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Book 4: Healing
Lesson 1: Is Healing a Bible Doctrine?
Matthew 8:16-17
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The purpose of this study is to establish the fact that healing is a Bible Doctrine. It will give the student a foundation of truth, which will enable him to be able to enter into the Gift of Healing.

It is well established as fact, that healing in the Bible sense, can be found in any age. It was administered before the Law Dispensation, among the Prophets.

In the ministry of Jesus it was fully developed. It was practiced in the early church. It was also to be administered by all believers.

Provision was made also for healing in the local church through the Elders. And even amongst the members themselves, as they confessed their faults one to another.

HEALING IS AN ATTRIBUTE OF GOD

The foundation of the Doctrine of Healing is based upon two principal truths. And these are: First, that healing is an attribute of God. In other words, healing is part of God Himself. It is what He is. This fact is brought out in one of the seven Jehovah titles. These seven compound names show God as providing every need that man has. This Jehovah title is found in Exodus 15:26, "I am the Lord that healeth thee", or, "Jehovah Ropha", "Thy Physician". So God declares Himself to be our Great Physician.

HEALING IS IN THE ATONEMENT

The second fact upon which this doctrine is built is the fact that healing is in the atonement. The God who is our Great Physician, has made provision for our healing in the Atonement. The first mention of this fact is to be found in Isaiah 53:4, "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows..." This same scripture is further translated for us in Matthew 8:17, "That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses."

Thus, as sin was dealt with in the Atonement, so sickness was also dealt with. This is the reason why the Apostle Peter, as he deals with Atonement Truth, takes us back to the Cross for our healing. 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." So the Doctrine of Healing is based upon these two scriptural facts. And scriptural evidences of healing are to be found throughout the Bible.

SCRIPTURAL EXAMPLES OF HEALING

In the ministry of Abraham, Abimelech the King, had mistakenly taken Abraham's wife to be his wife, and God had brought a plague upon his household. God warns him of his sin, and tells him to restore Abraham's wife, who in turn would pray for the healing of his household as in Genesis 20:7-17, "Now therefore restore the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live: and if thou restore her not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that are thine...17 So Abraham prayed unto God: and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his maidservants; and they bare children.

In the ministry of Moses, Miriam talked against Moses and his wife, and God brought leprosy upon her, Numbers 12:10-13, "...and, behold, Miriam became leprous, white as snow: and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, she was leprous...13 And Moses cried unto the Lord, saying, Heal her now, O God, I beseech thee." And God healed her.

Healing was one of the blessings promised to Israel, because God was as he had promised, to be Israel's Physician, if they were obedient, Deuteronomy 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; but will lay them upon all them that hate thee."

In their wanderings in the wilderness, God proved Himself to be the Physician of His People, as stated in Deuteronomy 8:4, "Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years." Then in Psalm 105:37, "He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one

feeble person among their tribes.” As long as Israel walked with God, the healing hand of God was upon them.

In Solomon’s prayer of dedication, he prayed for healing and deliverance. As Solomon makes the prayer of dedication in the newly built temple, he prays to God as the Physician of Israel in 1 Kings 8:37-39, “...whatsoever plague, whatsoever sickness there be; 38 What prayer and supplication soever be made by any man, or by all thy people Israel, which shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands toward this house: 39 Then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive...” The thought here expressed is that with repentance and confession, would come healing from God.

There was healing in the ministry of Elisha the prophet. Elisha, the prophet, sends Naaman, the leper, down to the Jordan River in order that he might be healed. 2 Kings 5:14, “Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.” Hezekiah the King was healed. Reading the scriptures, we will be given all the details, as in 2 Kings 20:1-7, “In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live. 2 Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the Lord, saying, 3 I beseech thee, O Lord, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore. 4 And it came to pass, afore Isaiah was gone out into the middle court, that the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 5 Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus saith the Lord, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the Lord. 6 And I will add unto thy days fifteen years...”

King Asa died because he sought not the Lord for healing. The fact brought out in this scripture, is that it is possible to seek the help of a physician and die, yet they might have lived if we had sought God for healing as in 2 Chronicles 16:12, “And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease he sought not to the Lord, but to the physicians.” And in verse 13, “And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign.”

David’s own testimony could be the same for every child of God. Psalm 103:3, “Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;”

In the ministry of Jesus, we have the example of a healing gift set before us. He teaches us step by step how, and what to do in regards to the administrations of healing. Why can we say this? This fact is brought out in Matthew 4:19, “And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” In another place He said, “I will make you to become fishers of men”. The word “follow” means, “come close to me, and look over my shoulder, and watch everything I do”, and you will become fishers of men.

In regards to healing, and the casting out of devils, Jesus also said in John 14:12, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.” The word “greater” relates to a far more extended work, because of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in every believer.

THE EXAMPLE JESUS SET BEFORE US

We are as Spirit filled believers, must understand that there are two sides to the preaching of the Gospel. This is revealed in Acts 1:1, “The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach”. Jesus never taught us to not only teach, and preach, but he taught us to do, and teach. This is the reason for the statement in Mark 16:17-18, “And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 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.”

Jesus fulfilled both of these things himself as stated in Matthew 4:23-24, “And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. 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.”

There is not the suggestion in the word of God, that every believer should have this kind of healing gift and the casting out of devils just as described in the above scriptures, but believers can all have some form of healing, as is taught in Mark 16:17-18, “And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name

shall they cast out devils...they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.” Then also in John 14:12, “...He that believeth on me,...” relates to believers, and they can have some part in healing and casting out devils. And all believers do have some form of healing whether curing the sick, or casting out devils.

Healing, and casting out of devils, are gifts possessed actively or latently in some degree by hundreds of thousands of people of all countries, who do not know it, but despite the fact that so many have it, it is extremely rare in the higher degree of potency.

There is a price to pay, and for most of us, it is too much. But, those of us who want to follow the pattern, let us go on.

GOD’S WILL REGARDING HEALING

There can never be real faith for healing until we are sure it is God’s will to heal. Jesus makes it very clear to us that it is always God’s will to heal, Matthew 8:2-4, “And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. 3 And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed...”

Then again in Matthew 8:5-10, “...a centurion, beseeching him, 6 And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. 7 And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him...” Then again in Matthew 8:14-15, “And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever. 15 And he touched her hand, and the fever left her...”

THE POWER OF ABSENT HEALING

There are times when we are called upon to pray for some who are absent from the service or group. The lesson regarding the Centurion will help us in regard to our praying. Matthew 8:5-10, “...8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed...” It is pointed out that he understood the authority of Jesus. So in absent healing we can pray the Father to send the Holy Spirit, which is in every place, to touch and heal, on the basis of what Christ has done for us in regards to healing.

PREACHING AND TEACHING THE ATONEMENT

In our next lesson, on healing, Jesus brings out the fact of how to teach the Atonement truth in regards to healing. If we taught sinners the full truth of the Atonement, they would be saved, and healed at the same time. Jesus makes this fact clear, as men let down the sick man into the midst in Matthew 9:2-6, “...Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee...” When the scribes said in their hearts that he blasphemeth, he made this statement, “...5 For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk? 6 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.”

If we taught that salvation means being saved spiritually and physically, we would not have to pray for them to be healed. They would be healed when they accept Christ as Saviour.

Another lesson is taught here in regards to healing. It was the faith of those who brought the man that Jesus saw. “Jesus seeing their faith”, plus the faith of the man who needed healing.

IT IS FAITH IN CHRIST THAT HEALS

We must teach people to put their faith in Jesus for healing. Faith in anyone else, or anything else, will not heal.

There is so much teaching these days instructing people to reach out and touch the cosmic consciousness, or the Great I am, or some great power outside of ourselves. This kind of teaching could be dangerous. People must be instructed to believe the Word of God, to believe in what Christ has said, in order that healing faith can come, as in Matthew 9:20-22, “...21 For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole...” It is Him and Him alone that brings healing.

There must be a faith in the one through whom the Spirit moves for healing. If the one being prayed

for has no faith in the one who is praying, no healing will take place. Jesus himself sometimes asked for this kind of faith, as in Matthew 9:27-29, "...Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord..." Not that we heal, but that the Holy Spirit does work through human channels, and we must accept the ministrations of faith between those praying, and those being prayed for.

Those whom God uses in healing must have compassion for those whom they pray for. This is a principle we must not overlook. People are not healed until there is a reaching out to Christ, a yielding of oneself. This submission will not be brought about by the one being prayed for unless he feels the compassion of the one who is doing this praying. Compassion melts hard hearts, and bitter spirits, and brings a yieldedness to God. Then and then only will healing take place. Jesus had this touch of compassion. Matthew 14:14, "And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick."

THE TYPE OF HEALING MINISTRY WE ARE TO FOLLOW

Jesus claimed to be anointed to perform a special kind of ministry which we must follow ourselves as in Luke 4:18-19, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me":

1. To preach the gospel to the poor. Meaning a pauper, a beggar, distressed.
2. He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted.
3. To preach deliverance to the captives.
4. The recovering of sight to the blind.
5. To set at liberty them that are bruised.
6. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

The Amplified New Testament quotes it as, "He hath sent me to announce release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to send forth deliverance to those who are oppressed, who are down-trodden, bruised, crushed, and broken down by calamity". In other words, we as believers are similarly anointed to minister to the whole man, body, soul and spirit, the mind, will, heart. There is healing and deliverance for the whole man.

It is taught by many that Jesus ministered through His Deity, that He healed and performed miracles because He was the Son of God. This teaching put the type of ministry that Christ has taught us about, beyond us. But the Bible teaches that Jesus ministered as a man, filled and empowered by the Holy Spirit as in Acts 10:38, "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him."

Thus this New Testament pattern of ministry that was exemplified by Jesus himself, is ours, if we believe on Christ as we should, as in John 14:12, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father."

THE DISCIPLES HAD HEALING GIFTS

This same pattern of ministry was given by Christ to His disciples while He was alive on earth. Matthew 10:1, "And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease." Then to the seventy also, Luke 10:1,9,17, "After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come...9 And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you...17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name." This same healing mission is to be carried out according to the Great Commission. It is to be carried out by every believer. This section of scripture has been the center of conflict, and still is. Some try to teach us that it is not in all of the main manuscripts, therefore, not dependable.

