeking bodies to dwell in under the directives of Satan and his host.

DEMON NAMES

It is quite possible that the names of idols were actually names of demons. "Demon" is derived from the Greek word; *diamon* meaning "evil spirit, disrupting spirit or devil". In the Greek it is *pneumata* which means spirit. In the Old Testament demons were identified with idols and idol worship. It was believed that idols were simply visible symbols for invisible demons. Idolatry was related as demon worship by God.

Write out Deuteronomy 32:16-17 _____

Write out 1 Cor. 10:20 _____

RANKS OF DEMONS ON EARTH

Paul tells us that we wrestle with four rankings of demons listed in Ephesians 6:12.

"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

The ranking from highest to lowest as believed by most demonologists is as follows.

1. Rulers - This word in Greek means Lords of the world or princes of the age. They are the highest type of demon on earth. He is the top authority, besides Satan, over demons that are able to enter humans and animals.

2. Authorities - If rulers were generals then authorities would be lieutenants in an army. Where there is a ruler there is usually a subordinate power. Powers are capable of causing moral and physical changes in a person. They have the power to set in motion the plans of the rulers and are capable of controlling a person by themselves.

3. Powers - These are third in line and usually more apparent in demonic manifestation. They are many times used as diversionary scapegoats so that the activates of the rulers and authorities go unnoticed or without hindrance.

4. Spiritual forces - These demons are the lowest rank. They corrupt man's heart and thoughts. They are addicted to vices, sinfulness, immorality and depravity. They become familiar with one's weaknesses and try to infiltrate with temptation. They often make openings for other demons to enter. They may also inhabit animals.

3. UNDER THE EARTH

The third realm of Stan's Kingdom is found under the earth. We have seen the powers of the air and the demons of the earth. The Bible also speaks of spirits under the earth that are bound. Revelation 9:1-11 speaks of these demons in the abyss or bottomless pit.

Answer the questions for Revelation 9:1-11

1. What fell to earth from heaven? _____
2. What was given to him? _____
3. What rose out of the smoke of the pit? _____
4. What did they look like verse 7? _____
5. What was the name of the king demon of the abyss? _____

The abyss may be the same place where Jesus sent demons in his earthly ministry.
Read Luke 8:30-31.

6. What was the demon's name? _____
7. Where did the demons beg not to be sent in verse 31? _____

This place is also the place where Satan will be confined for 1000 years in Revelation 11:7, 17:8, 20:1-3. 2 Peter 2:4 speaks of angels that are cast into "tartarus" some translations refer to it as Hell, but this is not the Lake of Fire or the grave. Tartarus therefore must be the abyss or bottomless pit previously stated.

Answer the questions after reading 2 Peter 2:4

8. God delivered them into what? _____
9. What are they reserved for? _____

Read Jude :6-7

Jude 6 seems to speak of these same angels that are in chains reserved for judgment. The question is, why are these angels put in chains and not allowed to roam as others are? The sin mentioned in 2 Peter and Jude is not the original rebellion but just this class of angels that left the spirit realm for human women. These incarcerated angels seem to be related with the sexual perversion compared to Sodom and Gomorrah in both 2 Peter and Jude. Secondly, the time sequence mentioned connects this time of sin with the flood of Noah. The language of Jude :7 is "since they in the same way as these (Sodom and Gomorrah) indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh (N.A.S.B.) The angelic sin seems to be gross immorality and going after strange flesh. Jude 6 says they left their first estate or "habitation." The only other scripture that implies such an event is found in Genesis 6:1-5.

Answer the questions for Jude :6-7

10. What are the angels bound in? _____
11. Until what day? _____

DEMONIZATION

It is not proper biblical terminology to describe someone as demon-possessed. It is important to note that the word "demonized" is the preferred term. Jesus encountered people who had unclean spirits or demons, as we shall see, but possession is not the best word to describe these persons. To whatever degree or extent that the unclean spirit or demon operated in a person, total control is not what the Synoptic (Gospel) writers understood. Again, there is mystery here, yet it is not necessary to understand how a demon operates in a person in order to cast out that demon.¹

Since we see their rankings in military fashion we can explain demonization in military expressions. Demons have no morals, no conscience, no fairness, and no thoughts of good; their motivation and being is completely ungodly. They are completely evil in every sense of the word.

1. A Frontal Assault (direct attack)
2. Gaining a Stronghold (weaknesses)
3. Oppression (demonic occupation)

1. The Frontal Assault

The common experiences of temptation, directly or indirectly are often demonic forward assaults. They may be brief, after which the enemy retreats or a continual pressure which may be referred to as oppression. The way to deal with this type of attack is resistance. "Resist the devil and he will flee from you." (James 4:7). Their goal is to control through tempting our flesh which leads to sin, shame and guilt. If it continues the victim needs to find help from other Christians who understand the assaults.

James 1:14-15 - "But each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. 15 Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death."

¹ How Christians Cast Out Demons Today, by Kent Philpott
http://www.earthenvesseljournal.com/archive/issue02/serial/Cast_Out_Demons/Cast_Out_Demons_02.html

2. A Stronghold

This may be called a "bondage" or "affliction". It is when the enemy infiltrates and occupies an area. A bondage is when the enemy surrounds a part of our life like a blockade and cuts it off to bring it into their control. A common analogy would be that of an infection. Their attempt is to isolate control and cut off the influence of God in a particular place of the soul. A stronghold or bondage is often thought of as a habit or addiction that has a hold on a person. There can be many and varied reasons that cause such demonic strongholds.

***NOTE:** Demons are not the reason for all of our problems. It is important to note that not all vices and habits are demonic strongholds. The flesh plays a strong part in man's make up. The flesh is generally our problem and its weakness is the reason for most of our sins and addictions.*

3. Occupation

An occupation is when a demon is in an overruling control over some portion of a persons life. This may happen at different levels of a persons soul. Causes will be discussed in future lessons.

