

*Divine
Healing*

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Divine Healing

Divine Healing – Session One

The Purpose of this lesson is...

To see that divine healing is for today. Jesus healed in His earthly ministry, and He is the same yesterday, today, and forever, Hebrews 13:8. Divine Healing is the power of God manifested in a miracle of healing.

Divine Healing - This was provided in the Atonement

(Matthew 8:17) "...Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses"

When Jesus went to Calvary, He bore not only our sins, but also our sicknesses. In the atonement is salvation for the soul, and healing for the body. Divine healing touches all aspects of our life.

(James 5:14-15) Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: (15) And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

(Hebrews 13:8) Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Yesterday

Jesus healed in His earthly ministry. (Matthew 8:16) When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with *his* word, and healed all that were sick:

Today

Divine Healing in the Church Age. (Acts 1:8a) But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you...

When the church was founded at the Day of Pentecost, God gave the Gifts of the Spirit to the church to build and edify the church, 1 Corinthians 12. (1 Corinthians 12:7-10) But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. (8) For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; (9) To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; (10) To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another *divers* kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues.

(Acts 2:43) And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

(Acts 4:33) And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

In Eternity

Healing in the New Heaven and the New Earth. (Revelation 21:4) And God shall wipe

away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Jesus Christ is the God of All Comfort

(Mark 1:41) And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth *his* hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean.

Jesus is the God of All Power

(Ephesians 1:21) Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

(Hebrews 13:8) Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Sickness and Suffering

Divine Healing - Session Two

The Purpose: to consider some reasons for sickness, suffering, and why some people are not healed when they are prayed for.

Sin (Adam's sin) brought sickness into the world, but not everyone's sickness comes from sin in his or her life. Healing is for today, but not all are healed. In the Bible, we see that not all that were sick were healed.

In Nazareth, Jesus did only a few miracles, Matthew 13:54-58.

Epaphroditus was sick a long time before he was healed, Philippians 2:25-27.

Timothy had a sickness he was not healed of, 1 Timothy 5:23.

Trophimus was left sick in Miletus, 2 Timothy 4:20.

Paul had a thorn in the flesh that he was not healed of, 2 Corinthians 12:7.

Some reasons why not all are healed

Some do not believe in the power of Christ. (Matthew 13:58) *And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.*

Personal, unconfused sin creates a barrier to God's grace. (1 Corinthians 11:27-30) *Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink *this* cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. (28) But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of *that* bread, and drink of *that* cup. (29) For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. (30) For this cause many *are* weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.*

Some do not ask for prayer. (James 5:14) *Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:*

Some assume that God always heals instantly, and when He does not heal immediately they stop praying. Some cases take much prayers and fasting. (Matthew 17:21) *Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.*

Paul felt that he had a thorn in the flesh to keep him humble. (2 Corinthians 12:7) *And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.*

Jesus took His disciples to a desert place to rest, Mark 6:31. In 2 Timothy 4:20, Trophimus had overworked and weakened his body.

Some are sick and die because it is their time to die. (Ecclesiastes 3:1-2) *To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: (2) A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up *that which is* planted.*

Suffering

We do not suffer from the hand of God, but from Satan, Job 1.

Trials, Temptations and Tribulations

God does not tempt man; God only blesses man when he endures temptation. (James 1:12-14) Blessed *is* the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. (13) Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: (14) But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

Glory in temptations and tribulations. (Romans 5:3-5) And not only *so*, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; (4) And patience, experience; and experience, hope: (5) And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Christ comforts us in all our tribulation. (2 Corinthians 1:4-5) Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. (5) For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.

Persecution

Christ was persecuted and so will we. (John 15:18-20) If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before *it hated* you. (19) If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. (20) Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

If we share in His sufferings, we will also share in His glory. (Romans 8:17-18) And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together. (18) For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Total Healing

Divine Healing – Session Three

Purpose: To understand that Jesus came to heal the whole person (body, soul and spirit) with spiritual healing being the key to physical and emotional healing. Man is made in the image of God, Genesis 1:26-27; 2:7. This is speaking of the intellectual and righteous nature of God. In the new birth (being born again of water and the Spirit, John 3:3-5) man is created in righteousness and true holiness, Ephesians 4:24. Man is body, soul and spirit. Christ came to minister to the body, soul and spirit of man, and keep him until His coming, 1Thessalonians 5:23.

