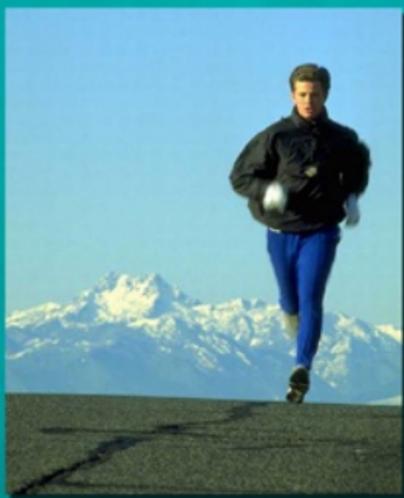


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PREFACE

Sickness is an ugly thing. It destroys joy and life.

God longs so much to give man good things, but so many do not *know* what God has promised us nor do they understand *how to receive* what God is offering them.

Besides the lack of knowledge regarding what God has promised, there is a prevalent lack of understanding regarding our enemy, the devil, and how he works. The best deception that satan has going is that most folks don't even believe that he exists or that he can exercise the kind of dominance in a person's life that he does. Sickness is just one of those evil things he brings. No one

is blessed by it.

People ask, "Can we really live a life of health thru God's Word? " The answer is yes, emphatically, yes. Let me say from the start that we fully recognize the help and blessing the medical community is to mankind. We thank God for the many good doctors that are against sickness and fight it. We are against the same enemy. Many people need assistance from the medical community, and they are just not in a place to receive help solely from God. We simply wish to move them to that place of receiving what God holds out to us in His Word.

My desire is that you would be open enough to really listen to what God says in His Word for yourself, and not go by what someone else told you about it. See for yourself that God does love us so

much that He has provided a means for us to be blessed in every area of life thru His Son Jesus Christ.

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Healings From God Are Obtained Thru Faith

The reason people can expect to be healed if they have some kind of sickness or disease is very simple. Someone might ask, "Well why is that? " The reason it is so simple and people have a right to expect it is because God *wants* man to and has *already provided* for man to live a well life, many just haven't found out yet.

But, if you're ever going to *receive* what God has for you, then you're going to have to *know* what God has for you. For you see, health and healing from God are received *by faith*. For faith to be built to a place necessary to *make it happen*, there must be teaching to the individual from

God's Word.

**17 So then faith comes by hearing
and hearing by the word of God.**

Romans 10:17 NKJV

For faith to be built inside you, enough to *make it actually happen* to you, you will have to study God's Word and His true and steadfast *promises* regarding the issue of health and healing. You will have to inundate yourself with His Word until no doubt of His *willingness or power* can be found.

Consider these clear verses that were spoken by Jesus Himself:

13 "Go; it shall be done for you *as you have believed.*" ...

Matthew 8:13 NASB

22 **"Daughter, take courage; *your faith* has made you well."...**

Matthew 9:22 NASB

29 **"It shall be done to you *according to your faith.*"**

Matthew 9:29 NASB

Notice that Jesus made a correlation between a person's *faith* for any given request and what they actually *wind up* receiving.

In other words, we must be *certain* of what we are asking for...*certain* that He has promised and *certain* that we have received the answer, even before it shows

up if necessary.

Why Some Don't Have Health

I have, for a good many years now, not only been *preaching* that God wants people well and free from sickness, but I have been living and *enjoying* it. It has been my desire to see people everywhere find out what God has done for them so they do not have to live any longer under the devil's yoke of sickness.

For some reason, some folks seem to be plagued with sicknesses or diseases almost their whole life, while others seem to go along most of their life without much illness. Why is that?

Well, I do not know why some folks who do not care about or serve God that much seem to do alright in this area, but I

do know *for certain* that *anyone* who begins to serve Him and *believe this part* of His Word can expect God to heal them. Anyone!

Why? Because He says in His Word that (1) *He wants to, and that* (2) *He will*.