Possession speaks of ownership so the lost are able to be possessed by demonic forces, but a Christian cannot be possessed because they were purchased by the blood of Jesus and inhabited by the Holy Spirit. But a Christian can be oppressed in forms of "area" occupation. Quite often an unsaved person may be occupied by a demon and then get saved and delivered immediately at conversion. While others may get saved but retain the occupation because they did not surrender that area in repentance. This is why Paul tells us in Romans 12:12 we must renew our mind. Unless a Christian is fully given to the Lord he may harbor a spirit by an act of stubborn will, secret sin or deep unresolved wounds & lies.

We cannot blame demons for everything. Most of the time our "flesh" falls to temptation and sin. We must therefore put to death the deeds of our flesh daily. Satan attacks the physical body and mind (or soul) to kill and rob man which is the object of God's affection. It is necessary for the believer to present his body a living sacrifice to God and renew his mind to Christ. The mind is therefore the battle ground.

MATCH THE SCRIPTURES

Match the Scripture to the reference for the type of attack

1. A Frontal assault (Direct)
2. A Stronghold (Weaknesses)
3. Oppression (Occupation)

___ 1. Matthew 12:22

___ 2. Matthew 9:32,33

___ 3. Acts 5:2,3

___ 4. Acts 16:16-18

___ 5. 2 Cor. 12:7

___ 6. Job 2:7

___ 7. 1 Corinthians 5:5

___ 8. James 1:13-15

___ 9. Luke 8:27-29

___ 10. James 3:14-15

___ 11. 2 Corinthians 11:3

___ 12. 1Corinthians 7:5

“When an impure spirit comes out of a person, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. ⁴⁴ Then it says, ‘I will return to the house I left.’ When it arrives, it finds the house unoccupied, swept clean and put in order. ⁴⁵ Then it goes and takes with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that person is worse than the first. That is how it will be with this wicked generation.” - Matthew 12:43-45

Answer the True and False-on this portion of Scripture.

- 1. Unclean spirits seek rest from the dry places it walks in when cast out of someone.
- 2. A demon can never enter back into its last victim.
- 3. If the person that was delivered does not allow the Holy Spirit to take up residence he just remains empty.
- 4. Demons that enter back into their former person can bring seven more spirits to make things worse.
- 5. Demons seek to inhabit humans as well as to torment God's creation to find rest and experience sensual gratification they could never experience without a body. They prefer this to wandering in dry places.

The Counterfeit

Demon oppression or demonization is Satan's way of perverting and counterfeiting God's activity in people's lives. A person who is oppressed by a demon displays counterfeit characteristics of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer. Demon possession is not only to steal, kill and destroy a person but to pervert the beauty of what the Holy Spirit does in the redeemed. (John 10:10)

Here are four examples:

- 1. When a demon oppresses a person it alters their true personality. This is a perversion of the life changing work of the Holy Spirit in a new believer.
- 2. A person who consciously yields to a demon's power is operating under the influence of a counterfeit gift. These manifestations are perversions of the gifts of the Spirit.
- 3. Almost all demon possessed people speak in unknown tongues as the demon gives utterance. This is a counterfeit of the gift of tongues in the Spirit filled believer.
- 4. Many demon possessed people manifest extra human strength which imitates the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reminder: (Christian's cannot be possessed by a demon but oppressed in areas of their soul)

SATAN'S DEMISE

The death and resurrection of Jesus stripped Satan of his powers and dominion and God gave that dominion and power to His redeemed. The battle still rages and will climax. Yet, one point is crystal clear, Satan is defeated and will be destroyed.

Read 2 Corinthians 2:11

1. How can Satan get advantage over us? _____

Read James 4:7

2. How can we make the devil flee? _____

Read Romans 8:38-39

3. What cannot separate you from the love of God? _____

JESUS THE CONQUEROR

Read the scriptures and answer the questions.

I John 3:8

4. What did Jesus come to do? _____

Mark 5:5-13

5. What did the demons call Jesus? _____

6. What were they afraid Jesus would do? _____

7. What did Jesus say? _____

Colossians 2:14,15

8. Who did Jesus disarm or spoil? _____

9. How did he triumph over them and make an open show of them? _____

Matthew 28:18

10. All power is given to whom? _____

Philippians 2:10

11. Every knee shall bow at whose name? _____

Luke 10:18-19

12. What will Jesus give us power to do? _____

Mark 16:15-18

13. What signs shall follow believers? _____

Matthew 10:1:1

14. What did he give unto his apostles? _____

THE BATTLE IS OURS

It is important to note the following scriptures when studying the enemy.

Fill in the blanks

1 John 2:1—"My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, _____—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One."

