



Healing # 2

Hello everyone. Welcome to “Notes from the Presence.” I have a special passion for the subject of healing, one that has come from years of standing for my own health and a history of praying for many people to receive healing. This goes for both my christian and non-believing friends as I find that God's healing power is at its best when people don't even know Him.

I would like to start with another healing testimony. The one I posted in my last article was instant, this one today took a lot of persistence. A few years ago Adeline and I went to Hawaii for a vacation. On the last day of our vacation, Adeline got very sick. I was actually concerned that I might not even get her home, but we managed to get her on the plane and back to Canada. What ensued were 2 years of hell - severe vertigo, nausea, headaches, and aching all over her body. We took her to doctor after doctor, and they did test after test. They tested for everything from aids to MS, they did scans, they put scopes up and down her, tested for brain tumours, and tested for viruses. I recall one round of tests alone consisting of over 40 tests. She also went to a naturopathic doctor, all to no avail. She would get up dizzy, spend the day exhausted, and go to bed at 6:30 PM dizzy. This went on for months on end. However, if there is one thing about my dear wife, she is a lady of faith and to her credit, she never gave up.

We, of course prayed, but it didn't seem to offer any relief so we decided to change our strategy. We began listening to worship music at night when we went to bed. We would listen and worship until the presence of God was in the room, and then we would wait in the presence together. I would lay my hands on her and release the glory of the presence and healing into her. We did this consistently for month after month as there was really little more we could do. After a few months, God gave Adeline a vision of 6 healing angels stationed around the bed and so we began to release and commission them to bring healing every night into the room. She would also spend time each night entreating the Holy Spirit to work in her body, going in and out of every cell, bringing healing and

wholeness. I can't emphasize enough how patient she was and how persistent her professions of faith were. She was unfazeable.

A great source of joy in my life is to spend considerable time with God. Oftentimes I will feel a heavy weight of God's glory on and around me when I worship and wait on Him. During this season, whenever I would feel this glory, immediately I would go and lay my hands on Adeline and release it into her body, soul, and spirit. We didn't waste one drop of glory during those two years ... it all went towards the healing process in my dear wife. We stood on God's word, worshipped, released healing and glory, and agreed together for almost two years before we finally got our breakthrough. In the end, the healing came just as suddenly as the sickness struck. One day, it was suddenly gone, absolutely no trace remained, and she has been bounding around like Adeline does ever since.

In pondering situations of sickness over the years, I have come to realize that each and every sickness is unique. Each one has a key to breakthrough and it is different every time. I have read through the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John countless times, focussing on the healing ministry of Jesus. It seems like the key to Jesus' success in healing the sick was discerning what would unlock the key for each specific breakthrough. He knew if the sickness was directly caused by a demonic spirit of infirmity, or if it was induced by the resident curse on our earth, or if it was caused by some other factor. Then, He would do something strange, something to induce faith and release the healing. It might be spitting on the ground, putting a finger in a deaf ear, or speaking a word - each time it was different. These actions, combined with the presence and anointing of God surrounding Him released healing in everyone that came to Him. There is not one record in the bible of someone coming to Jesus and going away empty handed when it came to healing. In fact, in several places it says "He healed 'all' who were ill."

I would like to add at this time that Jesus came to reveal the heart of the Father to us. We can rest assured that it is the will of the Father to heal all who are ill. Jesus is perfect theology. He perfectly illustrated God's will for our world. There is never a time when God's will is not to heal. God is, in fact, passionate about healing. He is a healing God.

Last article we quoted a scripture passage out of Isaiah 53 that talked about Jesus on the cross and what He did to provide healing for us. Today, I would like to post another similar passage. In fact, Matthew is quoting the scripture we posted last week and it reads like this:

Matthew 8:14-17 *When Jesus came into Peter's home, He saw his mother-in-law lying sick in bed with a fever. He touched her hand, and the fever left her; and she got up and waited on Him. When evening came, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed; and He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were ill. This was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet: "He Himself took our infirmities and carried away our diseases."*

Here, once again, is the Isaiah passage being quoted:

Isaiah 53:4 *It was certainly our sickness that he carried, and our sufferings that he bore.*

Here is one more verse that describes Jesus' mission:

Acts 10:38 *You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.*

Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and power, and He went about doing good. This description is significant because the nature of our Father is good and Jesus was representing His nature. He also went about healing "all" who were "oppressed by the devil" - another representation of the nature of our heavenly Father. Furthermore, in this passage we see the root cause of all sickness - oppression from the devil. Sickness, disease, and every other namable bodily disfunction is brought about by the devil, not God. Like I stated a few weeks ago - if it is bad, it is from the devil, if it is good, it is from God. The sad truth is that we, as humans have not pursued the Holy Spirit anointing and power sufficient to break off these oppressions. In fact, vast cross-sections of the body of Christ don't believe it even exists theologically, and few have dedicated their lives to living under this kind of anointing. As a result, our churches sit full of sick, oppressed people with little hope in sight. We don't seem to understand that Jesus did not come to set a standard that none of us could reach. He instead came as the son of man, laying down His heavenly mantle. Then, existing in the realm of men, He modelled a life that is accessible for each and every one who would believe on Him. We have access to the same Holy Spirit anointing and power that Jesus did. I for one have been praying as of late - God, give me more at any cost. I dedicate the rest of my days to find the place of anointing and presence necessary to break the yokes of bondage being imposed on my brothers and sisters by the devil and his oppressions. I give you my life for this purpose Lord - amen. My hope today is that you would find the courage to pray the same prayer.

Thanks for reading. Jesus is real and His stripes were enough.