You see, where most people fail to receive in this area (or really *any* area) from God is due to these important reasons:

1. They don't know God *has promised* to do such a thing.
2. They don't know God *wants* to do such a thing.
3. They fail to *believe* His Word more than what they're faced with.
4. They fail to *obey* key aspects of

His Word such as forgiveness, love, following His plan for them, etc.

5. They erroneously believe that if *God wanted* something done, He would have already done it, apart from what *they* may or may not do.

These five reasons are the most important reasons people do not enjoy God's healing and health. But if people will begin to *obey* and *believe* what God has said in His Word, then health and healing will become a reality in their lives. Fact, not fiction.

I will be the first to admit to you that it is difficult to continually believe and act in accordance with all that is required of us in this life by God, but I will also be

the first to tell you that it is worth it.

It is challenging to continually go day after day walking fully in God's Word to the extent necessary to keep the devil out of your backyard so to speak, but the rewards far outweigh the challenge.

Following God's Word and Ways brings blessings and good fruit in every area of life. So though the devil may *challenge* you, remember that you can and will *overcome* him.

Sickness Is From The Devil

The Word of God reveals that satan is the instigator of sickness, *not God*. Two very clear verses in the New Testament tell us this.

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."

Acts 10:38 NASB

16 "And this woman, a daughter of Abraham as she is, whom *satan has bound* for eighteen long

years, should she not have been released from this bond on the Sabbath day?"

Luke 13:16 NASB

Notice who does the *making sick* and who does the *healing*. Don't get God's role in life and the devil's mixed up. They're not "buds" or working on the same team.

Sometimes when Jesus healed people, He merely laid hands upon them; other times, He cast out a spirit. For example, notice these verses.

25 When Jesus saw that a crowd was rapidly gathering, He rebuked the *unclean spirit*, saying to it, "You deaf and mute spirit, I command you, come out of him

and do not enter him again."

Mark 9:25 NASB

29 ..."Because of this answer go; the *demon* has gone out of your daughter."

Mark 7:29 NASB

Notice Jesus never cast *God* out of a person. He always, in cases where the sickness was the result of an evil spirit's presence, cast out *a demon*. He cast out evil spirits, not *God's Spirit*.

So settle the issue; God is not your trouble, *satan is*, either directly or indirectly. God is not making you sick, the devil is. There is much more to say in this area, but sufficient Scripture has already been given to illustrate who's on

whose side. God - good, devil - bad. God on man's side, devil against mankind. Settle this, or don't think for one minute you can go on to receiving healing, because you won't.

God's Will Revealed In His Word

Some people have said to me or to certain ones I am ministering to, "Yes, I know you *want* to be healed, but what if it's not God's *will* to heal you? Don't forget about God's *will*!"

I always get so amazed at people who think they are so wise about God and so versed in the Bible, but every time they open their mouth what they say shouts so loudly, "I don't know a thing about God or the Bible!"

God's will is precisely why we're having faith and courage to believe for healing - because He's *already* fully made it clear what His will towards healing *is*. Faith can only begin where *the*

will of God is known with certainty.

No one could have faith for something they weren't *sure* God wanted them to have. This verse clearly states it.

1 Now faith is the *assurance* of things hoped for, the *conviction* of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1 NASB

How are any of us going to have faith for something we don't know for sure He wants us to have? You can't, for faith is *assurance, conviction, certainty*, of a matter. And that absolute assurance and certainty brings with it a peace and rest that cannot be explained.

3 For we *who have believed* enter that rest...

Hebrews 4:3 NASB

When you *really* believe God, there comes with it an indescribable peace and certainty about the matter.

But the reason we can have faith (or certainty) about a matter is because we check God's Word out thoroughly and we find out what His will is. *God's Word is His will. God's Word is God's will.* If you ever are going to find out what God thinks about any given subject, you're going to have to comb through His Word to get it!