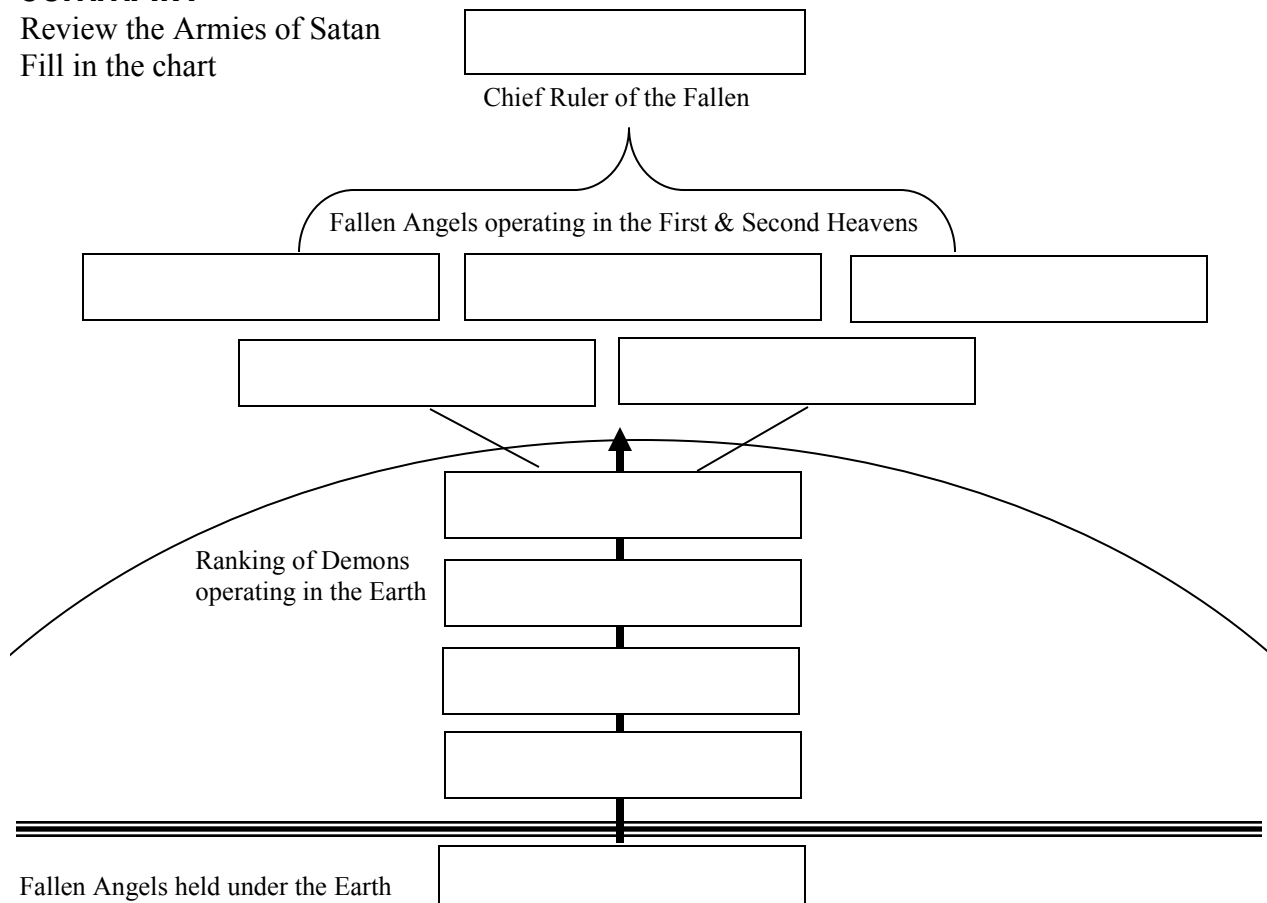
1 John 3:8—"The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared _____."

1 John 4:4—"You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because _____."

Romans 8:37—"No, in all these things we are _____ through him who loved us.

SUMMARY

Review the Armies of Satan
Fill in the chart



Confronting Demons



Week Five

The Disciples Training Manual

“If I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.”

—Matthew 12:28

The Gospel of Mark was written as a training manual for the disciples of Christ. As followers of Jesus we are to do the works that He did. Casting out demons was a major emphasis for Mark when telling the story of Christ. Jesus said these signs are the evidence that the Kingdom of God is present. Should the followers of Christ be educated in casting out demons today? Yes most definitely if we are to show the manifest presence of the Kingdom of God.

Circle the portion of scripture that speaks of deliverance.

Mark 1: 23-25 - “Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are---the Holy One of God!" :25 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!":26 And when the unclean spirit had convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him.”

Mark 1:34,39 - ”Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him. :39 And He was preaching in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and casting out demons.”

Mark 3:14 -”Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach, :15 and to have power to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons.”

Mark 3:22 - “And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebub," and, "By the ruler of the demons He casts out demons.”

Mark 5:8 - “For He had been saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!”

Mark 5:12-13 - “So all the demons begged Him, saying, "Send us to the swine, that we may enter them. He gave them permission, and the impure spirits came out and went into the pigs.

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

Mark 7:29 Then He said to her, "For this saying go your way; the demon has gone out of your daughter." :30 And when she had come to her house, she found the demon gone out, and her daughter lying on the bed.

Mark 9:25 - “When Jesus saw that a crowd was rapidly gathering, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You deaf and mute spirit, I command you, come out of him and do not enter him again”

Mark 9:38 - “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.”

Mark 16:9 - “Now when He rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons.”

Mark 16:17 "And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; 18 they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.”

These Signs Shall Follow

Here are 8 very powerful verses from the Bible showing all of us that we are not to be afraid of demons and that we are to directly engage with them if we have to - operating under God's authority and anointing to be able to do so. Write out the following verses.

1. Mark 16:16-17 _____

2. Luke 4:18 _____

3. Luke 10:19 _____

4. Luke 9:1 _____

5. Mark 6:7 & 13 _____

6. Matthew 10:1 _____

7. Matthew 10:6-8 _____

8. 1 John 3:8 _____

If you'll notice, every time Jesus gave His apostles the power and command to go out and walk with His anointing, He always told them to cast out demons as one of His specific commands - no exceptions! So if Jesus was constantly casting out demons, always telling the apostles to cast out demons, and the apostles too were always casting out demons, then it should only be logical that the Church should still continue to cast out demons when needed.