Referring to the book, "How We Got Our Bible", by J. Paterson Smyth, on page 16, "One remark more before we lay it aside. It will be noticed that in the Revised New Testament the passage at the end of St. Mark's Gospel is printed in as in some degree doubtful, with a note in the margins that "the two oldest Greek manuscripts omit these verses". "Now this and the Sinaitic are the two manuscripts referred to, and if we could examine the manuscripts we should see that this one, while omitting the passage, curiously enough

leaves a blank space for it on the page, showing that the scribe knew of its existence, but was undecided whether he should put it in or not”.

It is interesting to note that nearly all the rest of the manuscripts and most of the version bear testimony on the other side. It is to be noticed it does not say that we believe for these signs. It states that believers have these signs. This is the great commission. Mark 16:15-18, “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. 17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 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.”

HEALING MINISTRY OF EARLY CHURCH APOSTLES

They, under the power of the Holy Spirit, acted upon what Jesus had taught them. The results are seen in Acts 2:43, “And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.” Acts 5:15-16, “Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. 16 There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.”

There are many that speak against the healing meeting, as a method of Evangelism. Let’s understand that it is a scriptural method, as pointed out in Acts 8:5-7, “Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. 6 And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. 7 For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.” Here healing and deliverance has opened the way for the gospel. How many are brought into a deeper walk with God is evident in scripture.

The healing of the lame man at the temple in Acts 3:1-8, the results of the healing in Acts 3:10, “And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.” Then in Acts 5:12, “And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people...” Verse 14, “And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.”

MEMBERS WITH THE GIFTS OF HEALING

By some, the statement is often made that these gifts are not in the members, but in the church. It must be understood that gifted members are given as a gift to the church as in 1 Corinthians 12:18, “But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.” These gifts are in the members before they are in the church, and the members make up the church, and the giving of the gifts of the Spirit is related to the members as stated in 1 Corinthians 12:9, “...to another (member) ...the gifts of healing...” 1 Corinthians 12:28, “And God hath set some (members) in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings...” This is the order for today. Just as the ministries are set in the church, which relate to people, so are the gifts, which also relate to people.

EARLY CHURCH DISCIPLES POSSESSED HEALING GIFTS

Not only was this healing to be manifest in Apostles and Evangelists, but through the disciples also in Acts 9:17, “And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.” Verse 18, “And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith...”

HEALING THROUGH ELDERS IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

The contents of these verses will show that not only healing is involved but this is one of the means of retaining fellowship. 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.” The operations of the gifts of healing and the elders praying for the sick is God’s order.

Then to conclude, we also find that healing can come, and is provided for, amongst the members themselves as they confess their faults, one to another, in James 5:16, “Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed...”

The healing is found throughout the Bible, and is a well established doctrine. Every believer should desire to see healing gifts operative in the church.

Every believer should preach the double cure of the Atonement, for sin and sickness. If these truths are taught, few believers would be bound by sickness and disease.

HEALING
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QUESTIONS: LESSON 1

1. In what age did healing appear?
2. Upon what do we base our faith? Give a scripture.
3. Is healing in the Atonement? Give a scripture.
4. When were we healed?
5. Who was the first one to pray for the sick?
6. Why did Miriam have leprosy?
7. What did God promise Israel in regards to sickness and disease?
8. What did Solomon include in his prayer of dedication?
9. What was required of Naaman for healing?
10. What did the Lord add to Hezekiah? Why?
11. Explain why King Asa was not healed?
12. What is meant by “follow Me and I will make you fishers of men”?
13. What did Jesus mean by “greater works”?
14. What two things did Jesus teach us to do?
15. Do all believers have some form of healing? Why?
16. Is it always God’s will to heal? Give a scripture.
17. Can we pray for healing for those absent? Explain.
18. If sinners were taught right, could they be saved and healed at the same time?
19. Where must a person’s faith be?
20. Is it necessary to have faith in the person doing the praying?
21. Why should the person praying for the sick have compassion?
22. Did Jesus minister in deity or as a man filled with the Holy Spirit? Give Scripture.
23. What did Jesus give to his disciples in regards to healing?
24. Describe briefly the healing ministry of the early church Apostles.
25. Explain whether the gifts are in the members of the church.

Book 4: Healing
Lesson 2: God's Provision for Healing in the Atonement
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In our first study in regards to healing as a Bible doctrine we pointed out the fact that the Doctrine of healing is based upon two principal facts. First, that healing is an attribute of God, Exodus 15:26. Second, that healing is provided for in the Atonement, Isaiah 53:4.

Now in this second study, we want to bring out two more principal facts in regards to sickness and disease.

The first fact as we have already mentioned that healing is in the Atonement, and that every child of God can have divine health, through appropriating Atonement truth, and by walking according to the Word of God and faith. Let's understand that we are not teaching that believers will not die, but we are teaching that they can have divine health until they do die.

The second fact is that sickness and disease entered into the human race when sins entered. The scripture points out in Romans 5:12, that, "...by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin..." Here it is plainly stated that death entered the world by sin. Therefore it is that disease, which is incipient death, entered into the world by sin.

This fact is also proven by this principle that Christ dealt with it in Isaiah 53:4, "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows..." The Hebrew words "Choli" and "Makob" have been incorrectly translated as "Griefs" and "Sorrows". All who have taken time to examine the original text have found what is everywhere acknowledged that these two words mean respectively, "sicknesses", and "pains". This word "choli" is interpreted "disease" and "sickness" in Deuteronomy 7:15, Deuteronomy 28:61, 1 Kings 17:17, 2 Kings 1:2, 2 Kings 8:8, 2 Chronicles 16:12, 2 Chronicles 21:15, and other texts.

The word "makob" is rendered "pain" in Job 14:22, Job 33:19. Therefore the Prophet is saying in Isaiah 53:4, "Surely He hath borne our sicknesses, and carried our pains". And we have an inspired commentary of Isaiah 53:4, written in Matthew 8:17, "...Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses."

In Isaiah 53:4, the word "borne", "nasa", means to "lift up", to "bear away", to "convey, or remove to a distance". It is a levitical word and is applied to the scapegoat, that bare away the sins of the people, as in Leviticus 16:22, "And the goat shall bear (nasa) upon him all their iniquities unto a land not inhabited: and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness."

Jesus in Isaiah 53:4 and Matthew 8:17, bore my sins and my sicknesses away "without the camp" to the cross. Sins and sicknesses have passed from me to Calvary. Salvation and health have passed from Calvary to me, as stated in Isaiah 53:5, "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."

The Apostle Peter deals with the Atonement in the same sense, and refers us back to the cross as a place where sins, and sicknesses were put away. 1 Peter 2:24 states, "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".

Both sin and sickness were overcome at the cross; and as sin can be overcome as a power in our lives by confession, and the power of the Holy Spirit, so also can sickness be overcome. 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness".

The cleansing takes place as the Holy Spirit puts to 'death the deeds of the body as in Romans 8:13, "But if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body ye shall live". How many bad fleshly habits have we overcome this way. Therefore, because of the Atonement, we can overcome sickness and disease by the same Holy Spirit. This is pointed out in Romans 8:11, "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal body by his spirit that dwelleth in you".

The word "quicken" has a twofold meaning. It means "to glorify" as in translation, and resurrection, but it also means to "re-vitalize", "make alive", "give life", "quicken", "preserve".

The Holy Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead, dwells in us; not only to overcome self; or the flesh, but also to quicken our mortal body.

Our body is the temple, or house of the Holy Spirit as stated in 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, "What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you which ye have of God and ye are not your own, 20 for ye are bought with a price. Therefore, glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's".

The Holy Spirit can preserve our bodies, keep them in divine health even as He overcomes the old nature of sin in the believer. And if sin, or neglect on our part has been the reason for our sickness it is necessary for us to confess the same before the Holy Spirit begins His healing in our bodies. We will die if the Lord does not come in our day, but God has made every provision for us to enjoy health until the day we do die, as was so in the life of Moses in Deuteronomy 34:7, "And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died; his eye was not dim; nor his natural force abated". God is no respecter of persons.

THE WORD HEALED AS USED IN THE ATONEMENT

The word healed as used in Isaiah 53:5, "And with his stripes we are healed". The same word is used in I Peter 2:24, "By whose stripes ye were healed". Also in Genesis 20:17, "So Abraham prayed unto God; and God healed Abimelech". Then again in Leviticus 14:3, "We shall look and behold, if the plague of leprosy be healed in the leper".

This word "healed" in all these verses has its root in the word used in Exodus 15:26, For I am the Lord that healeth thee". "Jehovah Rapha; the Lord, thy Physician".

The word "healed" as used in all these verses, proves that it relates to healing for the body. But just to prove that fact, we will see in Hebrew what the word itself actually means. "Rapha" means "to cure," "cause to heal", "physician", "repair thoroughly", "make whole".

So to repeat it again, when Christ died, He died both for sin, and sickness and disease: In Christ, because of the Atonement, all are now potentially saved and healed. All we have to do is accept by faith, a finished work.

SIN, SICKNESS, AND DISEASE MUST BE SATANIC

If the Lord Jesus Christ died in order to destroy sickness and disease as stated in Isaiah 53:4, "Surely He hath borne our sicknesses and carried our pains", sickness and disease must be Satanic.

Sickness and disease are the first stages of death; and death in all its forms comes from sin. Romans 5:12, "Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned".

It was Satan who brought sin into the universe as stated in 1 John 3:8, "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning". As Satan was the author of sin and sickness and disease, and disease and sickness are the first stages of death, and death is the result of sin, then sickness and disease are Satanic.

Sickness and disease are the actual works of Satan. This is pointed out in Job 2:7, "So Satan went forth from the presence of the Lord and smote Job with sore boils, from the sole of his foot unto his crown". Then also in Luke 13:11-16, "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... 16 And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?"

A spirit of infirmity is an evil spirit that produces some form of weakness in the human body, in organs or limbs.

The scripture points out that Christ was manifested to destroy the works of the devil as in 1 John 3:8₁, "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose, the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil". Sickness and disease are works of Satan.

He was also anointed by God to set free all who were oppressed of the devil as in Acts 10:38, "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power; who went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him".

WHAT IS SICKNESS AND DISEASE?

