



Healing # 14

Hello everyone. Welcome to “Notes from the Presence.” We have been talking about the subject of healing. We began by exploring personal aspects of healing. Then we did a study on the healing ministry of Jesus. My hope has been that we would discover some secrets to staying well and also some keys to release healing in others. Today, I would like to wrap up this series by talking about the ultimate source of life.

Life is a funny thing. It is both strong at times and extremely fragile at others. My grandma was 98 years old before she finally passed away a few years ago. One thing that constantly amazed me about her was the strength of her life force. Even at nearly 100 years old, her body practically refused to die. She outlived all of the doctors evaluations; she defied every estimation of how long she was supposed to live. In the end, it seemed as if she simply decided not to live any more and so she went home to be with the Lord.

On the other hand, I have seen life in it's most fragile moments. We have had a couple of tragic motor vehicle accidents in our family, suddenly claiming the lives of dear loved ones. We just had an 8 year old boy in our church involved in an ATV accident. He is now in hospital with severe injuries. I have also seen much devastating sickness and disease in my lifetime. When you work in a church setting, it seems as if there is a never ending stream of heartbreaking disaster right around the corner. I have also had a multitude of personal health struggles in my lifetime.

The bottom line is this: we live in a cursed world. The curse came because of us - we invited it to be our ever-constant partner. It is much like a bad marriage that, without Jesus, we have no hope of escaping while alive here on this earth. It affects all areas of life - health, finances, well being, environmental, and social. We, as humans, struggle against it all of our lives. However, I would not be speaking truth if I didn't proclaim

boldly that Jesus made a way for us to live above the curse of this earth. Have I found this place of 100% protection? No, but that doesn't change the facts.

Have you ever wondered why there is no record of Jesus ever being sick? Might it be because He walked a road in life that allowed Him to live above the line of the curse? One thing that has always bothered me theologically is when people set Jesus up as an unreachable standard when it comes to His life as the son of man. Jesus didn't come to live an unreachable life. He came to set an example for us to follow. He set aside any advantage He could have had as God, and came to earth clothed in flesh, being found in the likeness of men. (Philippians 2:5-8) His body was real and fragile, prone to sickness and accident, pain, disease, and disaster. Yet, He managed to avoid all of these pitfalls. If Jesus was able to find this place, then there is hope that I also might find it. In fact, I will never give up searching for it, and also looking for ways to release it on my sphere of influence as long as I am alive.

What I would really like to focus in on today is what I consider to be the ultimate source of life. In my estimation, Jesus was tapped into this source, thus the reason for Him never being sick. The ultimate source of life is the glory of God. You see, back in the beginning of our world, the glory of God was present in our atmosphere. There are scriptures that speak of the glory of God eventually covering the earth like the waters cover the sea. It was God's design from the start that our earth be enveloped in His glory. The tree of life was saturated with this glory. Adam and Eve were covered with glory from head to toe. In this state, they were never sick and in fact lived for hundreds of years. When they sinned, the glory covering left, and eventually dwindled down on our earth to the place where our life spans are only a fraction of what they were meant to be.

So what do I know about the glory of God? Well, one thing is for certain, no sickness can stand in its path. It is the ultimate regenerative force in our universe. Whenever the glory of God is present, sickness, disease, bodily malfunctions, mutations, mental health issues, deformities, and death of any kind simply cease to exist. They all melt at the presence of the glory. The glory is actually the atmosphere of heaven and we know that in heaven there is no sickness at all. It is light charged with life. God is made out of light - He is a being of light and love (God is light and in Him there is no darkness - 1 John 1:5). Light is the corner stone of the foundation of our world. The light that emanates from God is His glory. It is both visible and thick and it is saturated with life. It is revealed in many ways here on earth but it has four main manifestations - the glory, God's presence, His goodness, and God's countenance.

I would like to invite you today into an encounter with the ultimate life force of our universe - the presence of God. How do we find this glory? It is found in His word, in

prayer, in communion (as in the bread and wine), in worship, and in encounters with heavenly places. It is also the essence of the person of the Holy Spirit and it is substance of the anointing. There is no shortcut to the discovery of the river of life. It is found in the secret place, in rest, and in trust. There is no glory found in frustration or striving. It is found in seeking God's face. The glory of God emanates from His face so when He asks us to seek His face, He is actually inviting us to experience His glory.

Friends, if we wish to stay well, we need to stay tapped into this source of life - the glory of God. Also, if we wish heal others, we need to learn how to release this same glory.

The bottom line of this entire series is this: find the source of God's glory in your life, and you will discover a place where no curse can reach you. The curse flees at the presence of God. No sickness or death can exist in the atmosphere of heaven.

My constant prayer: let it be on earth as it is in heaven. Show me Your glory Father God. Let me live with Your glory saturated both in and upon me. Show me how to release Your glory here on earth upon my fellow planet-mates in order to break the curse and cause life to spring forth. Amen.

Thanks for reading. Jesus is real and we have seen His glory (John 1:14).