Michael Bradley, 4 Levels of Spiritual Warfare Against Demonic Spirits,
<http://www.concienciaradio.com/ce4/4LevelSpiritualWarfareMichaelBradley.pdf>

PRAY

It is essential to know that you should do nothing in the spirit realm unprotected and without prayer. You must understand the armor of God, its value and purpose, and you must be in a continual state of prayer when battling the enemy.

The Armor of God -Galatians 6:10-18

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.”

List each piece of armor in relation to what it protects—Galatians 6:14-17.

1. The Head (mind) _____
2. The Heart _____
3. The Reproductive power _____
4. Our Feet (our walk) _____
5. Our Weapon _____
6. Our Defense _____

Discerning of Spirit's

It is essential when confronting demons that we operate in the gift of the discerning of spirits. This gift helps the believer discern what spirit they are dealing with. There are always three spirits potentially at work in any given situation. 1. God’s Spirit, 2. Man’s spirit and 3. Demonic spirits.

It is vital to discern what you are confronting so that you are not wasting your time trying to cast out something that is not a demon. Demons do not want to leave their habitation within a person so they will dodge and avoid identification. It is by the Spirit of God that we can discern when and where the demon is working in the victim’s life. It is important to pray for this gift and work with someone who operates with it.

1. The spirit of man

Willingness is key in deliverance. Remember that you are working with a person first and foremost and their spirit is the issue at hand. This is a person not a project. The human spirit is complex and amazing.

1. When ministering to someone concerning the demonic you must first find out if they want to be set free. Do not spend your time trying to cast out a demon from someone who does not want it cast out.
2. If they are not a believer and have no interest in the Lord do not spend your time trying to cast a demon out. You may want to shut it down or silence it so they can hear the Gospel, but if they are opposed to Christ witness before attempting to exorcise the demon.

3. Watch and discern for multiple personality disorder or dissociative disorder. Formerly known as multiple personality disorder (MPD), DID (dissociative disorder) results in a person's enactment of two or more selves, sometimes called "alters." Persons with DID may have tens or hundreds of selves, more or less developed: some speak with distinct voices, and have different names, likes, and dislikes. The alters' drawings, handwriting, and accents may differ. Some of them identify themselves as demons, causing well-meaning ministers to try to cast them out. Dissociative Disorder is not demonic possession, and possession is not MPD. Psychologists explain the controversial disorder in four ways, says John E. Kelley, director of Biola Counseling Center in La Mirada, California:

1. DID results from a severe trauma, which usually takes place in childhood and often surfaces through controversial "recovered" memories. DID leads to fragmentation into at least two selves (one of whom is often an abused child). That is why survivors of alleged ritual abuse are often diagnosed with DID.
2. DID is a role-playing phenomenon that may or may not be based in a real-life trauma. "Dissociatives" play different roles because they are affirmed for doing so.
3. DID can be faked by people who want attention.
4. DID can be born in therapy. The disorder is brought on by therapists who use suggestion (intentional and unintentional) through which they end up convincing their patients that they have dissociated identities.

Demonic Possession and Psychiatry,
<http://www.forte.us/english/psiquiatria/notmpd.htm>

2. God's Spirit

God's Spirit is essential for spiritual warfare. The most famous story of someone doing spiritual warfare without the authority of Christ is found in Acts 19:11-20.

Answer the questions below from the scripture reference.

1. What were Paul's results from the anointed handkerchiefs and aprons?

2. What were the seven sons of Sceva commanding to the demons?

3. What did the demon say to them?

4. What happened to the seven sons?

It is essential to hear the Lord's directives and know one's authority when dealing with the demonic. The enemy does not want to deal with the Spirit of Christ in you he wants to keep you fighting in your own strength.

DEMONIZATION

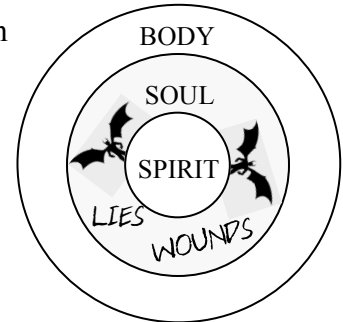
1. Can a true believer be possessed by a demon?

As previously discussed, possession is not a biblical concept. Possession implies ownership and control. Demons do not own the believer they were bought by the blood of Christ. Demons do not control but manipulate. They inhabit the mind and influence people by deception. The more a person is given over to darkness and sin the more the oppression manifests.

Many believers are demonized because they were never delivered of their guilt shame or traumas or woundedness. They must renew their minds as Paul says in Romans 12:1-2. So many are still demonized after they were saved but never delivered from deep lies or pain. Can a believer be demonized after they are saved? I believe this is very difficult because of the hedge of protection, armor of God and the indwelling Spirit of truth. But Christians, who still believe lies, get traumatized and engage willfully in sin and without yielding to the Spirit of God, can get demonized if they open the door to their adversary.

2. Demonization and the trichotomy of man.

- A. The Christian's spirit is righteous and holy in Christ, no demon would want to or can dwell there.
- B. The soul contains lies and darkness, which is very suitable for demons. Demons dwell in the mind of the person not in the spirit. "They attach themselves to the lies one believes."
- C. Having a demon inhabiting your mind does not make you evil



3. How do demons find their way into a person's mind or body?

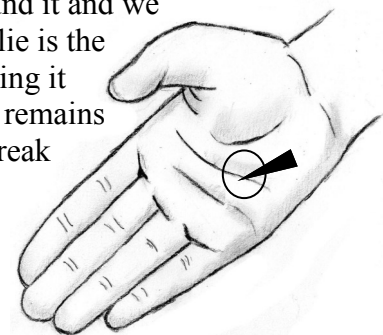
- A. Through childhood traumatic events
- B. Passed down from former generations
- C. Through occult involvement
- E. By willful sinful acts such as sexual sin, mind altering drugs or addictions

Ed Smith—Theophostic Training Manual
Beyond Tolerable Recovery, 1997

4. If we expel the demon have we dealt with the problem?

The problem is the lie. "A major mistake that deliverance ministries have made is to assume that by expelling the demon the person will be free. Until the lie is removed the person's bondage remains."