Medical science teaches us that the cause of sickness and disease is brought about by bacteria, small parasitic creatures of minute size. These multiply in a portion of the body, and cause much distress.

It is quite evident as we study the scripture, that Satan, who is the author of sickness and disease, uses these creatures in order to oppress the human race, as stated in Job 2:7, "So Satan went forth and smote Job with sore boils". The word "smote" means to "strike" or "wound".

Then we are also told that in this way he oppresses the human race, as stated in Acts 10:38, "...healing all who were oppressed", which means "to exercise dominion against, to use authority, to oppress". Further evidence is given in Revelation 9, when evil spirits are let out of the bottomless pit to torment and kill men with plagues, as in Revelation 9:20, "And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues..."

As evil spirits are cast out by the word of command in Jesus' name, so these Satanic bacteria are destroyed by the virtue of the Holy Spirit as hands are laid upon the sick.

This is explained in scripture in Mark 5:30, "And Jesus immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes".

Here the virtue that healed the woman left Jesus, and the result of what happened to the woman who received this virtue is also brought out in Mark 5:29, "And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up and she felt in her body that she was healed of her plague".

We believe that there are other diseases, and infirmities, which are caused by evil spirits, such as cancer, tuberculosis, polio, muscular dystrophy, tensions, asthma, arthritis, rheumatic conditions, heart conditions, and other powerful diseases. These are commanded, and in most cases we can expect a physical reaction, as the evil spirits leave the person being prayed for, after which the body will then begin to heal, the effects of it will disappear, and the sick person will recover.

If we as children of God, could appropriate the Atonement truth, for ourselves, it would help us to have more faith for others, outside of Christ who need healing.

THE CONFESSION OF ATONEMENT TRUTH

The Greek word from which confession is translated actually means "saying the same thing". Saying what God says, or agreeing with God in our testimony; saying what God says in His Word about our sins, and sickness and disease: So we must learn to confess Atonement truth.

OUR ATTITUDE IN TRIAL

When sickness is pressing to overthrow your health, when the symptoms of some disease are beginning to appear, Satan is seeking to destroy your health and your service for God.

Let's remember that God has made a covenant of healing with you in Exodus 15:26, "I am the Lord that healeth thee". Christ hath redeemed you from disease, as in Matthew 8:17, "...Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses," and we are healed as in 1 Peter 2:24, "by whose stripes ye were healed".

This provision is the basis for our faith. You know that Satan cannot put a disease on your body because Christ already bore your diseases. Therefore, you resist the devil and his lying symptoms of disease. You do not fear them: You know that your redemption is a fact. You know that your diseases are laid upon the body of Christ, and that He has borne them for you. This takes away your fear.

And you boldly rebuke Satan, and if there is any sin, confess it, any neglect on your part, anything that you have done to open the door to Satan, confess it, and take a firm stand upon Atonement truth. And, as Christ in the wilderness quoted God's Word to Satan, "It is written, By His stripes I am healed, Christ Himself took my sicknesses".

This is confessing God's Word, which is the ground and basis of our confession, or testimony. Submit yourselves to God's Word, resist the devil as in James 4:7, "Submit yourselves therefore to God, resist the devil, and he will flee from you".

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QUESTIONS: LESSON 2

1. How can every child of God have Divine Health?
2. How did sickness and disease enter the human race?
3. Where is the source of healing?
4. What is the two-fold work of the Holy Spirit in us?
5. What was accomplished in the Atonement?
6. Who is the author of sickness and disease? Give scripture.
7. What is sickness and disease?
8. How are evil spirits cast out and how is healing brought about?
9. What does it mean to confess atonement truth?
10. Explain how faith in God's covenant of healing takes away fear?

Book 4: Healing
Lesson 3: THE REASONS WHY SICKNESS AND DISEASE COME UPON US
1 Corinthians 11:29-32
By Dr. Albert Grimes

There are things related to in God's Word, and in daily life that many wrongly connect with sickness and disease. Therefore before we start this portion of our study on healing, it is necessary that we deal with these things.

AFFLICTION

Psalm 34:19, "Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all".

These afflictions do not in any sense relate to sickness or disease. The meaning in the Hebrew is related to "adversity", "calamity", "hardship", "trials", "temptations", "persecutions". And as children of God when these things come upon us, we are exhorted to pray as in James 5:13, "Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray".

The contrast between sickness and afflictions is made in the scripture in James 5:14, "Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders..."

CHASTENING

Hebrews 12:5-11, "...my son, despise no thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou are rebuked of him..."

There are some types of chastening that do not relate to sickness, but more to "corrections", "instruction", "training", "discipline", "education".

So all chastening relates to the education or training of a child by discipline, or by punishment.

However, a close study of scripture proves that certain types of chastening do relate to sickness, as in 1 Corinthians 11:29-32, "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. 31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. 32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world."

THORN IN THE FLESH

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."

This expression, "thorn in the flesh", is not a sickness or disease, but it has a symbolic meaning, as pointed out in other scriptures where the same terms are used as in Numbers 33:55, "But if ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you; then it shall come to pass, that those which ye let remain of them shall be pricks in your eyes, and thorns in your sides, and shall vex you in the land wherein ye dwell."

Then also in Joshua 23:13, "God will no more drive out any of these nations from before you; but they shall be...scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes..."

As these nations vexed Israel, so Paul's (2 Corinthians 12:7) "thorn in the flesh", "was a messenger of Satan to buffet me". The word "messenger" refers to "a person", "a being" in every instance where it is used in scripture, as in Matthew 11:10, "I will send my messenger", Mark 1:2, "I will send my messenger" Luke 7:27, "I will send my messenger".

It is quite evident that this messenger of Satan was an evil spirit, sent to buffet him. The word means "to rap with the fist", as used in Mark 14:65, "And to buffet him", which was spoken of Christ. It does not relate to sickness.

There are certain things relating to sickness and disease that we should understand before we go into the reasons for sickness and disease.

We have statements in the Word of God where it says that God puts sickness and disease upon people. For example, in Deuteronomy 28:22, 27, “The Lord shall smite thee with a consumption, and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning, and with the sword, and with blasting, and with mildew; and they shall pursue thee until thou perish...27 The Lord will smite thee with the botch of Egypt, and with the emerods, and with the scab, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed.” Because God allowed disease to come upon Israel because of a broken law, does not make Him the author of sickness and disease.

God sometimes turns people over to sin, but that does not make Him the author of sin.

We have already studied how Christ died to destroy sin, sickness, and disease, and that sin, sickness, and disease are Satanic.

If God sometimes allows sickness and disease, although He is not the instigator of it, there must be reasons why sin, sickness, and disease come upon the human race.

This brings us to the second part of our study, the reason why sickness and disease come upon the human race.

HOW SICKNESS AND DISEASE COME UPON US

Sin is a nature within us, and sins, or the acts or thoughts come forth from that nature of sin. But sickness and disease come upon us from outside of our bodies, and it comes upon us for many reasons.

Sometimes our resistance is lowered so that we receive a sickness or disease by improper care, or clothing, or other condition.

The improper working of our systems leaves us open to it. Improper eating and drinking, improper thinking or living leaves us open to it. One of the greatest causes of sickness and disease is mental and emotional stress.

MENTAL STRESS

At the beginning of this century, bacteria was the center of attention in relationship to sickness and disease. Now, fifty years later, mental stress has taken its place. Experiments with animals have proven that certain bacteria could only cause disease when the animal's resistance was lowered through stress.

It is easy to see how Satan could vex any child of God who is not stable in the Word of God, and bring about the kind of stress that could open the door for these things.

CERTAIN EMOTIONS CAUSE VISIBLE CHANGES IN THE BODY

It has been proven by Medical Science that certain emotional conditions will cause visible changes in the human body, such as strokes, blindness, toxic ulcers of the intestinal tract, and kidney disease.

It is also understood that from the emotional center of the brain, nerve fibers go out to every organ of the body, which have a lot to do with the function of that organ. Now, because of these intricate nerve connections, it is understandable how any turmoil in the emotional center can send out impulses which can cause anything from a headache, to itching in the soles of the feet.

The emotional center produces these widespread changes by means of three principal mechanisms:

1. By changing the amount of blood flowing to and from an organ.
2. By affecting the secretions of certain glands. (Romans 3:13, “the poison of asps is under their lips”) In anger, or passion, this poison is generated and taken into the system.
3. By changing the tensions of the muscles.

These emotions such as fear, sorrow, envy, resentment, hatred, depression, are responsible for the majority of our sicknesses. They estimate that 60 to 100 percent of sickness and disease is cause through emotional conditions.

It would be well to also understand that when persons are maimed in an accident or they are injured in some way, and they become crippled or lame, which makes them incapable of normal physical activity,

that these conditions are not Satanic. But, in some cases such an accident could be the means by which an evil spirit may enter the life and vex the condition.

There are also many scriptures which point out definite reasons for sickness and disease.

BECAUSE OF A DIRECT SIN

Abimelech, King of Gerar, took Abraham's wife, and because of this sin, God brought a plague upon his household, Genesis 20:7, "Now therefore restore the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live: and if thou restore her not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that are thine."

It is evident that this disease came because of sin, and that healing only could also come through giving back what was taken.

BECAUSE OF JEALOUSY AND SPEAKING AGAINST THOSE WHOM GOD HAD RAISED UP TO LEAD

Miriam spoke against Moses and his wife. She also caused Aaron to sin because she was jealous of her brother Moses. Numbers 12:9,10, "And the anger of the Lord was kindled against them; and he departed. 10 And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle; and, behold, Miriam became leprous, white as snow..."

Healing came after both Aaron and Miriam repented of their sin in Numbers 12:11,13, and Moses prayed for her healing.

SICKNESS CAME UPON ISRAEL BECAUSE OF A BROKEN LAW

Regardless of the fact that God had proclaimed Himself to be Israel's healer in Exodus 15:26, it is quite evident that God allowed sickness to come upon them. In Deuteronomy 28:22, "The Lord shall smite thee with a consumption, and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning..." Then in verse 28, "The Lord shall smite thee with madness, and blindness..." And in verse 35, "The Lord shall smite thee in the knees, and in the legs, with a sore botch that cannot be healed, from the sole of thy foot unto the top of thy head." Verses 58-61 state that as long as they were disobedient, there would be no healing for them.

