

I. HEALING IS NOT JUST ONE OF THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT.

Scripture reveals that one of the chief functions of healing ministry under the New Covenant is to accompany the preaching of the gospel in power. Healing is a disclosure/revelation of God's mercy and power to both the saved and unsaved. Therefore, healing is not just one of the gifts of the Spirit; it is part of the kingdom message itself. Given that MESSAGE and MINISTRY go together, we can see that God heals for two reasons:

(a) God heals the UNSAVED (unbelievers) as a proclamation (confirmation, witness) that He is in a divine covenant with humanity through Christ and the Cross of Christ Jesus. Unbelievers are healed to show and prove that God has a covenant with believers and also as a self-disclosure of His nature (His love, grace, mercy).

(b) God heals the SAVED (believers) under the terms of covenant with His people—"The Covenant of Healing". Christians walk in divine health when they obey the laws of the covenant. For the believer (Christian), a breach of the covenant (covenant breach) or sin in their lives, will open the door to sickness. The "Covenant of Healing" (with believers) is therefore, like all God-with-Man covenants, except the covenant of Salvation, conditional:

"And He said, "If you will give earnest heed to the voice of the LORD your God, and do what is right in His sight, and give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have put on the Egyptians; for I, the LORD, am your healer." (Exodus 15:26)

"Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much."
(James 5:16)

In summary, the healing ministry is a principal tool meant to be used alongside preaching God's Kingdom. Healing reveals God those who don't know God. Healing also confirms His covenant with and to the people of God.

[**Matthew...** 4:23; 9:35-36; 10:1, 7-8; 11:5; 12:15, 18; 15:30; 19:2 (cf. Mark. 10:1); 21:14 (cf. Luke 21:37)]

[**Mark...** 1: 38-39; 2:2, 11; 3:14-15; 6:12-13; 10:1 (cf. Matthew. 19:2)]

[**Luke...** 4:18; 5:17, 24; 6:6-11, 17-18; 7:22; 9:1-2; 10:9, 13; 13:10-13, 22, 32; 14:4, 7ff.; 21:37 (cf. Matthew 21:14); 16:15-18, 20]

[**John...** 3:2; 7:14-15, 21-23, 31, 38; 10:25, 32, 38; 12:37, 49; 14:10, 12]

[**Acts...** 1:1; 2:22; 3:6, 12; 4:29-30; 5:12-16, 20-21, 28, 42; 6:8, 10; 8:4-7, 12; 9:17-18 (cf. 22:13), 34-35; 10:38; 14:3, 8-10, 15ff.; 15:12, 36; 18:5, 11 (cf. 2 Corinthians 12:12; 2 Corinthians 2:4-5); 19:8-12]

[Others ... Romans 15:18-19; 1 Corinthians 2:4-5; 11:1; 12:1-11, 28-31; 14:22-25; 2 Corinthians 12:12; Galatians 3:5; Philippians 4:9; 1 Thessalonians 1:5-6; Hebrews 2:3-4; 6:1-2; James 5:13-16]

II. SIX STEPS FOR RELEASING THE LORD'S HEALING GRACE THROUGH PRAYER

Methods, procedures and techniques do not heal. Jesus heals! Nonetheless there are some practical steps found in Scripture to facilitate the release of the Lord's healing grace:

- (1) ... Fix Your Eye On Jesus.
- (2) ... Invite the Holy Spirit's Healing Power Into the Person.
- (3) ... Listen to the Voice of God.
- (4) ... Pray as the Spirit Leads.
- (5) ... Spiritually Appraise for Blockages or Impediments to the Healing.
- (6) ... Release the Healing with a Faith-Vision

III. THE HEALING ANOINTING

The Gospel of Luke reveals Jesus was anointed for five purposes. As "Christians" we too are anointed for these five purposes:

"THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME (#1) TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME (#2) TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES, (#3) AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, (#4) TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED, to (#5) PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD." (Luke 4:18-19, NASB)

(a)... ANOINTING PURPOSE #1: Healing of the Spirit (dealing with repentance and forgiveness)

(#1—"PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR" [in spirit]). Also Matthew 5:3, the first Beatitude.

(1)... Healing, forgiveness, and repentance are interconnected.

[Matthew 9:2; Mark 2:5; Luke 5:20 and 7:47; James. 5:15]

(2)... Forgiveness and repentance are required to complete the healing process.

[Matthew 3:2 and 4:17; Matthew 6:15; Matthew 18:35; Mark 6:12; Mark 11:26; Luke 13:3, 5; James 5:9]

(b)... ANOINTING PURPOSE #2: Healing from the Powers of Darkness
(dealing with release from bondages)

(#2—“*TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES...*”)

[**Matthew**... 8:16; 8:28-33; 10:1,8; 12:22; 12:27-28; 15:22, 28; 17:15]
 [**Mark**... 1:23-26; 1:32,34; 3:10-12; 3:14-15; 3:22; 3:30; 5:1-14; 6:13; 7:25; 9:17-26]
 [**Luke**... 4:23-35; 4:41; 6:18; 7:21; 8:2; 8:27-37; 9:1; 9:28-42; 13:11-13]
 [**Acts**... 5:16; 8:7; 16:16-18; 19:12; 19:13-16]

(c)... ANOINTING PURPOSE #3: Healing of the Body

(#3—“*AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND...*”)

[**Matthew**... 4:23; 8:13, 15-16; 9:6, 28-29, 36; 10:1; 11:5; 12:11, 14:14; 15:28; 20:34]
 [**Mark**... 1:31-32, 41-42; 2:5-9; 5:23, 29, 41-42; 6:5,13,56; 7:34, 37; 8:25; 10:46-52]
 [**Luke**... 4:39-40; 5:12-13, 17-18; 6:8, 19; 7:14-15; 8:47, 55; 9:1; 14:4; 18: 42-43; 22:51]
 [**John**... 4:50; 5:5-8; 9:6-7]
 [**Acts**... 3:1-7; 5:16; 9:33-34, 40; 14:10; 19:12; 28:8]
 [**Also**... Isaiah 53:5; 1 Peter 2:24]

(d)... ANOINTING PURPOSES #4: Healing the Wounded Spirit (dealing with inner healing of emotions, wounds, and hurts)

(#4—“*TO FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED...*”)

[Proverbs 20:27; Isaiah 61:1-3; John 13:21; Psalm 30:5, 11 and 45:7; Ezekiel 11:19 and 18:31; 1 Corinthians 6:20; Psalm 51:10 and 92:10; Ezekiel 36:26-27; 2 Corinthians 4:16 ; Psalm 35:18 and 41:4 Matthew 6:22-23]

(e)... ANOINTING PURPOSE #5: Proclaiming the favorable year of the Lord

(#5—only then (after #1-4) did Christ “*PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD.*”

In the contemporary church oftentimes kingdom priorities are reversed. The number one priority of most people who come for prayer is #3-- healing of their bodies. However God's highest priority is #1-- healing of the spirit (through repentance, confession, forgiveness, reconciliation).

“Is anyone among you sick? Then he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and IF HE HAS COMMITTED SINS, THEY WILL BE FORGIVEN HIM. THEREFORE, CONFESS YOUR SINS TO ONE ANOTHER, and pray for one another so that you may

be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.” (James 5 14-16)

It should be ours too.

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