Illustration: If a person has a splinter and an infection grows around it and we cleanse the infection but leave the splinter what will happen? The lie is the splinter and the demonic is the infection that attaches to the lie giving it legal right to be there. We can cast out the demon but the problem remains and will just get re-infected. The key to casting out demons is to break the lies with the truth. This casts out the demon and also heals the person so the enemy cannot come back



5. How do we know we are truly dealing with a demon?

How do they manifest themselves.

- A. In their true evil form. (based on the type of demon they are ie. lust, pride, mocking, etc.)
- B. False divine impersonations. (looking like Jesus)
- C. As the perpetrator or offender of the trauma
- D. Confusion and darkness
- F. Distracting voices, words of profanity and mockery.
- G. Impersonations of the person (dissociation in SRA)
- H. Physical manifestations. (contortions, temperature changes, vocal and facial changes.)

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6. How should we address demons that manifest?

With authority, truth and spiritual discernment.

“And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb, and because of the word of their testimony, they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.” Rev. 12:1

“You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.” - 1 John 4:4

Jesus cast out or threw out demons. The word *ekballo* in the Greek of the New Testament means “to throw out” and is the word commonly used to describe Jesus expelling of demons. We even get our term ball, as in baseball, from this word. The prefix *ek* means out, and to throw out is what Jesus did. And, as we shall see, Jesus used no formulas, relics, rituals, ceremonies, or objects of any kind that might be associated with the practice of exorcism. Rather, in direct confrontation with unclean spirits indwelling the demonized, Jesus ordered or commanded demons to leave.

Kent Philpott, How Christians Cast Out Demons Today,

http://www.earthenvesseljournal.com/archive/issue02/serial/Cast_Out_Demons/Cast_Out_Demons_02.html

7. Why are some demons more difficult to expel than others?

- They know you are not convinced of your authority and position in Christ.
- The person is still deceived by a lie.
- You are dealing with multiple wills of dissociation.
- The demons are highly invested.
- The person may be permitting them to stay.
- They may be connected to unrighteous
- They may be connected to willful choices.
- Lack of Warfare skill and knowledge.

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Demons and the Law

Read the following verses and answer the questions.

1 Peter 5:8, Zechariah 3:1, Revelation 12:10, John 10:10

1. What is an adversary? _____
2. Where is Satan standing when he accuses? _____
3. What does prowling mean in 1 Peter? _____
4. What is he seeking to do in 1 Peter? _____
4. What does the devil want to do according to John 10:10? _____

Demons know the Law of God condemns sin and demands death. They therefore use the Law to oppress man under its condemnation. This usually gives them license to inhabit our woundedness. Demons watch for areas they can occupy through opportunity granted them by the person. If we can agree with a lie of the enemy or continue in particular sins we often allow the enemy to inhabit and stay.

When reviewing the book of Job we see that the believer has a hedge of protection. Job 1:9-10- "Then Satan answered the LORD, "Does Job fear God for nothing? ¹⁰"Have You not made a hedge about him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land." There must therefore be some type of specific reason that this protection has been allowed to break open for demonic entrance—and that specific reason will be their legal right.

Break All of the Legal Rights of the Demons

Bottom line, the battle will either be won or lost on this specific step. Find out what the specific reason is that allowed these demons to attach to this person in the first place, and you will then find out what all of their legal rights are. And then once you find out what all of their legal rights are, then get them properly taken care of and broken before the Lord.

Once all of the legal rights of the demons have been properly taken care of and broken before the Lord, then they will have absolutely nothing else left to be able to hold onto, and they will then be much easier to cast out of the person once you start to directly engage with them.

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A good example of how a legal grounds works is found in Matthew 18:23-35, where Jesus talks about unforgiveness. Jesus wraps up the story by saying that if we are unforgiving, tormenters are allowed access to us:

"In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart." - Matthew 18:34-35,

Unforgiveness, which gives birth to bitterness, is known in the Bible to spiritually defile a person as Hebrews 12:15 describes, "See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. "

Things such as unforgiveness, unrepented sin, ungodly soul ties, foolish spoken vows, curses, and so forth can give unclean spirits the right to hang around and influence us. These things must be cleaned up in order for the person to experience lasting genuine freedom. Legal grounds can be cleaned up through repentance, renunciation, breaking soul ties (ties made through ungodly sexual relations), etc. Even physical possessions can give demons rights into our homes (Deuteronomy 7:26), so it is also important to destroy and remove any cursed or ungodly items from our homes as well. Here is a brief look at some of the most common means for spiritual defilement and how to break the legal grounds:

1. Unrepented sins must be repented of and turned from. No if's and's or but's about it. Trying to minister freedom to somebody who is not ready to give up that sin in their life is not ready to be delivered.

2. Ungodly soul ties are formed when a person has an ungodly relationship with another person or makes a foolish covenant with them. Becoming a blood brother with somebody will create a strong soul tie that must be renounced and broken. Ungodly sexual relationships will surely create soul ties that must be broken. The key to breaking an ungodly soul tie is to first repent of any sins committed in the development of that soul tie, and then the soul tie must be renounced by the person receiving ministry, and then broken in Jesus' name. If gifts or physical items were involved in that relationship, then it may be necessary to destroy, give away or throw them out as well. Gifts between a man and woman involved in an adultery should be sold, given away or thrown out as they can symbolize that relationship.

