



Healing # 13

Hello everyone. Welcome to “Notes from the Presence.” We have been exploring the subject of healing in a series of articles, focussing on the way in which Jesus healed the sick. Jesus loved to heal people and today, we will discover how He also loves to activate others to heal the sick. This will complete our discussion of eight thoughts on the healing ministry of Jesus.

Here is some scripture to get us started:

Luke 9:1-2, 6, 10 And He called the twelve together, and gave them power and authority over all the demons and to heal diseases. And He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to perform healing. Departing, they began going throughout the villages, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere. When the apostles returned, they gave an account to Him of all that they had done.

Here we find the story of Jesus on a healing and teaching tour through northern Israel. Seeing a massive need for healing and deliverance, He decided to enlist some help. After gathering His disciples together, He gave them some teaching on how heal the sick and cast out demons. Matthew's account of the same story adds raising the dead and cleansing lepers into the mix. Jesus then gave them "authority" and then sent them out to do the exact thing He had been doing.

A bit later, in Luke 10, Jesus commissioned 70 other people to the healing and deliverance ministry, sending them out in pairs. The following description is the result:

Luke 10:17-19, 21 The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.” And He said to them, “I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and

scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you." At that very time He rejoiced greatly in the Holy Spirit.

Notice how excited Jesus was at the results of the seventy kingdom workers. It says "He rejoiced greatly in the Holy Spirit." Blogging friends, Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He still rejoices whenever we, His "now" workers, do the same works as He did. This is the very reason He came to earth ... to reveal the heart of the Father, and central to the heart of the Father is to heal, restore, and set free. I would like to make a bold statement today ... we are not disciples of Jesus if we do not do the same works that He did. Healing is an essential part of being like Jesus. It was a huge part of His life and it needs to be a huge part of ours as well.

This next scripture verse is written in context right after Jesus was raised from the dead. The disciples were cowering in a room with the doors locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus then appeared in the middle of the room proclaiming peace to them and showing them the scars in His hands and side. The disciples were filled with joy and Jesus spoke these very important words to them:

John 20: 21-22 "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them (His disciples) and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Here are a few other translations of the key phrase quoted above:

NIV - *"Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."*

NCV - *"Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, I now send you."*

JUB - *"Peace be unto you; as my Father has sent me, even so send I you."*

AMP - *"Peace to you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you [as My representatives]."*

ESV - *"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."*

In my opinion, this little phrase is one of the most powerful statements in the bible. It has been used and abused, watered down, and dismissed in many valiant theological ways over the years. However, it speaks a simple and direct truth. The Father sent Jesus out to heal the sick, raise the dead, proclaim the kingdom, deliver people from demons, and cleanse the lepers. Jesus did the works of the Father (including healing the sick) through the Holy Spirit who was both "in Him," and also "upon Him." It is no accident that immediately after sending the disciples out as He had been sent, Jesus breathed on them, imparting to them the Holy Spirit. Once the disciples had the same Spirit upon them, there was nothing stopping them from doing the same things Jesus had done. In

fact, Jesus commissioned and sent them to do exactly as He had done. To us He also says: "Be ye therefore imitators of Christ."

Friends, I only have one question for us today. Do we also have the same Holy Spirit in and upon us? The simple answer is yes! We then have also been sent by Jesus as the Father sent Him. When the devil looks at us here on earth, he can tell no difference between us and Jesus. We have the same authority handed down to us, the same anointing upon us, and we are hidden in Christ. We desperately need to re-think how we see ourselves.

Here is one more verse to end with today:

1 John 4:17 *As He (Jesus) is, so also are we in this world.*

In the New Birth, we honestly have little idea how much like Jesus we really have been made. I am inviting, you, my blog readers on a quest today to discover the power we have been given to set people free in every way. This power includes healing the sick.

Thanks for reading. Jesus is real and He has sent us, just as He was sent.