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DIVINE HEALING

Every person who has ever lived upon the face of the earth has been acquainted with sickness, injury or disease. Some people have lived their entire lives under the dominion of some crippling disease. Billions of dollars are spent every year in medicine and research trying to fight sickness and disease. A worldwide network of hospitals and clinics manned by thousands of doctors, surgeons and nurses fight illness night and day, every day, all day. Where did all this sickness come from? Did God intend for man to have to fight off sickness and disease all his life? Has God ignored this problem or has He done something for us? What has He done? All these questions and others are answered in this study.

I. THE PROBLEM OF SICKNESS

To find out where sickness came from, we must turn back to God's record of the beginning of life and creation of man. Read Genesis 1:27-31 and answer the following four questions.

1. What pattern did God use to create man? _____
2. If man was created in the very image of God, do you think sickness was a part of His creation of man? _____
3. What position was man given over all other forms of life? _____

This place of dominion over all other forms of life would include any bacteria, viruses, or other disease-carrying insects or organisms.

4. When God looked over all creation, what was His evaluation of all His works? _____

We can see that man was created a perfect being. Sin, sickness and death were never meant to be a part of life for man. Turn to the tragic account of man's fall from God and from his high position as the one created in the image of God. This account is found in Genesis chapter three.

5. What would happen if Adam or his wife disobeyed God? Gen. 3:3,4 _____

The Lord said they would die if they were to disobey the one command He gave. There are actually two deaths man experiences: spiritual and physical. Adam and his wife, Eve, experienced both deaths as immediate results of disobeying God. We can see that spiritual death immediately set in as their relationship with God was broken down, and suddenly they were afraid of God.

6. What did Adam and Eve do after they sinned and the Lord drew near to them? Genesis 3:6-8 _____

7. What caused this spiritual death or separation between God and man? Isa. 59:1,2 _____

8. What does Ephesians 2:1 say that our condition is before salvation? _____

Also, at the time of man's fall from God, physical death and corruption entered into the very bloodstream of man.

9. What did God say would happen to the physical body of man? Genesis 3:19 _____

10. Write out the meaning of Romans 5:12. _____

- From the moment sin entered in until now, every person faces and experiences death.
11. What does Hebrews 9:27 say? _____

Man was originally created to live forever in the holiness and fear of God. But with the entrance of sin came spiritual and physical corruption. With physical corruption came sickness, disease, illness and the process of aging. Disobeying God left the door open for all the mental, emotional, and physical corruption of the devil. (Acts 10:38) The devil himself is a fallen angel who is guilty of disobedience to God and seeks to corrupt others. (I Peter 5:8) Read Isaiah 1:2-7. The author is speaking to the nation of Israel; however, it is a picture of any nation or people who rebel against God and ultimately is a picture of the entire human race having rebelled and turned away from God. Observe how spiritual and physical corruption are linked so closely as the result of sin.

12. From Isaiah 1:5,6 list three of the things mentioned about physical corruption.
- a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____

Also read Psalm 38:3-10 and note the condition of fallen man. Answer the following three questions from this passage.

13. What is the reason for no soundness in our flesh and no rest (health)? _____

14. What is man's heavy burden in life that has caused all sorrow and pain? _____
15. What happens to our strength as we grow older? _____

In verse seven the cry is "my loins are filled with a loathsome disease". The loins represent the very center of man's physical being. Out of humanity has come every possible "loathsome disease". Hospitals, sanitariums and institutions are overflowing with the by-products of man's sin and disobedience to God. There are diseases of every possible organ in the human body including mental and emotional disorders, diseases of the heart, liver, lungs, blood, bones, skin, kidneys, stomach, blood vessels, muscles, nerves, glands, etc., etc. The list is endless. Man is still at work night and day classifying and researching new diseases and disorders in the human body. All this entered in when man left his place of dominion over the earth and humble submission to God. What a great price man has paid for his rebellion and indifference toward the God who created him!

BUT GOD IS NOT INDIFFERENT TO MAN. God has not left man to suffer the effects of disobedience and sin. Some people will say that the Lord has forgiven sin and destroyed the curse of death but has left us to suffer sickness. Praise our God that this is not true! Jesus Christ came to set us free from every destructive and hurtful effect of the fall of man.