3. Vows are known to bind the soul, and must be repented of, verbally taken back (renounced) and broken in Jesus' name. Vows such as "I will never..." or "I am this or that"

4. Cursed possessions, such as occult books, Satanic symbols, etc. must be thrown out. For God's Word is clear that bringing a cursed item into your home can bring a curse upon yourself: Deuteronomy 7:26, "Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thine house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it: but thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it is a cursed thing."

5. Spoken curses, such as, "I'll always be in debt!" must be renounced (taken back verbally) and broken in Jesus' name.

http://ministeringdeliverance.com/deliverance_demons_legalgrounds.php

6. False Doctrines can keep people bound by religious spirits contrary to the Bible.

7. Occult practices such as astrology horoscopes palm readers Ouija boards and other spiritism activities. Certain relics and amulets or crystals, etc.

Take a careful history and inventory of these essential questions. It will make your ministry much more effective and to the point.

25 EVIL SPIRITS MENTIONED IN THE SCRIPTURES

Please read through these scriptures

1. SPIRIT OF INFIRMITY

LUKE 13:10-13, 16 On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity." Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God. Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?"

2. SPIRIT OF FEAR

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

3. SPIRIT OF HEAVINESS

ISAIAH 61:3 To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified."

1 SAMUEL 16:23 Whenever the spirit from God came upon Saul, David would take his harp and play. Then relief would come to Saul; he would feel better, and the evil spirit would leave him.

4. SPIRIT OF BONDAGE

ROMANS 8:15 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."

5. SPIRIT OF DECEPTION

1 TIMOTHY 4:1 the Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.

6. SPIRIT OF DISOBEDIENCE

EPHESIANS 2:1-2-As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

7. SPIRIT OF PRIDE

ECCLESIASTES 7:8 The end of a thing is better than its beginning; The patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.

8. SPIRIT OF ANGER

ECCLESIASTES 7:9 Do not hasten in your spirit to be angry, For anger rests in the bosom of fools.

9. SPIRIT OF BITTERNESS

EZEKIEL 3:14 The Spirit then lifted me up and took me away, and I went in bitterness and in the anger of my spirit, with the strong hand of the LORD upon me.

10. SPIRIT OF PROSTITUTION

HOSEA 4:10-12 "They will eat but not have enough; they will engage in prostitution but not increase, because they have deserted the LORD to give themselves to prostitution, to old wine and new, which take away the understanding of my people. They consult a wooden idol and are answered by a stick of wood. A spirit of prostitution leads them astray; they are unfaithful to their God.

11. SPIRIT OF DIVINATION

ACTS 16:16 Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling.

12. SPIRIT OF JEALOUSY

NUMBERS 5:14 if the spirit of jealousy comes upon him and he becomes jealous of his wife, who has defiled herself; or if the spirit of jealousy comes upon him and he becomes jealous of his wife, although she has not defiled herself—

13. SPIRIT OF TREACHERY

JUDGES 9:23 God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the citizens of Shechem, who acted treacherously against Abimelech.

14. SPIRIT OF SLEEP

ISAIAH 29:10 For the LORD has poured out on you The spirit of deep sleep, And has closed your eyes, namely, the prophets; And He has covered your heads, namely, the seers.

15. SPIRIT OF ERROR (False Doctrine)

1 JOHN 4:6 We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

16. SPIRIT OF ANTICHRIST

1 JOHN 4:2-3 This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

17. SPIRIT OF VEXATION

ECCLESIASTES 4:6 Better is an handful with quietness, than both the hands full with travail and vexation of spirit.

18. BROKEN SPIRIT

PROVERBS 15:13 A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance, But by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

PROVERBS 17:22 A merry heart does good, like medicine, But a broken spirit dries the bones.

19. LYING SPIRIT

1 KINGS 22:20-23 And the LORD said, 'Who will entice Ahab into attacking Ramoth Gilead and going to his death there?' "One suggested this, and another that. Finally, a spirit came forward, stood before the LORD and said, 'I will entice him.' " 'By what means?' the LORD asked. " 'I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouths of all his prophets,' he said. " 'You will succeed in enticing him,' said the LORD. 'Go and do it.' "So now the LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouths of all these prophets of yours. The LORD has decreed disaster for you."

20. REBELLIOUS SPIRIT

ISAIAH 30:1 Woe to the rebellious children, saith the LORD, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin:

21. FAMILIAR SPIRIT

ISAIAH 8:19 And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead?

22. PERVERSE SPIRIT

ISAIAH 19:14 The LORD has mingled a perverse spirit in her midst; And they have caused Egypt to err in all her work, As a drunken man staggers in his vomit.

23. WAYWARD SPIRIT

ISAIAH 29:24 Those who are wayward in spirit will gain understanding; those who complain will accept instruction."

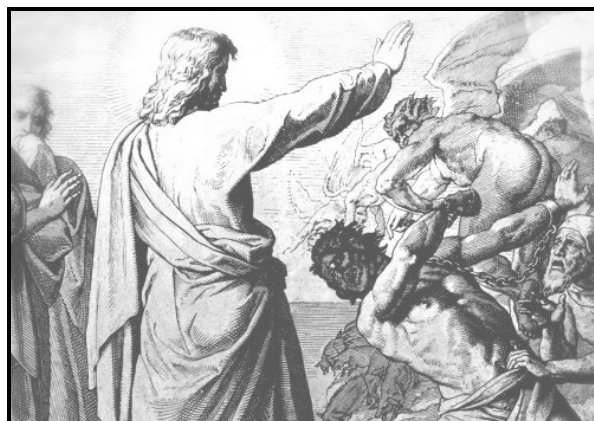
24. WORLDLY SPIRIT

1 CORINTHIANS 2:12 We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.

25. UNCLEAN SPIRIT

MARK 1:23-26 Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!" But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" And when the unclean spirit had convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him.