According to scripture we have been redeemed from the curse of the law, as in Galatians 3:13, "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:"

This does not exempt the New Testament believer from the same thing happening. If he goes against God's Word, the same principle applies.

And as Israel was healed, after repentance and obedience to the law, so healing will come to the child of God after repentance and returning to the Word of God in obedience.

SICKNESS ALLOWED BY GOD TO BRING SALVATION

Sickness is sometimes allowed by God, in order that through the healing of it, some may find God.

It would seem to indicate that this was the purpose of Naaman's leprosy, as pointed out in 2 Kings 5:1, "Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honourable, because by him the Lord had given deliverance unto Syria: he was also a mighty man in valour, but he was a leper." Then he was healed in verse 14, "...and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean."

His own testimony proves the reason for his disease in verse 15, as he states, "...Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel..." He found God through the healing.

SOMETIMES SICKNESS BRINGS US CLOSER TO GOD

A close study of this section of scripture proves the fact that Asa the King did not rely upon God as stated in 2 Chronicles 16:7, "...Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on the Lord thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thine hand."

The King's rebellious attitude is brought out in verse 10, "Then Asa was wroth with the seer, and put him in a prison house; for he was in a rage with him because of this thing..."

Then he was smitten with disease, as stated in 2 Chronicles 16:12-13, "And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease he sought not to the Lord, but to the physicians. 13 And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign."

Because of the fact that he would not in any area of his life seek God, he died. There is no doubt but that he would have been healed if he had sought God's help.

DISEASE IN JOB'S EXPERIENCE

Sometimes children of God, much in the same sense as they use Paul's thorn, use this experience of Job's to prove that they are being tested by God through sickness, as Job was.

First, if we are to make any claim to being tested like Job, we must have his qualifications, as stated in Job 2:3, "And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause."

It was because of the type of man he was that Satan hated him, and was bent upon his destruction. This was the reason why he challenged God concerning him. What happened in the book of Job is the result of this challenge.

It is true that disease was involved in this case. It is true that Job was on trial, but this kind of trial is one exception, not a rule. But, before we claim to being tested through sickness like Job, let's be sure that we have his qualifications, as stated in Job 1:8, and Job 2:3.

But even in this exceptional incident, Job was also healed as in Job 42:10, "And the Lord turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends..."

SICKNESS BECAUSE OF SIN, AND A WORSE CONDITION PROMISED IF WE CONTINUE IN SIN

In this case the sickness was a direct result of sin, and it is suggested that if the person continued in sin, a worse condition would result.

John 5:5, "And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years." This suggests a feebleness of body and mind. After he was healed, Jesus again warns him regarding his condition in John 5:14, "Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee."

Healing no doubt came after confession, but the warning remains a reminder that going back into the same condition could have terrible results.

SICKNESS AND DEATH, THAT GOD MAY BE GLORIFIED IN RESURRECTION

We may as well understand that Lazarus' experience was another extreme case as that of Job and Paul, and we must never make these events commonplace, as some do. Sickness was also involved in this case, but there also was a death, and a resurrection, which was for the glory of God, as stated in John 11:4, "When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby."

The resurrection glorified God, and many believed as is pointed out in John 11:43, "And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth." Verse 45, "Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him."

This same experience has doubtless taken place even in our day. But, we could say that we have actually prayed for those with disease, and have been told by God, that they would die, and not be healed.

Afterwards we have learned that others in the family have come to know Christ because of their testimony and death.

COMING TO THE LORD'S TABLE IN AN UNWORTHY MANNER

This is a warning to the New Testament saints, in regards to their coming to the table of the Lord.

It is not possible to come to the Table of the Lord with sins in our lives, and this is the reason why many of God's children are sick, and even die.

This sin is described in 1 Corinthians 11:21, "For in eating every one taketh before the other his own supper: and one is hungry, and another is drunken."

The result of this kind of eating at the Lord's table is described in 1 Corinthians 11:27, "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."

We are instructed to examine ourselves, before we come to the table of the Lord. 1 Corinthians 11:28, "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup." The result of unworthily eating is revealed in 1 Corinthians 11:29, "For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."

We are in a symbolic sense partaking of the body of Christ, that was offered to take away sin, and we are eating it in sin.

Then in 1 Corinthians 11:30, "For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep."

Self-judgment in regards to sin could save us from sickness and disease, and even death as pointed out in 1 Corinthians 11:31, "For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. 32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world."

SINS AND FAULTS ARE SOMETIMES THE REASONS FOR SICKNESS AND DISEASE

Many times it is the sins and faults in our lives that open the door for sickness and disease to enter our bodies.

Healing in the local church deals with these things. First, calling for the elders of the church as in 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."

Then the sins that are possibly the reason for the sickness or disease, are confessed. This is the only ground for forgiveness, 1 John 1:9. So confession must be made to the elders. "And if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."

Then the members are instructed to confess their faults one to another, and pray for one another, that they may be healed, as in 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." The word "fault" means a "slide, or slip", or "diversion from the pathway".

Then some are sick and diseased because Satan has taken advantage of their lack of understanding of the truth of healing in the Atonement, as Matthew 8:17, "...Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses."

God may have a purpose in allowing sickness and disease but it is always Satan who handles the filthy stuff. Christ died to free us from it. There may be reasons why we are sick, but the reason does not do away with the remedy. It is God's will to heal.

To conclude this part of the study we would like to give some statements written from a book on the "History of Medicine" by Douglas Guthrie, page 29, paragraph 4.

"In our search for medical knowledge of ancient times we are inclined very naturally to turn to the Bible for information. Unfortunately, the quest is disappointing".

"In the Old Testament there is little space for the physician, if indeed he existed at all, because God alone was regarded as the healer. He was the source of life and health, sending disease and disaster as a punishment for sin, and healing if only the sufferers were worthy of cure". Exodus 15:26.

"Any human knowledge of healing was regarded with disfavor, lest it should distract from the power

which ought to belong to God alone. Few remedies are mentioned in the Old Testament, and in every case the treatment is recommended by a man of God. 2 Kings 5:10,20:7, 1 Kings 17:17,23, performing artificial respiration”.

“If physicians did exist among the Jews when the Old Testament was written, there is surprisingly little reference to them in the sacred writings”.

“The influence of Christianity upon medicine: It cannot be denied that the early Christian Church retarded the progress of medical science. It is true that Christ bade his followers to “heal the sick”, and gave them many practical illustration of His own healing power”.

“Yet the early Christians interpreted this teaching too literally when they denied to physicians the power of healing. Nothing, they alleged, must detract from the preeminence of the one Great Physician”.

“Prayer and fasting were above all other remedies. Medicine must give place to the church. Even St. Basil of Caesarea who in A.D. 372 established one of the first known hospitals, denied that all diseases were of a natural origin. Many diseases, he alleged, were sent as a punishment for sin and chastening demanded only prayer and repentance”.

“The sensible views of Hippocrates were denied. Miracles of healing were witnessed in the early churches, and doubtless took place as they still do. But, in the early days no other method of healing was admitted or permitted by the bigoted Christians”.

There has been a gradual decline from the truth until we are fast becoming overcome by medical science, so called. The church has lost the true teaching regarding sickness and disease.

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QUESTIONS: LESSON 3

1. Explain what affliction means.
2. What does chastening mean and relate to?
3. Write a paragraph on what you understand Paul's thorn in the flesh to be.
4. Why did disease come upon Israel?
5. Why do we need to look after our bodies?
6. What does mental stress do?
7. When a person is injured in an accident, is it Satanic? How does Satan sometimes take advantage of an accident? How can we avoid this?
8. Why did Miriam receive leprosy and how was she healed?
9. What was the purpose of Naaman's leprosy?
10. Explain why Asa died.
11. What qualifications should we have if we claim to be tested like Job through sickness?
12. What warning did Jesus give the man in John 5:5? Does this apply now?
13. How was God glorified through Lazarus' death and what was the result?
14. Write a paragraph on coming to the Lord's table unworthily and the results.
15. Describe the procedure of members coming.

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Lesson 4: THE GIFTS OF HEALING
1 Corinthians 12:9
By Dr. Albert Grimes

The manifestation of the Gift of Healing is mentioned as one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit given to the believers as in 1 Corinthians 12:9, "To another faith by the same Spirit, to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit". It is to be noticed that this manifestation relates to "gifts" of healing: different kinds of gifts of healing.

Then again in 1 Corinthians 12:28, "...then gifts of healings..." These terms may relate to the fact that believers may have some of these gifts of healing, giving them authority in the area of certain sicknesses and diseases. Or they could have all the gifts of healings, as in I Corinthians 12:28, and have authority against all sicknesses and all diseases as Jesus did in Matthew 9:35, "...and healing every sickness and every disease among the people".

It has been brought to our attention through actual experience that some who have the gifts of healing, are more successful in healing of certain kinds of sickness and disease.

THERE ARE TWO DIFFERENT FORMS OF HEALING

The fact that there are two forms of healing is taught in scripture. Matthew 8:16, "When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils; and cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick".

Again in Mark 16:17-18, "...in my name they shall cast out devils...18 They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover".

Then again in Acts 8:7, "For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed by them, and many taken with palsies, and were lame were healed".

This fact of two forms of healing is brought out in the two different ways in which the word healed is used in scripture as in Mark 5:29, "And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague". In this verse the word "healed" means "to cure", "to make whole". This is what the gift of healing is for, the curing of the sick.

But there is another sense in which the word "healed" is used, in Luke 8:36, "They also which saw it told them by what means he that was possessed of the devils was healed". The word, "healed", in this verse, means "to make safe", "to save", "deliver" or "protect".

One form of healing then is brought about by commanding or rebuking in the name of Jesus, and this deals with spirit personalities. The other form of healing is brought about by the laying on of hands, and praying for healing in Jesus' name.

Casting out devils is brought about by the Working of Miracles, 1 Corinthians 12:10, and discerning of Spirits, 1 Corinthians 12:10. The healing of the sick is brought about by the laying on of hands, and imparting healing virtue, Luke 6:19.

Now in this study we will be teaching in regards to the Gifts of Healing.

HOW DOES THIS MANIFESTATION OPERATE THROUGH BELIEVERS

As we study this operation, we find that the gift operates by the method of contact. We would suggest that the first method of operation is through the laying on of hands. Other methods will be related, too.

