



Healing # 5

Hello everyone. Welcome to "Notes From The Presence." For the past several articles now we have been talking about healing, a subject dear to my heart. I believe that Jesus' stripes have made a way for us to be healed as surely as His blood has made a way for our sins to be forgiven.

Today, I would like to begin with another healing story. This one is unique in that it was a totally non-believing person who was healed. A few years ago, my wife, had an acquaintance at work with a disorder in her blood. It had been with her since she was a child and it had kept her from having a baby, something which she and her husband desperately wanted. She was on medication to control it and if she didn't take her medication for even a day or two she would become very ill. One day my wife mentioned to her that I (her husband) was a minister (thanks dear!!!) and that we could pray for her to be healed if she wanted. To her surprise, the workmate agreed to come over to our house for a healing prayer.

I remember well the afternoon that our friend came to our house. I had been praying during the day and felt the Holy Spirit wanted to tell her that she was actually a child of Abraham (she was Iranian) and that God was really good at healing people so they could have babies (as in Abraham and Sarah). She sat down on our couch (which we had pre-anointed with oil) and I asked her a few questions and told her about Abraham and Sarah, mentioning that she was a blood daughter of Abraham. In particular, I asked her if she would mind if we prayed in the name of Jesus to which she responded, "that would be fine." I also asked if we could put our hand on her shoulder as we prayed and she said that would be OK. When we got ready to pray she asked, "what shall I do?" we said, "just pretend like someone is going to give you a gift." She immediately put her hands out open on her lap and said, "is this OK?" "That is perfect!" we exclaimed, and we started to pray.

We simply asked our Father God to heal her in Jesus name and take away the condition that was afflicting her. I could almost feel the healing power of the Holy Spirit enter her body, it was so strong and tangible on her. Almost right away, our friend started to heat up like a hot water bottle. She said, "I don't know why I am sweating right now." We waited for a few minutes as the Holy Spirit worked on her and then I instructed her to go back to her doctor and have the condition re-checked. I was almost certain a miracle had happened. However, she did not listen to me. Instead, she did something which I strongly do NOT recommend. The next day, she went off her medication cold turkey. To this day she has had absolutely no need for her medication.

I mentioned a few weeks ago that the healing power of the Holy Spirit is at it's very best outside of the church, in settings where people are afflicted and oppressed. I have a group of friends who are quite Jesus crazy. Together we have prayed for people in parking lots, at Walmart, in shopping malls, and on street corners. Wherever we are, Jesus is with us and in us. I find that Jesus delights in touching and healing people who know nothing about Him. However, the strangest part is that many times, it doesn't translate into that person becoming a follower of Jesus. It is just like our Lord to heal with absolutely no agenda - just because He loves them so much. Whether a believer or an atheist - it is Jesus heart to heal all who are ill.

Today, I would like to leave you with some scripture that speaks directly of our healing covenant with our Father God. These verses are found in the Old Testament - in Psalms, Proverbs, and the Prophets. They are some of my favourite passages in the bible. Let them build faith and confidence in you that God is for you, He has a healing plan for your life, and that His will is for you to be healed.

Psalm 103:1-3 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget none of His benefits; Who pardons all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases (notice the word "all" in these verses!)

Psalm 107:19-20 Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble; He saved them out of their distresses. He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

Psalm 118:17 I will not die, but live, and tell of the works of the Lord.

Proverbs 3:7-8 Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your body and refreshment to your bones.

Proverbs 4:20-22 *My son (daughter), give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your sight; keep them in the midst of your heart. For they are life to those who find them and health to all their body.*

Proverbs 14:27,30 *The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life. A tranquil heart is life to the body.*

Isaiah 33:24 (this verse is speaking of those who reside in Zion - the worshipping community of our God) *And no resident will say, "I am sick," the people who dwell there will be forgiven their iniquity.*

Jeremiah 30:17 *"For I will restore you to health and I will heal you of your wounds," declares the Lord.*

Malachi 4:2 *But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings; and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall.*

Thank you Jesus for Your healing balm. Father God, I pray right now that You will release the healing power of Jesus' stripes into "all" my readers today. Let it go into every place where they need a physical touch from You and bring wholeness, in Jesus name ... Amen.

Thanks for reading. Jesus is real and He has made us whole.