Deliverance



Week Six

HOW TO PRAY FOR DELIVERANCE

The following is a description of a common deliverance session. Deliverances will vary from session to session and person to person. Remember you are ministering to a person for their freedom and healing, don't get caught up in fighting demons. The enemy loves to get you chasing them instead of following the Spirit's leading. Our goal is bringing the person into the freedom and knowledge of Jesus.

You may follow some or all of these guide lines. This summary is written for your review so that you will begin to understand the feel for deliverance ministry. Some deliverances are quick and easy, some are labored and take weeks or years; some deliverances are unexpected, some deliberate and measured; some take research; some are completely led by the Spirit; some take stronger leaders than you are ready for so ask for help when necessary.

1. Preparation

1. Set a time to pray for deliverance, (You don't always get this, sometimes it comes unexpectedly, so when you can establish the parameters)
2. You need to be committed (Give yourself two to three hours or possibly longer)
3. Know that there must be follow-up in place and possibly more deliverance sessions.
4. Care for the person over a period of time until the Spirit releases you.
5. Gather a small team together that are clean before the Lord, mature and can hold a confidence for whatever is said or takes place.
6. Establish one leader so that there isn't a free for all or power struggle in directives. The enemy will play off of that. There must be order and the team must be willing to submit to authority. Deliverance ministry and even demons operate out of authority structures. They will challenge yours.
7. It's good to have someone to take over if the leader needs to rest or pray.
8. It's good to have someone reading scripture as well as someone or interceding. Pray continually in the Spirit. (demons hate a godly atmosphere).
9. It's good to have mixed company for gender safety as well as someone strong in case the person becomes violent.
10. Make sure you are walking in the full authority and confidence of the Lord with humility and discernment to the Spirit. Only saved and born again Christians can cast demons out of people. "Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee." (James 4:7)
Be prayed up and clean before the Lord before you try to do warfare with the enemy
11. Praying in tongues is a powerful weapon against demons. It produces great results.
12. Make sure you have plenty of room to move around, tissues, a garbage basket, chairs, a Bible, and possibly anointing oil. There are times when you can use the things of the Church to weaken the demons ie. the Bible and oil.

Beginning the Session:

1. Pray together as a team before the person you are praying for (subject) gets there.
2. Greet the one you are ministering to and edify, exhort and comfort them in the Holy Spirit. Help them know that Jesus wants them free.
3. Know that there is a work that the Holy Spirit wants to accomplish that day. It is your job to find it. Do not go ahead of the Holy Spirit nor the willingness of the person you are helping.
 - a) The subject may not want to be delivered from their demons.
 - b) The subject may not want to give up the legal rights that the demons are operating on.
 - c) The subject may not want deliverance because they like the pity and sympathy
 - d) The timing may not be right.
 - e) The subject may be a nonbeliever and not willing to accept Jesus as Lord.
4. Pray together as a group and welcome the Holy Spirit's ministry as well as welcoming the authority of King Jesus in the room.
5. Stand in a place of Biblical authority yet remain humble, leaning on the Lord. It is through The knowledge of your position and authority in Christ, not your abilities that will avail any redeeming work.
6. Ask the Lord to send His ministering spirits (angels) to be present and aide you.
7. Always pray in the name of the True Lord Jesus of Nazareth. (There are often false Jesus' in the person's life or demonic representations of Jesus)
8. Begin to get the subject to agree with you in prayer for what you want to accomplish. It is through their agreement you can break the hold of the enemy in their life. There will be times that you will have to have the subject repeat a prayer after you since they will not know what to pray, how to pray or they will be hindered by the enemy so they often need to repeat your prayers for them.
9. Have the subject confess the desire for deliverance
10. Instruct the subject to report any and everything thing they see or hear.
11. Take an inventory and history of the issues that could have caused demonic lies or oppression through legal rights due to trauma's, vows, or symptoms etc. (This can be done before the deliverance session. This is vital for leading you to the issues)
12. Always have the person look at the leader as they are directing. Demons usually do not want to look at the one in authority. They also do not want the person to show give away any evidences of demonic reactions.
13. It is essential to conduct the deliverance with eyes wide open. Never pray with your eyes closed. You must watch for evidences and triggers that reveal the enemy. Quite often the trained observer can spot body reactions that expose the enemy. It's also important to have your eyes open in case the subject reacts with hitting or spitting.
14. It is often important to lay hands on the subject for authority as the Bible directs. Always ask permission to lay hands on and touch the person appropriately. Do not let your touch become a distraction. Often demons react violently against laying on of hands so stay with it.

The Confrontation:

1. Enlist the help of the subject as much as possible.
2. After finding direction from the history/inventory and the Holy Spirit start to declare your orders to the enemy. Prayer of deliverance is a prayer of command. You do not need to raise your voice, volume is not authority, faith is.
3. Command all spirits to come into the light and report before the Lord Jesus and no longer hide in darkness. Quite often there is usually more than one spirit.
4. Command to break off any communication between the spirits, no networking between themselves.
5. Your authority will constantly be challenged. The enemy only has three reasons it resists your authority.
 - A. It is trying to create doubt in you through fear or intimidation.
 - B. It is trying to wear you down through resistance.
 - C. It has a legal right to be there. Find out the source and origin of the trauma. Demons attach to the lies and the trauma. Remember your goal is healing and deliverance for the subject. Demons are there to protect the lie or pain so search for that. Consider that you need to get the demons out of the way they are not your main objective.
6. It may sometimes be helpful to speak directly to the spirits. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide whether you talk to the person or directly to the spirits. Rely on the Holy Spirit more than the demonic information. Avoid gaining information from the demonic until you are skilled and knowledgeable in spiritual warfare.
7. The general rule is; Demons always lie therefore have them report to Jesus what is true. Always have them report to Jesus and not you.
8. Don't waste time with the receptionist go directly to the top. Demons always want to dodge and deceive. Therefore ask the Lord Jesus to appoint a spokesperson/demon to represent group. Refuse to speak with middlemen or other representatives. Talk only to the one Jesus has appointed. Command that all demons in the entire hierarchy be included in the commands given.