Does God's Word declare that He wants to heal us and keep us well? Absolutely yes.

What God Has Already Said About Your Healing

The Bible declares both what God has said concerning your healing and what He has done concerning our healing. He has *promised* you health if you serve Him only, and He has already *provided* the necessary payment to secure it for you. That payment was His Son Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection!

I am going to list just some of the Scriptures in the Bible that teach healing is *already* God's will for His children. If you're not His child then settle *that first*, for you'll not be able to *receive* His healing until you *receive* His *Son* Jesus into your heart. Then it becomes a legal right for you to receive, if you will but

trust Him.

Read and re-read these verses till your heart is *certain* of it.

15The LORD will remove from you all sickness; and He will not put on you any of the harmful diseases of Egypt which you have known, but He will lay them on all who hate you.

Deuteronomy 7:15 NASB

26 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 NASB

25 "But you shall serve the LORD your God, and He will bless your bread and your water; and I will remove sickness from your midst.

Exodus 23:25 NASB

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget none of His benefits; 3 Who pardons all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases;

Psalm 103:1-3 NASB

17 This was to fulfill what was

spoken through Isaiah the prophet: "HE HIMSELF TOOK OUR INFIRMITIES AND CARRIED AWAY OUR DISEASES."

Matthew 8:17 NASB

24 and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

I Peter 2:24 NASB

34 And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed of your affliction."

Mark 5:34 NASB

29 Then He touched their eyes, saying, "It shall be done to you according to your faith."

Matthew 9:29 NASB

40 And a leper came to Jesus, beseeching Him and falling on his knees before Him, and saying, "If You are willing, You can make me clean." 41 Moved with compassion, Jesus stretched out His hand, and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed."

Mark 1:40-41 NASB

23 Jesus said to him, "If You can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."

Mark 9:23 NKJV

23 "Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be granted him.

24 "Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be granted you.

Mark 11:23-24 NASB

8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Hebrews 13:8 NASB

Maintain Faith In Face Of Adversity

We've already seen how it is satan's job to try to make you sick and even after you are healed, he will return to put back on you whatever he can.

So refuse to let him. Refuse to accept anything he may try to do or *suggest* that is contrary to the known will of God for you. *Healing* is God's will; accept nothing else.

Healing was God's idea anyway, not yours. *You* didn't think of the concept of God healing mankind, *you* didn't write the Bible. It was all *God's* idea given thru *God's* men.

Most folks do not realize to what extent

satan can and does act. They think, "If God *wants* this for me, then why don't I *have* it yet? " They fail to realize the great extent to which satan will fight them to convince them God lies. He will put, *and re-put*, symptoms upon people in an attempt to get them *not* to believe what God has said.

Satan knows better than anyone that it is *believing* and *acting* that brings the healings, so he fights your faith with circumstances, physical feelings, and mental questionings to get your faith off of God's Word of promise and onto what you see.

In fact, the greatest asset to receiving your healing that you can ever learn is this one thing: faith calls and believes those things that are *not* as if they already *are*. You learn that, and satan will be

frustrated *by you* instead of you being frustrated *by him*.

17... God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist *as though they did*;

Romans 4:17 NKJV

The New Testament was originally written in Greek, look at how the Greek language literally states it.

17 ...God, who gives life to the dead and calls the things *not being as being*.

Romans 4:17 Literal

You'll notice in reading this section of Scripture that it is talking about how Abraham acted like the God in Whom he

believed. Abraham believed that he was a father of many nations *before* he ever was one in the natural. He believed and called the things *not being* as *being*.

You'll have to do the same, for you'll have to *believe* God's Word concerning healing before you actually are physically better. That's right, you'll have to *believe* you're well before you are (physically). For we all have to call the things not being as being if we're ever going to see it come to pass.

That's the truth. You will have to learn that, because satan is a master at camouflaging in the *natural* to change your faith in the *supernatural*. Accept what I'm saying *now*, and save yourself a lot of lost time.