THE GIFT IN ITS FIRST OPERATION

The gifts of healing in their first operation are administered through the laying on of hands.

In the days of Jesus, healing was expected through the laying on of hands, as in Mark 5:23, "And besought him greatly, saying, my little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live". Matthew 8:15, "So Jesus had compassion on them, and touched their eyes". Matthew 8:3, "And Jesus put forth his hand and touched him, saying, I will, be thou

clean".

This is the method that all believers who have healing gifts should exercise, in order to begin this operation of healing. The purpose of this contact must be understood.

The person who has these gifts is curing the sick as stated in scripture in Luke 13:32, "Behold I cast out devils, and I do cures today, and tomorrow". This curing is brought about by the means of contact. This is the reason for the scripture, Mark 16:18, "They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover".

The word "lay" means to "distribute", and what is distributed is healing virtue that brings about the cure. How this healing virtue brings about the cure is brought out in Luke 8:43-47, " And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any, 44 Came behind him, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanch'd.

The healing virtue destroys the sickness or disease; also the one through whom this healing virtue is administered feels the outgoing virtue leaving. Luke 8:46, "And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me."

So it must be understood that there is a certain directive power, or healing virtue, coming from the laying on of hands.

It is through the laying on of hands that the one who is sick is given this healing virtue.

Physical contact centralizes, and expands the healing power of the healer. We use the term "healer" as relating to one praying for the sick. We know it is God who heals.

For the actual administration of healing virtue, some healers are right-handed, some left-handed, meaning the virtue comes through the right hand or left hand, and is known as the power hand.

If the person is left handed, or the power hand is the left hand, it should be understood that the right hand in this case is what some healers call "the sedative hand", and this is the hand that should be first placed upon the one needing prayer, while you are preparing to cure them, placing it between the shoulders in order to bring a quietness to the one being prayed for. For from this hand comes an anointing or virtue that soothes, or quiets the one in need of healing. Some place the power hand that imparts virtue upon the afflicted parts. Some lay their hands, or hand upon the person's head. One must be led of God in regards to the method used.

Care must be taken to be gentle and prayerful as the action is made, with the realization that the virtue that will flow comes from the indwelling Spirit of God, and that with the contact, the healer will secure the sympathetic attention and receptiveness of the sick person, as they feel the compassion.

The one doing the praying should keep his mind open to giving this same virtue, and at the same time should be instructing those being prayed for to receive this same virtue for the healing of their bodies.

The word "virtue" means "power", the same used in Acts 1:8, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you..." Miraculous power that cures the sick.

This same virtue that is administered by the "laying on of hands" can be brought forth from the healer, by the touch of one who needs healing. This fact is proven by scripture, Matthew 9:20-21, "And behold, a woman which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him and touched the hem of his garment, for she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole". What happened is brought out in Mark 5:29, "And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague".

This same principle applies for many people, not just one. This is seen in Matthew 14:35-36, "And when the men of that place had knowledge of him, they sent out into all that country round about, and brought unto him all that were sick; 36 and besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole". The possibility of faith drawing virtue from the healer is not without possibility, as in Luke 6:19, "And the whole multitude sought to touch him; for there went out virtue out of him, and healed them all".

The whole multitude could not possibly touch him, yet healing virtue went out of him and healed them all. This virtue or power that comes from the indwelling Spirit does not flow at the will of man, but only by the Spirit of God. The virtue that flowed from Jesus into the woman was drawn out by her own faith, as in Luke 8:45-46, "And Jesus said, who touched me?...46...Somebody hath touched me, for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me". Her own faith drew healing virtue from Jesus.

WHAT THIS VIRTUE DOES TO SICKNESS AND DISEASE

IS BROUGHT OUT IN SCRIPTURE

It is quite evident that as healing virtue enters the human body, it destroys the effects of the sickness or disease. Mark 5:29, "And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague". Fever leaves as healing virtue enters. Matthew 8:15, "And he touched her hand, and the fever left her..." And leprosy departs, Luke 5:13, "And he put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will: be thou clean. And immediately the leprosy departed from him".

So we have in the operation of the gifts of healing, the impartation of healing virtue through the laying on of hands, the outflowing of healing virtue as the healer is touched by faith by one or more who need healing, then the outflowing of healing virtue, as those who need healing, by faith draw out healing virtue without touching the healer.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE GIFTS OF HEALING AND THE WORKING OF MIRACLES

In learning to pray for the sick through the Gifts of Healing, we should understand the difference between the Gifts of Healing and the Working of Miracles.

It is to be noticed how these two manifestations are separated one from the other in scripture, as in Mark 6:5, "And he could there do no mighty work (relating to miracles) save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk and healed them".

In the early church, the casting out of devils was a miracle, but those who had palsies, or paralysis in any part of the body, and those lame, were healed. Acts 8:6-7, "And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. 7 For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many that were taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed..."

Separated in the list of gifts we find the same principle, 1 Corinthians 12:28, "...after that miracles, then gifts of healings..."

When we administer the gifts of healing there is in most cases, a getting well of the one prayed for, as in Mark 16:18, "...they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover". Or get well, convalescing, began to recover... not an instantaneous recovery. And they must have faith for complete recovery.

But the working of miracles in the New Testament relates more to instantaneous healings brought about by an act or a command as in Luke 6:10, "And looking round about upon them all, he said unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand, And he did so; and his hand was restored whole as the other". Then also in Acts 3:6-7, "...in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. 7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength".

Also the creating of new parts in the body is a miracle. It is evident that Jesus performed a miracle of this kind as he anointed the eyes of the blind man in John 9:1,6,7, "And as Jesus passed by he saw a man which was blind from his birth". The man needed new eyes, and Jesus used the same substance that the man's body was made from, and created new eyes. Verse 6, "When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay". Verse 7, "And said unto him, Go wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent). He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing". As we have already stated, healings in this realm are miracles brought about by "The Working of Miracles". The Gifts of Healing are lesser works, not classed as miracles, but they are cures brought to pass by the laying on of hands, or by the method of contact described, or by the outflowing of healing virtue.

Those then with the gifts of healing, can go forth and administer healing virtue, and cure the sick and diseased.

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QUESTIONS: LESSON 4

1. Explain what "Gifts" of healing mean.
2. Explain the two different forms of healing.
3. By what method does this gift work?
4. What actually happens when hands are laid on a sick person?
5. Where does the healing virtue come from?
6. How should we instruct the one we pray for?
7. Explain the difference between the gifts of healing and the working of miracles.

Book 4: Healing
Lesson 5: PRAYING FOR THE SICK AND DISEASED
Luke 13:11-13
By Dr. Albert Grimes

In this study we want to deal with the actual praying and counseling for those oppressed, Acts 10:38. But before we can do this there are certain things we must understand.

We fully accept the fact that God heals, Exodus 15:26, and that healing is in the Atonement, Isaiah 53:4, Matthew 8:17, 1 Peter 2:24, and that in most cases there are reasons why people are sick, and that sometimes confession is required before healing can come. Now we must understand that we have, as believers, authority to heal the sick.

DO BELIEVERS HAVE AUTHORITY TO HEAL THE SICK?

This authority was first given to Jesus Himself, from the Father, by or through the Holy Ghost, as in Acts 10:38, "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him".

Then Jesus, while He was with his disciples, gave them the same power, as in Luke 9:1-2, "Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power, And authority over all devils, and to cure diseases..."

After he gave this authority to His twelve disciples, He also sent out seventy more, with the same power as in Luke 10:1,9, "After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also and sent them two and two... Verse 9, "And heal the sick that are therein..."

What happened to these seventy? This is described in Luke 10:17, "And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name". What the reaction was of Jesus Himself to this, is pointed out in Luke 10:19, "Behold, I give you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you". This statement of Jesus is just as much for us as for them in that day.

The same power is given to believers, all believers, as is stated in Mark 16:18, "...they shall lay hands on the sick; and they shall recover".

Jesus further states that all that believe on Him, shall do the works that He Himself did, as in John 14:12, "Verily, verily, I say unto you. He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also, and greater works than these shall he do, because I go unto my Father".

When we come to the book of Acts we find Paul the Apostle still using this authority, and performing the works of Jesus, as Acts 28:8,9, relates, "And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux; to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him. So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed".

THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

We must understand in order to extend this healing power, that the Gifts of Healing have been given to believers by the-Holy Ghost.

With the gift has been given the ability to heal sickness and disease without any natural means of any sort.

In 1 Corinthians 12:9, we read, "To another faith by the same spirit, to another the gifts of healing by the same spirit..." Then in 12:28, "...then gifts of healings..." In 1 Corinthians 12:30, "Have all the gifts of healing..."

These gifts of the Spirit are given to believers as stated in scripture, 1 Corinthians 12:7-11, "But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal..." And verse 11, "But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to everyman severally as he will".

We have found out by actual experience, that every believer has some form of healing given to him.

EVERY BELIEVER HAS SOME FORM OF HEALING GIFT

The word of God points out the fact that there are two forms of healing, as in 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". Then again in Mark 16:17-18, "...In my name shall they cast out devils... 18 They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover". We must understand that these two forms of healing are administered in two different ways.

The one method of healing that relates to spirits is brought about through a command, or rebuke in the name of Jesus, as stated in Luke 4:35, "And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst he came out of him, and hurt him not". Then also in Matthew 8:16, "...he cast out the spirits with his word..."

That this casting out is performed by the name of Jesus is evident in Acts 16:18, "And this she did many days. But Paul being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her". And it must also be understood that it is a repeated rebuke or command as pointed out in Mark 5:8, "For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit"...the original sense, "for he had been saying". Our Lord had repeatedly ordered the demon to come out of the man, and as a result, the demon had made this outcry. The same sense in Mark 5:9, "And he asked him, What is thy name?" Or, "He kept on asking him", the implication being that the demon only responded after repeated questioning.

The other method of healing is produced through the laying on of hands, and the administration of healing virtue as in Mark 16:18, "... They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover". The word "lay" means to distribute, and what is distributed is healing virtue, as pointed out in Luke 8:46, "And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me, for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me".

THE FIRST METHOD OF HEALING THROUGH THE COMMAND AND CASTING OUT OF SPIRITS

We must understand that in this type of healing, two manifestations will be brought forth.