Key Verse: (Luke 4:18) *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,*

Healing for the Body

Jesus healed all manner of sickness. (Matthew 8:16) *When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick:*

Through the cross, Jesus' healing power is for all who believe in Him. (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.*

Healing for the spirit and soul

(Luke 4:18) *"...he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives...to set at liberty them that are bruised"*.

The soul and spirit of man. The soul is the part of man, which concerns life, action, emotion, and his entire personality. The spirit of man is the part related to worship and divine communion.

Heal the brokenhearted. Christ came to heal inner hurts. Some people have a hard time releasing their spirit to worship and serve the Lord. Their spirit is affected by an emotional need. Jacob was affected for years by the news of the death of his son Joseph. When Jacob heard that Joseph was alive, his spirit revived, and he worshipped the Lord, Genesis 45:27-46:1-4.

Deliverance to the captives. Christ came to set us free from the bondage of guilt, fear and sin. Sin became a barrier between God and man, Genesis 3:8. Sin and the guilt of sin affect the spirit of man, to the place that he is afraid to communicate with God. *"The soul that sinneth, it shall die..." (Ezekiel 18:20)*. Christ came to set us free from our sins, so that we may receive healing and eternal life.

We are set free from: The bondage of sin, the bondage of guilt, and the bondage of fear. **Sin**, (Romans 6:6-7) *Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. (7) For he that is dead is freed from sin.*

Guilt, (Romans 8:1) *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*

Fear, (Romans 8:15) *For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.*

This is done through the blood of Christ, the eternal Spirit, and our obedience to the Word of God. (Hebrews 9:14) *How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? (I Peter 1:22a) "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit..."*

Set at liberty those who are oppressed. Christ came to set us free from the oppression of guilt, fear, sin and Satan; so that, we have the liberty to worship and serve Him. We are set at liberty in our spirits to worship Him without condemnation.

Steps in Spiritual Healing

Confronting sin. We must acknowledge that "*...all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God*" (Romans 3:23).

Confessing your sins. Confession goes a step beyond acknowledging that we have sin, it is the willingness, through prayer, to admit our sins to God and ask for His forgiveness, "*...but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them (their sins) shall have mercy*" (Proverbs 28:13).

A change of lifestyle. True repentance is not just saying your sorry, but also changing the direction of your life, "*...that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance*" (Acts 26:20).

Forgiving others as God forgives us, Matthew 6:14-15; 18:21-22. If we do not forgive others, this unforgiving attitude will turn into bitterness. This will create a barrier between us and other people, and create a barrier between God and us.

Baptism in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is for the washing, or removing of our sins, Acts 2:38; 22:16. (Acts 2:38) *Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.*

Receive the Holy Ghost, Acts 2:1-4,38-39. We receive the Holy Spirit when we ask for it, Luke 11:9-13.

Angels, Demons, and Deliverance

Divine Healing – Session Four

Purpose: To understand who the angels of the Lord are, and how they minister to God and to man. To understand who demons are, and how they influence people today. To understand the difference between the Spirit of God and Satan, and how to have the victory in Christ.

Key Verse: For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (4) (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) (2 Corinthians 10:3-4).

Angels

Angels were created to worship God, (Nehemiah 9:6)

Angels were created to serve God, (Psalm 103:20)

Angels are sent to:

Heal, John 5:3-4.

Aid, Hebrews 1:14.

Protect, Psalm 34:7; 91:11.

Proclaim God's messages, Matthew 1:20-24.

Demons (fallen angels)

Lucifer, rebelled against God, Isaiah 14:12-15.

Satan is the god of this world, 2 Corinthians 4:4.

Demons are inferior to angels, Revelation 12:7-9.