Turn to Psalm 103 and read this wonderful psalm of praise. Answer the next four questions from Psalm 103:1-5.

16. What does David say he should not forget? _____
17. What are the two benefits of the Lord that he mentions? _____

18. How many iniquities will He forgive and how many diseases will He heal? _____
19. From what has He redeemed our life? _____

II. JESUS AS OUR SUBSTITUTE

In order to redeem our life from all manner of destruction, physical or spiritual, the Lord Jesus Christ had to become our substitute and take upon Himself all the sins and sufferings of mankind. This was the price for our freedom. God is a just God and therefore would not lightly excuse away our sin, but rather He suffered and died to pay the full penalty Himself. Read the great prophecy of Isaiah 53. This is a well-known passage describing Jesus Christ as our substitute for all the hurts and ills of mankind.

20. What two things in Isaiah 53:4 did Jesus bear or carry **for** us? _____

Isaiah 53:5 mentions three different effects of sin upon the human race that affect us in three different areas: spiritual, emotional and physical. Answer the next three questions from this verse.

21. Spiritually, our problem is the iniquity and the transgressions of our soul. What did the Lord do about this? _____
22. Emotionally, man must have peace within himself. The Lord knew that sin would bring worry, loneliness, fear, bitterness, etc., that would take peace from our hearts. What did the Lord take to make sure we could have peace? _____

23. Physically, we would need healing for our bodies. What was it Jesus took for our healing? _____

The stripes refer to the physical beating with a whip that was part of the punishment given to a criminal. See Deuteronomy 25:2,3. In the mind of the Lord, He purposely gave Himself to this physical beating to suffer and pay the price for our physical needs for health and freedom from illness and disease.

24. Read I Peter 2:24 and write out the last phrase of this scripture. _____

25. The actual account of the beating or stripes Jesus endured for our healing is found in Matthew 27:26 and John 19:1. Write out John 19:1. _____

This is **your** promise and assurance that sickness and pain are **PAID FOR**. You do not have to pay twice for anything spiritual any more than you have to pay twice for your groceries!

26. Read John 19:1-30. When you have read the entire account of the sufferings and death of Jesus as our substitute, then write out what He said in verse 30. _____

We can see now why the Bible says in I Peter 2:24, "... by whose stripes ye **were** healed", ... because almost 2,000 years ago Jesus said, "It is finished".

27. What does this mean for you if or when you are sick? _____

Answer the next two questions from Matthew 8:16,17.

28. How many of the sick were healed by Jesus? _____

29. Why could Jesus freely give healing to all? (Be sure to answer this question directly from scripture.)

III. THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF CHRIST REVEALS GOD'S WILL FOR MANKIND

Now we will look into the life of the Lord Jesus Christ as the example of God's will, God's purpose and God's ministry to mankind. Some may say that the Lord works differently now, but we are thankful to the Lord that He never changes!

30. Write out Hebrews 13:8. _____

31. Write out the first part of Malachi 3:6. _____

In the four gospel accounts, the Lord Jesus gives us a clear picture of how He would still minister today were it not for unbelief. Read Matthew 4:23-25. These verses tell of the beginning of His ministry on earth. What are the three basic areas of ministry that Jesus performed? v. 23

32. _____

33. _____

34. _____

35. What kind of people were brought to Jesus? v. 24 _____

36. What did Jesus do when all these people with such serious illnesses were brought to Him? v. 24

37. How do you think Jesus will act today when these same type of people are brought to Him?

Read the account of the healing recorded in Matthew 8:5-10. Answer the next four questions from these verses.

38. What was Jesus' response when He first heard about the centurion's sick servant? _____

39. What did the centurion say was all that Jesus needed to do? _____

40. From his own experience, what did the centurion observe and know about the Lord's position?

41. What caused Jesus to marvel? _____
42. In Matthew 9:1-6, what two things were obviously an equal part of the ministry of the Lord?

Answer the next five questions from Matthew 9:18-26 and Luke 8:41-56.

43. How did the ruler **first** approach Jesus when he came to tell of his dying daughter? _____

- This is an important key for those who are reaching out to receive something from God.
44. What was Jesus' immediate response to the need presented to Him? _____
45. As He passed through the crowds to go to the ruler's house, what had this woman with an issue of blood decided in her heart? _____

46. Was it His garment that made her whole? _____ What was it? _____
47. What did Jesus do for the ruler's daughter? _____

Nothing is impossible with our God ...not yesterday, today, nor ever!