First there will be discerning of Spirits, as in 1 Corinthians 12:10, "...to another discerning of spirits..." This manifestation will reveal the presence of, and identity of the spirits.

The second manifestation which will enable the believer to actually cast out the spirit will be the "Working of Miracles". 1 Corinthians 12:10, "To another the working of miracles..."

In order to bring about this type of healing a correct diagnosis of the conditions must be made. This is brought about in the ministry of Jesus. Some conditions Jesus rebuked, and others he laid his hands upon them, knowing the conditions. Luke 4:39-40, "And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. 40 Now when the sun was setting all they that had any sick with divers diseases, brought them unto him, and he laid his hands on every one of them, and he healed them".

Another instance is brought out where, with the one person, He first rebuked, or loosed the person, then laid hands upon them as in Luke 13:11-13, "And behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise life 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 hands on her, and immediately she was made straight and glorified God".

In this case the woman had a spirit of infirmity, that was the cause of her trouble. This spirit does affect the body, causing distress in the body, organs, limbs. After being released from this spirit, she was in need of healing through the laying on of hands.

Now we have discussed this fact before, that often sickness is just the secondary cause of a condition that may be caused by spirits or emotional problems.

This diagnosis reveals the fact that spirits are the reason for the person's condition. The patient then must be informed of his or her condition, and what these spirits are doing in the life.

The underlying causes which allowed these spirits into the life must be frankly dealt with. If a confession is necessary because of some sin, an open confession must be brought forth from the patient. There must also be the desire of the patient to forsake whatever has been responsible for their conditions.

After having noticed this desire, have the patient call upon the Lord for deliverance. After this is done by the patient, the command or rebuke is given to the spirit, or spirits.

It is a good principle to first bind these spirits in the name of Jesus. Jesus Himself instructed us first to bind the strong man, Matthew 12:28-29, "But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the Kingdom of God is come unto you, or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he

first bind the strong man and then he will spoil his house". Then command them to leave in Jesus' name, as in Acts 16:18, "...I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her..."

After deliverance, the patient should be instructed in the necessity of walking with the Lord, and in the Spirit. If they had not received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, they must be taught regarding the same, and prayed for to receive it, and then led into their own ministry.

THE SECOND METHOD OF HEALING THROUGH THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

As in the first method of healing, so it is in this second method, correct diagnosis is also necessary in order to determine whether spirits, or something psychological is responsible for the person's condition, or not.

If the condition of the person is not actually brought about because of spirits, or is not psychological, then it is necessary to administer healing through the laying on of hands.

In regards to diagnosis, there are some who have the Gifts of Healing who also have what we call "sympathetic discernment". This gift enables the believer to know the type of sicknesses or diseases people have. They actually feel in their body the symptoms of the disease or sickness which other people have. When they come into the presence of people who are sick, then these same symptoms appear in their body.

I think that everyone who has the Gift of Healing, should have sympathetic discernment, or the Word of Knowledge, in order to know and have a correct diagnosis.

The word cure relates more to the method used in bringing about the healing. The method of praying for the sick is different from the method used in the other type of healing. We are now dealing with different kinds of sickness, and disease, not the casting out of devils.

In praying for sickness and disease, I pray according to the diagnosis, naming the conditions, asking God through Jesus' name to heal by the power of the Holy Ghost, and healing virtue will flow. And we should keep our hands upon the patient as long as we sense that healing virtue is flowing. It is this virtue that destroys the source of the sickness or disease.

The patient being prayed for in this second type of healing must be also instructed to confess any neglect, or sin on their part, anything that they have done to open a door to Satan.

They must be instructed in the healing Word, in relationship to the Atonement and how to have a steadfast faith for full recovery as pointed out in Mark 16:18, "...They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover". Or, "begin to mend", or "convalesce". In most cases, there is no immediate healing.

The Bible differentiates between the Gifts of Healing, and the Working of Miracles, or healing brought about through the gift, as in Mark 6:5, "And he could there do no mighty work save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk and healed them". A miracle is an instantaneous healing coming forth from the Working of Miracles.

People prayed for through the Gifts of Healing must also be instructed in the fact that Satan may, after they have been prayed for, bring a lying symptom. This is not a sickness, or a disease, but a lying symptom. And some who do not understand, receive it as being the actual disease or sickness, and lose their healing. A rebuking of this condition will end this conflict.

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QUESTIONS: LESSON 5

1. What must we fully understand and believe in praying for the sick?
2. Do believers have authority to heal the sick? Give scripture.
3. Why does God give every believer some form of healing gift?
4. Explain the two kinds or forms of healing.
5. What gifts of the Spirit work with casting out spirits?
6. Write a paragraph on how to bring deliverance and healing to a person in a like condition of Luke 13:11-13.
7. Explain sympathetic discernment and how it works.
8. What is a lying symptom and how does it work?

Book 4: Healing
Lesson 6: Deliverance from Damage Emotions
Luke 4
By Dr. Albert Grimes

The area of the relationship between our deep personality problems and the work of the Holy Spirit is one of the most important to, and yet one of the most neglected and least understood by, those in the church.

There is one basic fact that we must realize in dealing with serious emotional problems. They are not automatically healed by either the new birth or the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

Neither of these personal experiences will spontaneously cleanse away all the emotional complexes, the defense mechanisms, and the personality problems of the personality. The emotional infant, the psychologically immature adult, is not suddenly made stable by his religious experience.

How confused Christians become because throughout their lives they have been given the impression the infilling of the Holy Spirit will automatically cure them of every emotional and personality problem they have. Then after receiving this experience, they soon discover that their problems still exist, and in some cases they increase, and they usually face them in one of two ways.

First, the Christian may severely repress his inner problems. He crushes them the moment they show themselves. He does not understand that he needs help in these areas, and that a frank discussion of these same things with someone who can counsel him would relieve him of the same. Both inwardly and outwardly, he does not face them, and try to resolve them.

He denies that they even exist, and they are driven deep down into the unconscious mind, but they will not lie dormant. They reappear in disguised forms. His unhappy marriage situation develops. He becomes a defeated Christian, and may even break under the severe strains, as the years go by, and the problems multiply.

Second, the Christian troubled with maladjusted impulses in his life, even after he has tried to completely give himself to the Holy Spirit, may honestly recognize their continued presence within him, and become completely disillusioned with his Christian experience. He begins to doubt, and Spirit-filled living seems an unreality to him, something to be longed for during revivals, but something that just does not work in everyday living. These are two false ways to try to resolve the problems.

Now sometimes Satan uses these kinds of emotional problems to bring us down and defeat us. A damaged emotion, marred area in the personality, which sometimes can produce effects in our physical body.

The very structure of the mind makes this possible, because like an iceberg which lies largely below the surface of the water, with only a small part showing above, the conscious mind is only a tiny segment of the whole person.

With the conscious mind, you accept forgiveness from your sins. You ask the Holy Spirit to take control of your life. But what happens to that greater part of yourself, your unconscious mind? Here are stored the long forgotten memories and experiences of childhood. Do our minds go back beyond there?

Because of this, because we live in a very sinful, irrational and imperfect world, every one of us comes to adult life with damaged areas in our personality. It does not matter how nearly perfect the home life, or the mental and physical inheritance. Because we live in the kind of world we do, each of us bears emotional scars.

It is true, some carry many more, or deeper scars than others do. But all of us bear these damaged areas in our personalities, some of us, very serious ones.

Today, emotional disturbances have increased greatly: the overemphasis on sex, the rise of divorce and broken homes, the increase in illegitimate births, growing use of liquor, the breakdown of the whole idea of discipline and personal responsibility, the increase in use of drugs.

The United States is fast becoming a great mass-production assembly line that is turning out a whole generation of psychologically unstable youth.

It would be impossible to deal with every type of emotional damage experienced in our society, but we could deal with a few of the more common scars, that can bring us spiritual defeat and failure.

DEEP INFERIORITY FEELINGS

Probably the most common of damaged emotions, *is* an inner nagging sense that you are no good, that you will never amount to anything, that no one could possibly love you, that everything you do is wrong, always a continual sense of anxiety and fear.

When a person with this kind of personality is saved, he believes in God's love and forgiveness with only the conscious part of his mind, and very soon in his Christian life, everything within his deep inner unconscious mind rises up to say that his new forgiveness is false.

I believe that evil spirits can know what lies in this inner man, just in the same sense as they understand the lusts of our flesh, as in James 1:14, "But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed".

His unconscious mind, irritated by evil spirits, cries out, "Don't trust it". "It's a lie". There is really no one there to relieve your anxiety. What happened? The Good_News of the gospel has not been able to penetrate into that deep and damaged self.

That too, must be evangelized. That too, must be healed. These deep scars on the conscious mind must be touched by the power of the Holy Spirit. They must be released from the evil spirit, and prayed for, for healing of the unconscious mind.

PERFECTIONIST COMPLEX

That inner feeling, that no matter what you do, you can never achieve adequately. You never do enough, you are never able to please anybody, especially yourself. You are always prodding, always striving, always feeling guilty, always driven by the terrible tyranny of not being able to achieve the standards. You are perpetually climbing, but never arriving. What happens to this compulsive perfectionist when he becomes a Christian?

Tragically enough, he usually transfers his impossible goals to his relationship with God, who then becomes to him an ever increasingly demanding tyrant. God is enthroned near the top of the ladder, and the believer with the perfectionist complex forever climbs, but when he approaches the top, God has moved up another two rungs.

How difficult it is for such a person to place his complete trust in Jesus Christ, and to rest in His love. How painful for him to try to receive victory in the Holy Spirit.

Then there is the super-sensitive person who usually has been deeply hurt. He has reached out for love and approval and affection, but life has given him just the opposite. Scars have developed, deep inside. He sees things to which other people are blind. He feels things others are insensitive to. He is shattered by perfectly normal or accidental happenings. He feels that people are against him, and he tends to interpret every casual happening in this light. He has to have constant reassurance, only he can never get enough. Yet again, a super-sensitive person may react in just the opposite way we have been describing.

Life has been cruel to him, so he gets tough and wants to hurt others, as he has been hurt, and he goes through life pushing people around, hurting, dominating, using money or authority or position or sex to prove himself. Does this affect his Christian life? Of course it does, deeply. These kind, in most cases, have bitter spirits, which they must be delivered from before healing can come.