Don't Be Set On Receiving A Particular Way

I have ministered healing thru *various* methods God has provided. Don't be set on any one way *you* want it. Let God decide *how* to bring it. You just believe you'll get it.

In almost all of the cases in which we have seen others receive healing thru our ministry, *faith* was *required* on the part of the recipient as well as the minister. Only on one or two occasions have I seen others healed where they did not have faith for healing. Those times were acts of God initiating the healing for reasons known only to Him. The rest of the cases, and there have been many, all had to *exercise faith themselves* along with me.

Some I have been able to get healed by teaching them, others it was thru the laying on of hands with the anointing of the Holy Spirit operating thru me. Still others it was simply speaking the words of faith and getting them to agree in faith with me.

I remember several years ago there was a lady who needed healing and the doctors told her she would need to be on medication. She told me she needed healing, but I didn't know *how* to *approach* the healing. I thought, "Should I lay hands upon her or what?", so I brought it before the Lord.

Well, later in service, as we were all worshipping, the Holy Spirit said to me, "Here's how your going to get Sister M healed; teach the Word. In fact, do it now in this morning's service". So I opened up

the Bible after worship and taught the people a message on healing. She caught it, believed it, and was healed.

Other cases were healed thru laying on of hands with the anointing. For instance, a little girl was having recurrent ear infections, and they were quite severe and painful. The parent's took her to the doctor, and the doctors wanted to put valves in the child's ears. I don't understand all that, that's just what they told me.

Well, they brought the child up in the prayer line and I prayed for her healing laying my hands upon the child. They took the child back to the doctor later, and the doctor amazingly decided she *didn't* need valves anymore. I still see that child from time to time, and she is *still* well and her ears are excellent.

This works not just with "small things", but big things too (none are too big for God). One day I was ministering in the prayer line laying hands on people when I got to a mother I recognized holding her little girl. I didn't know if I was to pray for the mother, the child, or both. As soon as I laid my hand upon the child's head, I felt the power of God rush out of my hand and jump into the child's head. I didn't know what the problem was, and I didn't say anything to the mother just then, but I thought to myself, "There must be something wrong with her head, but she's healed now", and went on down the line praying for others.

After service, the mother came up to me with obvious concern all over her face and explained to me why she was in the healing line. The mother went on to tell

me that the day before (Saturday), their family was at Six Flags. She said that as they were waiting in line to enter a ride at the Amusement Park, she was lovingly rubbing her child's head just waiting to get on the ride.

While she was rubbing the child's head, she felt a large lump or growth on her child's head. She said it so stunned her that she almost blacked out in the line. The child was only about 3 years old. She said, "That's why we were in the line."

Well, until then, I didn't know the mother's side of the story and she didn't know what happened from my end in the prayer line.

So I just told her what happened, how the power jumped out of my hand straight into the child's head. "So", I said, "she's

healed. " The mother began to tell me how her husband worked for a hospital and that he was quite concerned about this too. It could be a tumor, cyst or a few things. I stopped her, and said (I could talk this way to her for she knew I loved her), "I'm not gonna let you tell me anything ... the child's healed", and walked off and left her.

I was certain of it. The mother wasn't on my side of the prayer line, but I was, and I knew what happened; and that in spite of how it may still *look*, the child *was healed*. Healed, not going to be, not maybe so, but was.

I went home that afternoon after service and was praying, not about that child, but just waiting before the Lord when the Holy Spirit spoke to me. He said, "Call the mother and tell her that *I* said, that if

she will *believe it*, that growth will disappear."

I picked up the phone and called her. She answered. I told her what the Lord said, and I *knew* she believed it. The mother had been healed thru our ministry just a couple of years earlier, so she had a measure of confidence both in God's Word and mine. When the mother was healed it looked like there was *no way* she would be, but I told her she would be, and she was. I knew the mother believed this time, so I hung up.

