

XLIII. WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS
LESSON FORTY-THREE
... HEALING/HEALTH

INTRODUCTION

In this lesson, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we want to develop a Scriptural foundation and understanding concerning HEALING/HEALTH. In this area there is much confusion, unbelief, and lack of Biblical truth and understanding. As a result of this confusion, unbelief, and lack of Biblical knowledge many of God's children are in the throes of sickness. They are prisoners of satan and need to be set free/delivered from the chains of sickness, disease, and infirmity.

The confusion/misunderstanding concerning the Biblical concept of health ranges from one extreme to the other.

Some teach/believe that a believer should be able to walk in perfect health and never experience any sickness. On the other extreme it is taught/believed that sickness glorifies God.

The KEY which opens the door to a Biblical understanding of healing is 3 John, verse 2. This passage clearly expresses God's heart concerning health and at the same time puts conditions on His hearts desires for His children being unconditionally blessed with health.

3 John 2, "Beloved, I wish above all things (it is my earnest desire) that thou mayest prosper and be in HEALTH, even as thy soul prospereth."

From the above Scripture:

What is God's heart in this matter of health FOR His children?

What is the condition for God's heart desire to be done?

This expressed desire of God's heart is, also, seen in Psalm 81:8-16. This Scripture, also, gives us insight/understanding/discernment as to what it means for our soul to be prospering.

Psalm 81:8-16 and other Scriptures answers the question: When is the believer's soul prospering?

Psalm 81:8-16

Deuteronomy 28:1-2

John 2:5

Conclusions: From the above Scriptures we may conclude/ discern that,

1. the Heart of our Father God is to bless His children with health and to prosper them with His best;

2. we may discern that this blessing will become a reality in the believer's life in direct proportion to the prospering of his soul;
3. we discern/understand the degree to which our soul is prospering is evidenced by how carefully we are listening to God's Word, and likewise then, how carefully we are doing what God in His Word tells us to do.

Therefore, the more carefully we are listening to the voice of God through His Word and the more carefully we are observing to do everything that He tells us to do the more He will bless us with health.

DIVINE HEALING/HEALTH

BIBLE PRINCIPLES/TRUTHS CONCERNING HEALING

What is the Bible principle concerning Healing/Health from the following Scriptures?

Genesis 20:17

Exodus 15:26

Psalms 30:2

Psalms 103:3

Psalms 107:20

Malachi 4:2

Conclusions: The Bible principle is: We pray...God heals.

The following Scriptures establish another Bible principle concerning healing: What is it?

Psalms 129:3

Isaiah 50:5-6

Isaiah 53:6

Matthew 8:17

Galatians 3:13

1 Peter 2:24

Isaiah 12:3

Conclusions: The Bible principle is: Provision for Healing and Health was made at Calvary in the Sacrificial death of Jesus, the Lamb of God.

A third Bible principle which relates to healing is seen in these Scriptures. What is it?

Matthew 4:24

Matthew 8:17

Matthew 9:35

Mark 6:65-56

Matthew 28:20

Hebrews 13:8

Malachi 3:6

Acts 10:34

Conclusions: The Bible principle is: Since Healing was an important part of Jesus' ministry before Calvary, Healing is still an important part of His ministry today.

A fourth Bible principle concerning Healing is seen in these Bible Passages. What is it?

Matthew 8:10

Matthew 9:2

Matthew 9:22

Matthew 9:29

Matthew 15:28

Mark 10:52

Luke 17:19

Acts 3:16

Romans 12:3

Mark 9:23-24

Conclusions: The Bible principle is: Healing is through faith in the name of Jesus on the part of the one who needs healing or through the faith of one who stands in for him.

COVENANTS OF HEALING

There are FIVE covenants of healing in the New Testament. From these Scriptures identify them.

1. **Matthew 15:26**
2. **Mark 16:15-18**
3. **1 Corinthians 12:9**
4. **James 5:14-15**
5. **James 5:16**

Conclusions: We would note from the above Scriptures that the covenants of healing are:

1. healing is the daily bread of the believer;
2. laying hands on the sick is included in the Great Commission;
3. super-natural gifts of healing;
4. the prayer of faith by the Elders of the Church; and
5. praying for one another brings healing to ones self.

RESPONSE TO THE TRUTH

As we have seen God desires above all things that we, His own dear children prosper and be in HEALTH, even as our soul prospers. Therefore lets take to heart the Words of God as recorded in Deuteronomy 28:1-2, so that God's desire may become a reality in our lives.

Deuteronomy 28:1-2, "And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all His commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth; and all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God."

Also hear and receive by faith the Word of God as recorded in 2 Corinthians 1:20.

"For all the promise of God in Him are yea, and in Him Amen, unto the glory of God by us."

Amen!! Thank you Jesus!!