THE FEARFUL ONES REPRESENT ANOTHER KIND OF EMOTIONALLY CRIPPLED PEOPLE

They are filled with an overwhelming fear of failure. They are so afraid of losing the game that they take a simple way out. They never play the game, or they may choose to sit on the sidelines and say, "I don't like the rules". A minister's report, "Recently I was at a used car lot and a salesman drew my attention to a man who was walking among the cars, kicking the tires". The salesman said, "See him? He's a wheel kicker", and went on to explain, "That kind come here every day. They never buy a car, they never intend to. They just go around kicking the wheels, telling you this one's out of line, or they lift the hood and report that the engine is too noisy. We learn to spot them - the wheel kickers".

These people simply cannot make a decision. They are paralyzed by fear of making a wrong choice. They are obsessed with a fear of failure.

Do these damaged people face difficulty in living the Christian life? Indeed they do. Decisions tear

them apart. Faith comes hard. Witnessing is difficult. To launch out with the Holy Spirit is almost a traumatic experience. Self-discipline is not easy for them. They tell themselves that they would act if circumstances were right, but since the right circumstances never come, they don't do anything. They live in the world of "if onlys".

HOW HEALING CAN COME

First, we must face our problem, look at it squarely and with ruthless honesty, whatever it is, whatever that dreadful, hidden childhood memory, whatever that experience, however deep that terrible feeling within you. Acknowledge it to yourself and to God, and if necessary, to another person.

I say, "if necessary, to another person". For sometimes we can get so immersed in our problems that we cannot see our own way clearly, and a trusted person can help us see ourselves.

Second, you must face your own responsibility in the matter. You may have been sinned against. True, you are a victim; true, someone hurt you; true, you were never given love, but only rejections. But what has been your response to all of these things? What about your part? What about the fact that you have learned to resent and to hate?

Granted that your parents never told you anything about sex, and in your innocence you were easily led into sin. Agreed, that was the way it happened the first time, but what about the second time. Now, who is to blame?

Every life is a very complicated tapestry woven of variegated strands of thread. We have sometimes been victims, but we have also helped in weaving the design. Face the fact. Regardless of who is to blame, is it a wise thing to continue to harbour these things, and have my whole future ruined because of them? There is a healing from all these things.

Life is never damaged to the point where we cannot start over again. The reason why some lives are never started again is because we allow the past to do away with our future. Get rid of the past and the future is ours to begin again.

The great Divine Counselor and Psychiatrist knows the depths of our minds, can reach deep into our subconscious and unconscious minds, and evangelize them, too. There is healing for the broken hearted, Luke 4:18, "...he bath sent me to heal the broken hearted".

The person with the Gifts of Healing should try and enter into all that we have studied in order to make a success of praying for the sick.

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QUESTIONS: LESSON 6

1. Are serious emotional problems always healed by the New Birth and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit? Explain.
2. Does a Christian overcome his problems by suppressing them? Explain.
3. How does Satan use these problems to bring us down and defeat us?
4. How have emotional disturbances greatly increased?
5. How do we deal with deep inferiority feelings?
6. Do evil spirits know what lies in our inner mind?
7. What happens to compulsive perfectionists when they become a Christian?
8. What about the super sensitive person? How is his Christian life affected by this?
9. Those who have an overwhelming fear of failure, how does this affect their Christian life?
10. Those who are damaged in the sex area of their life and have damaged personalities, what message does God have for them? Give scripture.
11. How can we bring healing to these people with damaged emotions?
12. Is life ever damaged to the point where we cannot start over again? Explain.

Book 4: Healing
Lesson 7: Healing for the Whole Man
Luke 4:18
By Dr. Albert Grimes

In our dealing with sickness and disease we have always related it to the physical part of man, and we have prayed for people with this principle in mind. The results of such praying did not produce the results we had hoped for, for only 2% were healed with a vast host not healed, and we had no answer for the problem.

Now we have been made to understand by Medical Science as they have proved that from 60 - 100% of sickness is caused by stress and emotional problems.

This has started the principles of counseling in order to find out the underlying causes of stress, or emotional disturbances. With this method we are getting more people healed and delivered.

Now we are being made to understand that health or freedom from sickness and disease relates not only to emotional stress, but it relates to the whole being of man. We have known of scriptural statements such as Proverbs 17:22, "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine, but a broken spirit drieth the bones". Then we have Luke 4:18, that we have not fully understood.

In our teaching upon the subject of healing and deliverance, and the manifestations relating to these areas, we have been made to understand that there is healing for the whole man's being. This is what Jesus was teaching us in Luke 4:18.

In order for us to understand these principles of healing for the whole man, it is necessary to study and to understand the whole area of man's being. Then we will realize just how healing for the whole man can be brought to pass.

THE SPIRIT

The term used in scripture "regeneration" relates to the term "recreate". Man's inner spirit was in the condition described in Ephesians 2:1, "...who were dead..." This relates to the whole man, body, soul and spirit. As to his spirit he was completely cut off from any contact with God. Man's spirit was dead in that sense. It was cut off from the life of God.

The work of "regeneration" then was more complete in this area of man's being as stated in Ezekiel 36:26, "...and a new spirit will I put within you..." So in our being, after we have been regenerated or born again, we have a new spirit alive with the eternal life of God, a new spiritual life. This spirit of ours is in itself a partaker of the divine nature of God, 2 Peter 1:4, "By which are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust".

Having this divine nature in our spirit relates to Sonship, Romans 8:16, "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God". That spirit that has within it the divine nature of God is that part of our being in which the Holy Spirit as a person dwells, Ephesians 3:16, "...strengthened with might by his spirit in the inner man". Then in Romans 8:16, His "Spirit beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God".

The spirit of man in a spirit filled child of God has a spirit that is completely healed and indwelt by the Holy Spirit. This indwelling spirit is God, the Holy Spirit according to scripture as stated in Acts 5:3-4, "...lie to the Holy Spirit", "4...thou has not lied unto men but unto God".

The power of the indwelling spirit is described in Romans 8:11, "But if the spirit that raised Jesus from the dead, dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken...", or give life to, or revitalize, or preserve, "your mortal body by his spirit that dwelleth in you". Then in 1 John 4:4, "Ye are of God little children, and have overcome them...", relating to the spirits in false prophets and the Antichrist spirit in the world, why? "Because greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world".

The forces of Satan cannot take hold of our inner man, indwelt by the Holy Spirit. 1 John 5:18, "We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not, but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself and that wicked one toucheth him not". This could be true of the whole man, but most of us only relate it to our inner spirit, indwelt by the Holy Spirit.

It is this inner spirit, created anew and indwelt by the Holy Spirit, that through our souls and bodies will produce, if allowed, if all the hindrances are removed, will produce in our lives the fruit of the spirit, Ephesians 5:22,23, the outflowing of which will produce health, both to soul and body.

Then also out from this inner spirit will come forth the manifestations, or expressions of the Holy Spirit, 1 Corinthians 12:7-11, that will also produce healing for the soul and body as they are brought forth.

Then out from this inner spirit will flow the anointing that will enable us to minister, and it will also teach us in regards to truth and error. In 1 John 2:27, we read, "But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you..." As this anointing flows through the soul and body it will heal.

In using the word "healed" or healing in regards to the soul and body, I am not only relating it to physical healing but soul healing mostly. All spiritual truth that is received through the intellect of man, which is in his soul, goes into his spirit and only then is it spiritually understood or discerned. In 1 Corinthians 2:11, "For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God", which is in man.

The two principle faculties of the inner man or inner spirit controlled by the Holy Spirit, are faith and revelation. The faculty of faith is this inner man seeing the Word of God as truth. As this inner man delights in the law of God as in Romans 7:22, "For I delight in the law of God after the inward man", so by the faculty of faith it accepts all that God's Word says, and reveals it as revelation to the intellect in the soul to act upon.

Then there is the outflowing of intercession as stated in Romans 8:26,27, "...groanings which cannot be uttered..." This outflowing of intercession heals the soul and body. That this outflow is from the inner spirit cannot be mistaken for in 1 Corinthians 14:14, it says, "For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful."

Thus, sometimes this inner spirit controlled by the Holy Spirit can flow through the soul and body, and it does not need all the principle parts of the soul and the intellect. It bypasses the intellect in the soul and uses the speech organs in the body.

Now we must understand a principle, that all believers do not understand the facts relating to the inner spirit of man, controlled by the Holy Spirit.

They substitute the doctrine of calling down the power or anointing. They have cut themselves off from any source of Spiritual power coming from the inner man, or any form of healing from that same source.

And the whole of their religious activity is brought about by the soul and the body. Their religion is in most cases intellectual, or emotional, not spiritual, because their very doctrine hinders the outflowing of the inner man controlled by the Holy Spirit.

And in most cases these same people are suffering from emotional and physical problems, from which they can find no healing, because true personal healing comes from the inner spirit, and they have suppressed it by their doctrine.

Now it is understandable, that if there are any problems in the soul area, the power from the inner man, controlled by the Holy Spirit, will never come forth, because it must come through the soul and the body.

So it is necessary for the soul to be healed. The reason why we cannot heal people physically is because we have never understood that healing, in the area of the soul, is more necessary, because in most cases, it is because the soul is in need of healing is the reason why the person is physically sick or diseased.

If we carefully study the statement of Jesus we will find that there is more spoken of soul healing, than physical healing. Luke 4:18, "...he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted..." The whole area of their emotional life has been shattered. "...To preach deliverance to the captives..." This relates to the evil spirits in the soul area. The terms "captives" relates to prisoners taken at the point of a spear. "To set at liberty them that are bruised", or broken like a pot. All of these deal with areas in the soul.

We have heard of the term, neurosis, neurotic, or the word, psychoneurosis. These all relate to our emotional disorders, in which feelings of anxiety, obsessional thoughts, tormenting thoughts, that cannot be put out of the mind. These conditions produce compulsive acts, and sometimes physical complaints, without objective evidence...Sickness, physical conditions for which we can find no evidence.

A deep hidden neurosis which dominates the personality. All this takes place in the soul. And as we have said, Medical Science has proved that from 60 to 100% of sickness and disease is caused from this kind of emotional stress.