Soon, the mother reported to me that the growth disappeared the next day; there was a 90% reduction *the next day*; the rest over another day. It has been 5 years and it has never come back, and the child is still healthy today.

Incidentally, in case you think God only heals physically and not mental illnesses, this little girl's mother was healed thru our ministry a few years before and was the worst case of depression I had seen in 20 years of praying for people.

She had darkness and suicidal thoughts covering and smothering her to death. She would sit in service with her head bowed and cry the *entire* service, she couldn't even hardly speak. At times she would come into the service and lay *on the floor* weeping the entire service. I told the ushers to just leave her there and I would walk and preach around her. Well, she is totally and completely well today and has a job with a major scholastics book company and is doing fine. She went on to live to see her daughter receive the same miraculous help from God

Almighty.

Many times there are reasons, that aren't so obvious to us, that hinder the manifestations of the healing power of God. I remember there was a man who came for healing who had cancer of the liver. I had laid hands upon him a few times over a period of time, but the cancer just kept right on growing. The doctors were doing the best they could, but they finally decided on surgery.

I didn't know where the trouble was, and I kept praying at times about it. One night at ten minutes till three in the morning, I suddenly woke up. I was what we call "in the Spirit" immediately and the Spirit of God was bringing me revelation concerning this man's case.

I could see in the Spirit that satan had

his heel on this man's throat and was killing him and tormenting him emotionally. I was so moved by what I was seeing, I cried out to the Lord, "Lord! Why can't I help him?" Just as clear as a bell, the Lord spoke back and said, "I told you to cast that demon out of his body, and you *didn't*."

Wow, talk about getting a glass of cold water thrown in your face. You see, I knew as I ministered to the man prior in the healing line that there was a demon present there enforcing the sickness (*sometimes* there is, *most* of the time, *not*). So I laid my hands upon him with the anointing and quietly prayed for healing. I didn't want to make a scene in the prayer line. I just assumed my prayer and the anointing would be enough as it has been so many times, but this time it

wasn't.

When God tells you a *certain* way to bring healing to a case, it won't do any good to exercise a *different* method. If He doesn't say anything, okay. Just pray, believe, and go on. But when He tells you to cast out a spirit, you can't ignore it or try to *just* lay hands on them.

Well, the next time I ministered in the healing line, I called him up and *this time* I cast the demon out with a word of command in the name of Jesus, in *faith*.

Because surgery was being scheduled soon, I told him and his wife to ask the doctors to run some more tests on him *before* they operate. Well, they *tried* to, but the doctors said "No, we already have plenty of tests we've taken over these months." So they went ahead and

performed surgery.

He and his wife both testified to me later, that after the doctors examined what was taken to the lab after surgery, there were absolutely no traces of cancer at all, not even microscopic traces; and now the insurance company was demanding to know why they had performed surgery on a man who had no cancer. God left them all scratching their head, but I knew what happened.

I never said a word to anyone about his healing for over a year; never mentioned it. He is still well and healed today and it's now been 2 years.

I share this with you because I want you to see that you can't pick the method by which the healing comes. Just let God work that out as you believe you *have*

received.

Remember Mark 11:24? The NASB has the tense of the Greek correct, "believe you **have** received". That's past tense. Believe that you **have** already received it before it ever shows up. That's what Jesus said, believe it or not. I trust you will.

24 "Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you *have received* them, and they will be granted you."

Mark 11:24 NASB

As I said, *real faith* will be required of you, or you won't receive. Sometimes people have more confidence in you than they do themselves, but you're going to

have to get faith into them regarding God's Word, or they won't receive (unless they're babes in Christ; God doesn't require as much from them. He usually meets them at the beginner's level).

I remember one couple that was expecting a child came to me all upset because the doctor said the ultrasound images they were taking of the child showed a lump or cyst on the baby's head. Naturally they were quite concerned and contacted me immediately.