Suggested Statements:

- "I command the spirit that the True Lord Jesus appoints to be the spokesperson for all demons present." (Whoever Jesus selects will move to the highest rank since Jesus has all authority and can reassign their status.)
9. Follow all commands and questions with an "If then" or "either or" statement.

"If you lie, 'then' you are willfully defiling the name, authority and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ." "Either you speak the truth 'or' you are willfully choosing to deny the name of Jesus."
 10. Give clear and direct parameters for them manifesting or speaking.

"You will only manifest according to what the true Lord Jesus allows."

"You will not cause bodily harm, mental pain or unruly behavior."

"You will only speak if the True Lord Jesus has something for you to report or reveal. You will only speak with respect and will not use any profanity. Should you do otherwise you willfully defy the Name of Jesus."

"You will not present through any part of their personality or humanity, but will remain isolated in your true evil form."

"If you choose to violate any of these commands or others I give, you will be in direct defiance of the Lord Jesus Christ and will deal with Him directly."

Confrontation continued:

11. Sometimes there are physical manifestations such as retching, coughing or angry outbursts make sure they do not interfere with the deliverance. Command the enemy to not manifest or act out apart from what Jesus allows. Take authority.
12. Asks the spirit how long they have been there, when and why they entered. Usually the spirits will tell us. Demons are very boastful they like to brag so use this information accordingly test all things.
13. We can ask spirits to identify themselves, their names, their place of entry or their legal right.
14. Continual have the subject report what they see and hear. Often the subject will reject thoughts as nonsense but have them give you everything they hear and see.
15. When you get stuck ask the Lord to show the subject where to go. It is always better to have the Holy spirit lead the subject then for you to guess. Rely on the ministry of the Holy Spirit and get out of His way.
16. There are times that having the subject read deliverance prayers out loud. This can be helpful to identify the enemy.
17. Demons will always try to frustrate you and get you to operate out of your flesh, do not fall for it. Stay Biblical and always answer by the truths of the Word of God (like Jesus in the wilderness temptation)
18. Be careful to not cast out alters, test out who is who. Alters are part of the subject they did not enter in but were created by trauma for the subjects self protection. Bring altars to a knowledge of Jesus and have them surrender to the love and protection of Jesus.
19. Use Biblical language and illustrations when dealing with demons such as the sword of the spirit, the fire of God, break the chains of bondage etc. God gives us word pictures to work in the realm of the spirit, use them.
20. Use angels to assist in your warfare. Have them war against the demons.

CASTING OUT THE DEMONS:

1. When you are ready to cast out a demon declare, 'In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to go, ie. 'spirit of fear, I command you to go to the feet of Jesus' Use a count down or a clap to make a distinct command of departure. If you do not get a response ask the person what is going on. Spirits lodge themselves in different parts of the body. We can root it out with the help of the subject.
2. Have the subject declare their will for the demon (s) to leave. Help them pray the prayer.
3. Whatever they cough up it is not from the stomach. Pray in tongues until everything is up.
4. The subject can tell us whether the spirit is gone or if there is something left. 90% of the time the person has discernment.
5. As you are concluding begin to tear down the inner workings the enemy established.
6. Expose and strip them of their agendas. (Their plans and purposes for the person.)
7. Demand they return all they have stolen to the original owner Jesus.
8. Command that all unholy bonds be broken. Have the subject renounce the spirits, as well as renounce sexual or flesh bonds (sex outside of marriage), traumatic bonds, emotional bonds, relational bonds, etc.
9. Demand they release all parts of the person's mind. (This is more common with SRA/DID survivors.)
10. We must now replace what has been driven out and fill them with the Spirit of God. Pronounce blessing and impartation to the subject. Declare the promises of God and ask the Holy Spirit to heal and occupy the places the enemy once occupied. Have the subject verbally receive these blessings.–
11. If there is a spirit of trauma there is also a need for inner healing. Bind up the spirit of trauma and fear. If the inner healing works then there are no more spirits to deal with.
12. If we have sinned we need to repent, but if we are suffering from trauma we may need to forgive.

NOTE: Sometimes the deliverance has to stop so everyone must agree when they can meet again. There are times the Lord sets the distance and we must go our ways and pray for more wisdom and direction. Make sure to command the spirits driven out not to come back. Seal the person with the Holy Spirit and the blood of the Lamb. Give the subject homework in Scripture and prayer in preparation for the next meeting.

What to Do After the Deliverance Has Been Completed

1. Close in prayer making sure the subject is restored and comforted.
2. Discuss briefly how the subject feels, what they heard and received.
3. Instruct them in the following.
 - A. Assign the subject a sponsor or prayer group.
 - B. Have them read Scripture every day.
 - C. Join a church or bible study and receive Holy Communion
 - D. Make sure they do not go back to the enemies camp ie habits, people, places or items that could cause them to open up to the enemy again. They must learn to guard their hearts.
 - E. Leave opportunity open for people to come back if they need to.
4. Once the subject leaves, debrief with the team to discuss what they learned and experienced.
5. Sometimes people on the team are stirred up during the deliverance and need help and counsel. Set a time for them and pray for them
6. Pray for the team and yourself for personal cleansing from the Holy Spirit.

NOTE:

Please read through this process a few times his week so that you understand the principles and objectives within deliverance prayer.

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