THE SOUL

Genesis 2:7, "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul", or a self-conscious being.

The soul is the computer in man's being. It is the center of man's being. Everything we see, hear, or smell, or taste, or touch is computerized in the soul of man. And almost all the Spiritual activity of the inner spirit comes through and uses all the inner faculties of the soul. This proves the importance of the soul. If the faculties are in disorder the whole being of man is disordered.

Even our Ministry and Spiritual Gifts will be affected by this condition. What is the soul composed of? There are four main faculties of the soul.

THE WILL

The Will: by which we make our decisions, or determinations, or choosing.

THE MIND

The Mind: we consider, or remember, evaluate... Sometimes the will, will determine what the mind thinks. Sometimes what the mind thinks, will be determined by what the will chooses to do.

THE HEART

The Heart: In scripture, the heart is different from the mind, as pointed out in Philippians 4:7, "...shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus". The heart is the controller of our emotions, controlling our emotions, and physical actions relating to the emotions.

THE CONSCIENCE

The Conscience: It is a faculty that judges, everything we do, in relationship to our will, mind, and heart, whether it is good or evil. But it can only judge according to the standards which we as individuals set for it.

There are five elements which can influence the soul, and bring about the conditions, which we described in Luke 4:18, "broken-hearted, captives, or bruised."

1. The Flesh: The flesh or old man, or Adamic nature, can produce through the soul and body, all that is described in Galatians 5:19-21, "...adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revelings..."

When the soul and the body are dominated by the works of the flesh, the whole being of man is out of control.

No physical healing, or spiritual activity from the inner man, is possible, for the inner man will be grieved, and the Holy Spirit will not be able to come forth, Ephesians 4:30.

The operational work of the flesh must be dealt with, and put off, before a free flowing of the inner man can come forth. And the person may need both deliverance, or healing in the soul, from the damage which has been done by the works of the flesh.

2. Environment: This relates to the whole area of surrounding things, and conditions, or influences, that we have had to live in, or been raised in. Some have been raised in an environment of immorality, some in strife, hate, bitterness, fear, drunkenness, occultism, or under a constant domination. All the elements of environment can damage the soul, and the soul will need, first, spiritual education from the Word regarding their condition. Second, the soul will need healing from the damage brought about by these elements.

3. Traumatic experiences: This relates to a startling experience which has a lasting effect, on mental life, a shock, (Greek - wound). These things can be dealt with through counseling, and prayer, for the damaged areas.

These experiences can range from minor incidents, to major incidents. Some we can remember, others we cannot, but regardless whether we remember them or not, they influence our lives, and cause us to

live in certain patterns. We do, or say things, because of them.

Some persons' whole life principles are lived because of these hidden incidents that lie deeply hidden in their souls.

4. Inherited Tendencies: It is quite evident that we inherit characteristics from either fathers or mothers, their weaknesses, or strengths, sometimes their defects, and sometimes their principles, whether good or bad. Occultism is sometimes passed on from one generation to another in this way. And sometimes these inherited things can damage the soul, and body functions.

Is there a relationship to the scripture found in Matthew 8:17, "...took our infirmities..."? The word "infirmities" relates to a physical weakness, or defect, frailty, or ailment, or moral weakness, which may or may not have been inherited. Thus there is healing from even these inherited things that could damage our soul and body.

5. Education: This relates to a discipline, and a development by means of study and learning...A development of the abilities of the mind...Also, learning to do things practically...It involves the area of the soul.

The damage that certain kinds of education can produce is brought out in the new principles of psychology, that a person must experience everything in order to be able to understand it. This kind of teaching and many other forms of free expression and occultism can bring the soul into bondage and damage a person in the whole area of the soul.

It is a sad thing to have to say, but thousands of believers are being educated into bondage and torment by the way they are being educated in churches. It is not hard to understand why thousands of believers, even those filled with the Holy Spirit, cannot move in the Spirit, or be healed from sickness, or disease when the soul is in such a condition.

We should also understand that being saved does not eliminate all these soulish problems. The work of regeneration is more complete in the Spirit of man, as we have already studied, than it is in the soul, because of the indwelling Spirit.

The soul, as we have also found out, has a new will, mind, heart, and conscience and once it is released from all its problems, these will be able to function. And the soul is being sanctified, and healed, by the teaching of the Word and the power of the Holy Spirit in the inner man.

But some believers have deep hurts, which can only be erased by counseling and prayer, and the right kind of teaching.

Then we should again mention those believers who constantly come under a legalistic code of doctrine, that teaches that certain things must be accomplished in order to maintain their salvation, or they will be lost.

Then those who are constantly taught that they must maintain certain standards of perfection, which they can never maintain. All of these people have never understood the teaching regarding the inner man controlled by the Holy Spirit.

Many have cut off from themselves any spiritual operation from the inner man, and their religious activity is altogether in the soul and physical areas of their being.

All these types of believers are tormented, intellectually, and emotionally, and their souls are in turmoil. They need a complete re-education in doctrine and practice, and healing from soulish damage.

Then we must understand, when we understand the principles regarding the inner spirit, and the fact of our soul being healed, we will still need healing for our bodies.

THE BODY

The body we now live in, is a death doomed body. It is appointed to death, as stated in Genesis 3:19, "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return".

It is called mortal and vile as in Romans 8:11, "...your mortal bodies..." and in Philippians 3:21, "who shall change our vile body..." But while we live in it, it is being preserved and revitalized by the indwelling Spirit, as stated in Romans 8:11, "...shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you".

It is a known fact that when the soul, in its different areas, is being healed, that the body itself will become healed. For it is the emotional disturbances in the soul that produce the elements that allow the body to come under the attack of sickness and disease.

So let us understand two principles in regards to healing for our bodies. When the soul disturbances are healed, the actual causes of the sickness manifest in the body, are removed, and the body will actually begin to heal itself. Then also, when the soul conditions are healed, the Gifts of Healing and the Discerning of Spirits with the Working of Miracles can be brought into an active operation, which will produce healing and deliverance.

We can now understand why the absolute power of the Holy Spirit, cannot flow freely through our soul and body, and quicken accordingly to Romans 8:11, "If the Spirit of him that raised Jesus from the dead dwell In you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you."

With the free flowing of the Holy Spirit through our being, we can then be quickened, and preserved in spirit, soul and body, as stated in 1 Thessalonians 5:23, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly, and I pray God, your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ".

The word "preserved" means "sound and complete wholeness". Then verse 24, "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it".

To conclude, we can say, never accept sickness, or disease as being altogether physical except in the case of accident or some other related cause.

Then we must remember that not everyone who comes for ministry, will be able to give detailed answers for their own problems.

Many people forget the many things relating to the past, but yet it is these things that are causing them the trouble, that they are now having, although they cannot remember them. So it is necessary for those who pray for the healing or the deliverance, to learn to receive the necessary revelation, that will produce the right kind of discernment.

So, if the counseling does not produce any evidence of the problem, then hands must be laid upon the one needing prayer. This will bring us in contact with the problem, and stir up your Gift of the Word of Knowledge or Discerning of Spirits.

If there is more than one person praying or laying on of hands, each may receive a portion of revelation, which must be given forth, until a complete insight into the problem has been received. Then when the problem has been revealed, then the type of spirits can be properly discerned and the right kind of confessions, or whatever is needed, can be brought forth, from the one needing prayer. It is always a good thing to explain to the person what their problems are, and what is taking place in their lives.

In the case of sickness and disease, where no spirits are involved, the cause of the sickness, or the disease, can be uncovered and dealt with, in the same manner. Then the Gift of Healing can be applied.

Then finally we must understand, that counseling and praying for people in the sense we have described, is not always the answer. There are many believers who need only to apply the principle of projecting into their own beings, the principles of a complete wholeness in Christ. The scripture relates the fact that we are complete in Christ, Colossians 2:10, "And ye are complete in Him".

And we now have an active Sonship, 1 John 3:1-2, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God..." In Him we have redemption and the forgiveness of sins and healing for our bodies. Matthew 8:17, "That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the Prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses". Colossians 1:13, "who has delivered us from the powers of darkness and translated us into the kingdom of his dear son". Ephesians 2:6, "And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus". Colossians 3:1, "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God", who hath given us a complete salvation in Christ.

Romans 8:29-30, "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the first born among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified".

Some believers still accept themselves, as what they were, or are in their present failures and defeats. They must understand that all that area of our lives has been done away with, in Christ. We are new creations. Old things are passed away, behold all things are new, 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new".

So in most cases, health can become an attitude. A position we take in our acceptance of a completed

salvation. This will bring about a wholeness in our being by accepting all that has been provided for us. As we release the inner man through our being, then the inner man, controlled by the Holy Spirit, will give our minds the right principle of thought and we will become renewed in the Spirit of our minds. Ephesians 4:23-24, “And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.” In this way the inner spirit will control our minds and this will conform our whole being.

Healing
Book 4
QUESTIONS: LESSON 7

1. Explain the term "regeneration" and what takes place.
2. How does this new nature relate to Sonship? Give scripture.
3. When is man's spirit healed?
4. Why can Satan not touch our inner spirit?
5. What will the Holy Spirit produce through us if all the hindrances are removed?
6. What are two principle faculties of the inner spirit controlled by the Holy Spirit?
7. Explain how intercession affects us.
8. Explain how "calling down the power" hinders spiritual outflow.
9. Explain "soul healing" from Luke 4:18.
10. What is the percentage given by Medical Science of sickness and disease being caused by emotional stress?
11. What are the main faculties of soul and how do they work?
12. Explain the results when the body and soul are dominated by the flesh and how it can be remedied.
13. How can environment damage the soul and how can it be remedied and healed?
14. Explain traumatic experiences and how they affect us?
15. Explain how there is healing for inherited tendencies and give a scripture.
16. How does education bring a person into bondage?
17. In most cases what produces the elements that allow the body to come under attack of sickness and disease?
18. What are the two principles we need to understand in regards to healing for our bodies?
19. Why is it necessary for those who pray for the sick or bring deliverance to learn to receive revelation and discernment?
20. Is it a good thing to explain to the person what their problems are and what is taking place in their lives?
21. Explain how we are new creatures in regards to the past, present, and what it has to do with healing for us.
22. When we release the inner man through our being what will be the result?