She said to me, "The doctor found a lump of some kind on the baby's head, and that this type of lump or cyst is typically associated with chromosomal abnormalities such as Down Syndrome and Trisomy 18 which causes major birth defects." I replied, "So what. There was

one on so and so's head too, and it disappeared."

The mother said to me, "If *you* tell me everything is going to be alright, I'll believe it." I said, "I'm telling you everything is going to be alright. It will disappear." I heard back from them several weeks later; it disappeared.

This dear woman had little confidence in her own obedience to God, but I knew she was a good Christian, walking in all the light she had. I knew God was not going to tell me "no". I knew it. It pays to be faithful and serve God; and if you haven't been, then turn it around and God will bless you.

God Is Full Of Mercy And Forgiveness

He is full of *mercy* and compassion. Mercy means you don't deserve it. Mercy means your obedience has fallen short; that's why you need *mercy*. If you are obedient to God's Word, you can get by on justice, but what about when we *don't* measure up at times. Then you can know that He is full of *mercy* too. We all need it at times - *all of us*.

15 But You, oh Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness and truth.

Psalm 86:15 NASB

8 The LORD is gracious and

merciful; slow to anger and great in lovingkindness. ⁹ The LORD is good to all, and His mercies are over all His works.

Psalm 145:8-9 NASB

If you have not measured up spiritually with God, don't try to sugar coat it; if you're guilty, just admit you are and let Him *forgive* you. He is a *forgiving* God. That means you *have* done something, but He will *forgive* you, if you will honestly ask Him. Forgiveness implies an offense was committed, or you wouldn't have to be forgiven.

⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to *forgive us* our sins and to *cleanse us* from all unrighteousness.

I John 1:9 NASB

Don't let the enemy beat you up over past failures. Let God cleanse you and forgive you, and then move on

I shall never forget the time God spoke to me audibly regarding a certain case needing His help. I heard His voice like a man standing in the room would speak. I won't go into detail about it, but in the course of this time of seeking Him for help on behalf of this couple, He also spoke by His Spirit in a softer voice saying, "Psalm 50." Please read it and don't forget it.

14 "Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and pay your vows to the Most High; 15 Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I shall rescue you, and you will honor

Me."

Psalm 50:14-15 NASB

He *wants* us to call on Him when we face trouble. He loves us so much. He's not holding anything against us, for *He delights* in helping mankind.

Receive His Son Jesus, and with Jesus, you will receive *all* He bought and paid for you. His death and resurrection brought the legal rights for man to be reconciled back to God. Take advantage today of what He did for you almost 2000 years ago. He did it then; make it yours today.

Sometimes It Takes Time For The Word To Dawn On You

I remember how things progressed spiritually in my own life. I was born of the Holy Spirit (born-again) in 1979. I saw what the Word of God actually said regarding God's salvation thru Jesus Christ and the moment I believed with my heart, the Holy Spirit fell upon me for the first time.

It was sometime later that my faith had grown to the place where I was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke with other tongues. I had gone on with God. Others I knew didn't want to; they didn't want this experience, so they never got it.

It was later, after I was filled with the Spirit, actually by June of 1982, that the fullness of faith came to me regarding God's Word and will concerning physical healing for our body. And from that time till now, I have lived in God's health and healing. In fact, the last antibiotic I have had for sickness was June 1982.

Let me stop right here long enough to say that you should make sure that the thing you are seeking God to heal you of is not a result of a lack of physical rest. He will simply wait on you to rest adequately. Some folks are seeking healing for something that only proper rest will fix.

I haven't even been seriously attacked with sickness except on a few occasions, but I always got my healing. But you see, it *took me time to grow spiritually* to the

place that I was certain concerning God's promises of healing. I wasn't surrounded by people who believed this kind of thing.

So if you don't see it right away, don't let that deter you. The light of God's Word will eventually shine in your heart and healing will become a reality.

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