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God's Healing Covenant

"I am the Lord Your Healer"

In Exodus 15:26, the Lord spoke to the people of Israel and revealed Himself as Yahweh Raphael, *"I am the Lord your Healer"*. Physical healing was thus an integral part of God's covenant with His people. The Old Testament is replete with many examples of God's healing power. We as Christians though have a far greater covenant with God than that which the people of Israel had. The covenant they had was based upon the blood of goats and sheep, but our covenant with God is based on the precious blood of Jesus Christ. The Bible declares that we have "a better covenant based on far greater promises!"

In the book of Numbers chapter 21, we read about the time when the people of Israel sinned against God and a plague of serpents came into the camp. Many people died as they were bitten by the serpents. Moses called out to the Lord and the Lord told Moses to make a serpent of brass and put it upon a pole. Whosoever would look upon that serpent would not die, but live. That brass serpent upon a pole became a universal symbol of physical healing that exists even today. One can see it in every hospital and even on the badge of the Army Medical Corps!

Numbers 21:8-9 *"And the Lord said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live. And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived."*

Referring to this story our Lord Jesus said in John 3:14-15, *"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life."*

This shows us that God's healing covenant continues on through our Lord Jesus Christ. The four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John consist of a total of approximately 3,500 verses. Of these more than 700, that is 20%, show our Lord Jesus healing the sick and casting out demons. In fact, our Lord Jesus spent more time of His ministry in healing the sick and casting out devils than in any other activity!

Before I go further into the subject, I would like to point out one very important aspect here which would help us keep the whole subject of physical healing in its right perspective. In chapter 5 of the Gospel of Luke, we read about the paralyzed man who was brought to the Lord Jesus so that he could be healed. With much effort his friends carried Him up onto the roof of Peter's house. After making a hole in the roof they lowered Him down to where Jesus was. To everyone's surprise the first thing that the Lord did was to say to Him, "Your sins are forgiven you". Only after the issue of forgiveness of sin was settled did Jesus heal him physically. This shows us that for Jesus, this man's reconciliation and relationship with God was more important than his regaining his ability to walk.

The apostle John said in III John verse 2, *"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth"*. This means that God's order of things is first the soul and then the body!

Our Lord Jesus forgave sins and healed the sick when He walked upon this earth. Then when he died upon the cross, he bore upon Himself all the sins and diseases of mankind so that we may walk with God and be healed physically to serve Him with healthy bodies.

1 Peter 2:24 *"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed."*

To those who desire a physical healing, the first thing I want to make sure is that their relationship with God is where it should be. In the case of Christians this could mean that instead of being at a place of disappointment towards God because of their suffering, they would be at a place of assurance that God is working for them and not against them. God desires to be glorified in and through their lives. The assurance that God is for us and not against us and that He desires to heal us is one of the greatest faith factors in our receiving healing from God.

Another important aspect is that one should never give up. I remember a woman who came to one of our crusades in Zimbabwe. She walked many miles to the crusade every evening carrying her paralyzed ten-year-old son on her back. She would position herself right in the front of the large crowd at the stadium. She gave her life to Jesus the very first night. After we prayed for the sick that night many people were healed. She picked up her son from the ground to see if he had been healed, but his legs were still useless and he fell down again to the ground. That night when the crusade ended, she picked up her child again, put him on her back and walked the long miles back home. Our Lord Jesus did not say, "all things are possible for him who questions why", but he said, "all things are possible for him who believes!"

Night after night I preached the Gospel with all the faith and passion in my heart. On the last night I saw her again carry her son on her back to the crusade. I looked up to the sky and said, "Dear Jesus let it be her night tonight." That night at the end of the service, as we all sang and danced and praised God I looked towards the woman. I saw her son up on his feet and he was dancing with everybody else. I rejoiced, danced, and praised God all the more. I was glad that she did not get disappointed and did not give up even though she might have felt that she had every reason to be disappointed. Instead of being disappointed at God, she chose to have faith and she relentlessly kept coming back and tenaciously hung on to the Word of God until her son was healed. Sometimes things may take longer than we expect or want them to, but we should always believe, trust, and joyfully praise God in the midst of the battle!

Hallelujah! All things are possible unto him that believes!

There is much more that I would like to share here, but the lack of space hinders me. The last aspect I would like to bring up here is forgiveness. In Ephesians 4:32 it says, "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

I have seen that unforgiveness and resentment is a great hindrance in receiving healing from God. The Gospel of Jesus is a Gospel of forgiveness. God has forgiven us all our sins and holds nothing against us. None of us deserves healing or anything else from God. If God were to give us what we deserved none of us would ever receive

anything from God! Everything he gives us is because of His grace alone. One of the fruits of walking with Jesus is that we find ourselves becoming more and more like Him. We find it easier to forgive others just as Christ has forgiven us. Just as we have received forgiveness we should extend forgiveness to others. In doing so, it makes it much easier for God's covenant promises to bear fruit in our lives.

In conclusion, beyond receiving healing for ourselves, let us begin to think of extending God's healing to others. The Bible tells us how Job was healed when he prayed for his friends! Jesus loves us, and He also loves our friends, relatives, and neighbors. He has placed us in their midst so that we may be the channel that God uses to bring His love, forgiveness, and healing to them. When the Lord sent His disciples out to preach the Gospel and to heal the sick He said to them, "freely ye have received freely give!" So let us take the Gospel of this wonderful Lord Jesus to the people God puts in our paths so that they too may receive of this wonderful covenant of life, forgiveness, and healing that God has so generously bestowed upon us.



Itinerary

September 30, 2012
Faith Assembly Church
Summerville, SC, USA
Pastor Larry Burgbacher

October 3-4, 2012
Penn-Del District
AG Ministers' Enrichment

October 6-7, 2012
Valley Family Church
Cranberry Twp, PA, USA
Pastor John Nuzzo

October 13-14, 2012
GBI Glow
Jakarta, INDONESIA
Pastor Gilbert Lumoindong

October 16-21, 2012
Crusade
Lilongwe Area, MALAWI

October 24-28, 2012
Crusade and
School of Ministry
Lilongwe Area, MALAWI

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