Satan influences people through:

Deception, 2 Corinthians 4:4

Depression, Matthew 27:5

Oppression (this is often done by inflicting sickness and pain) Matthew 4:24

Obsession (evil imaginations, or thoughts contrary to an overcoming life in Christ)
2 Corinthians 10:3-6

Possession, Matthew 4:24

Testing the spirits

Testing the spirits by prayer. (1 John 4: 1-6) Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: 3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that *spirit* of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. 4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. 5 They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. 6 We are of God:

he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

Testing the spirits by the Word of God. (Galatians 1:6-9) I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: 7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. 9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

Deliverance Through Christ

Christ in the gospels delivered from demon oppression and possession. (Matthew 4:24) And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

Christ Gave His Power to the Church. (Mark 16:17) And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues.

Spiritual Weapons Against Satan

The Blood of Jesus. "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb..." (Revelation 12:11).

The Name of Jesus. Jesus said, "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils..." (Mark 16:17).

The Armour of God, Ephesians 6:10-18

Truth. "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32).

Righteousness. "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7).

Gospel of Peace. Jesus is the Prince of Peace, Isaiah 9:6. The gospel of Christ is the gospel of peace and "...the power of God unto salvation..." (Romans 1:16). When your sins are washed away, there is peace between you and God.

Faith. "And Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour" (Matthew 15:28).

Salvation. "In humility correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil..." (2 Timothy 2:25-26, NKJV).

Word of God. "For the word of God is living, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword..." (Hebrews 4:12, NKJ). Matthew 4:1-11 describes Jesus being tempted by the devil. In each temptation Jesus said to Satan, "It is written."

Praying in the Spirit. "Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty" (2 Corinthians 3:17).

Angels of the Lord. "The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them" (Psalm 34:7).

The Holy Ghost. "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world" (I John 4:4).

The Prayer of Faith

Divine Healing – Session Five

Purpose: To see the importance of faith. God sees our faith and then ministers to the needs. To see how to pray with power for the sick.

Key Verse: (James 5:15) *And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.*

Faith

Faith means conviction of religious truth, reliance upon Christ, stability or expectation. Faith should be a part of every Spirit filled Christian.

Faith pleases God. (Hebrews 11:6) *But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.*

The just live by faith. (Romans 1:17) *For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.*

Reliance upon Christ. Righteousness is revealed in the gospel of Christ, for this is the power of God unto salvation, Romans 1:16.

One way to increase our faith is to be faithful unto God. (Job 17:9) *The righteous also shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger.*

We live by one righteous act after another. (Psalm 84:7) *“They go from strength to strength...”*

Being firm in our faith. Having faith in the promises of God.

Having perfect faith. Putting our faith into action, James 2:17-26.

The Prayer of Faith

The prayer of faith shall save the sick, James 5:14-15. Placing our trust in the Lord Jesus does this. We have faith in the power of God to save our soul, Colossians 2:12. By the same faith (reliance in Christ) we receive the power of God to heal us.

Faith for Healing

Faith must come from at least one of these:

Faith coming from the one who is sick. The woman healed by touching Christ's garment, Matthew 9:20-22.

Faith coming from a friend or family member who petitions the Lord. The raising of Jairus' daughter, Matthew 9:18-25.

Faith coming from the one praying for the sick. God ordained the laying on of hands. Jesus healed many by the laying on of His hands, Luke 4:40. Paul laid his hands on a man and prayed for his healing, Acts 28:8. Jesus told His disciples to lay hands on the sick for their healing, Mark 16:18.

Praying With Power

Before praying for the sick, read to them a passage from the Word of God. This will help build their faith, (Romans 10:17) *So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

Instruct the sick to pray with you, or meditate on that scripture while you are praying. (Psalm 19:14) *Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.* Through the Word of God we receive both faith and strength.

When praying for the sick, claim the promises of God, use those scriptures in your prayers. (Hebrews 4:12, NKJV) *“For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword...”*

When praying, magnify the Lord. Acknowledge the greatness and power of God in your prayers. Psalm 93 is a great passage to use, or something like it in your own words. Remember, He inhabits the praises of His people. And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

Above all, pray in the name of **JESUS**. When we pray, we place our trust in Christ, and expect a miracle.

Jesus said, *“And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover”* (Mark 16:17-18).

Jesus said, *“If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it”* (John 14:14, study verses 12-14).

(Acts 3:6) Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: *In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.*

Conclusion

(James 5:15) *And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.* In the Prayer of faith there is healing for the body, soul, and spirit.