Answer the next three questions from Matthew 9:27-31.

48. What did Jesus perceive that the two blind men were actually requesting? _____

49. What important question needed to be settled before He healed them? _____

50. What principle did Jesus establish here for all who would seek to receive something from Him?

Matthew 9:35 is perhaps the best single verse in all the gospels that tells of the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ. As the resurrected Christ today moves through His body, the Church, this is still His ministry all over the world.

51. Memorize Matthew 9:35 and then write it here. _____

52. When Jesus called out workers to minister the gospel with Him, what did He give them? Matt. 10:1

53. What basic message were they to preach as they went? Matt. 10:7 _____

54. What does it mean when something is “at hand”? _____

55. What else were they to do besides preach? Matt. 10:8 _____

56. Read the commission of the disciples in Luke 9:1,2. What are the two parts to the ministry as told in verse 2? _____

Turn to Luke 7:19-23. John the Baptist had been imprisoned for preaching the gospel. During this time the ministry of Christ had flourished and touched many lives. While John was in prison he apparently had heard many different reports about the Lord Jesus. Finally, he sent two of his own disciples to ask Jesus if He indeed was the promised Son of God and Savior of the world. Answer the next three questions from this passage of scripture.

57. What did the two men want to know? _____

58. What was Jesus doing when they came to Him? _____

59. What things did Jesus say to tell John that would confirm His ministry? _____

All these and many other scriptures should make it unquestionably clear that divine healing is an integral, inseparable part of God’s plan and purpose for the redemption of mankind. Sometimes other people may try to discourage you as you reach out for God’s healing power for yourself or for another. Some may tell you that it may not be God’s time or God’s will, but it is **always** God’s will to minister life whether it be physical or spiritual.

60. According to John 10:10, why did Jesus come? _____

61. The leper in Mark 1:40-42 was in doubt about the Lord’s will. What did Jesus say His will was? _____

62. What does the Lord say His will is for us in III John 2? _____

The Lord’s time to minister life and salvation is always **now**.

63. According to II Corinthians 6:2, when is the right time for God to minister His salvation? _____

Remember, salvation **included** the stripes He bore for our healing.

Perhaps the arguments of God’s will or God’s time, were some of the things used by the people who tried to quiet poor blind Bartimaeus. In Mark 10:46-52, notice that even though he was told not to call on Jesus in that way, he was **determined** to get through to Jesus and receive his healing. Answer the next four questions from this account.

64. How did Bartimaeus respond to those who told him to hold his peace? _____

65. What was Christ's response to the sincere cry He heard coming out from the crowd? _____

66. What did the Lord ask Bartimaeus? _____

In His infinite wisdom Jesus knew exactly what Bartimaeus wanted; however, He wanted Bartimaeus to be specific in his prayer. Purposeful and specific prayer is part of the prayer of faith, and this is the prayer that enables us to receive from God.

67. Bartimaeus would have said, "Jesus made me whole", but what did Jesus say made him whole? _____

Many times there are obstacles of unbelief and spiritual battles that must be fought. Just like Bartimaeus was fighting his way through the crowd and crying until his voice was heard, we also must determine to make direct contact with God in His presence so that we may receive our healing.

68. Who were the ones who were healed in Mark 6:56? _____

IV. THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST CONTINUES IN HIS CHURCH

The Bible shows that miracles were not just for the ministry of Christ but for the Church as well. The ministry of healing the sick was clearly meant to be a part of the New Testament church. After Jesus was raised from the dead and before He ascended, He gave a very definite commission to His disciples who would carry on His work. Read Mark 16:14-20. Answer the next six questions from this passage.

69. To how many people were they supposed to preach the gospel? _____

70. What signs would follow them as they went and believed? _____

71. _____

72. _____

73. _____

74. After Jesus ascended, did these signs follow the ministry of the disciples? _____

The early Church began its true and full ministry after the day of Pentecost. On that day 3,000 souls were brought into the kingdom of God. Read Acts 2:41-43. What four things were a part of the apostles' ministry in verse 42.

75. _____ 76. _____

77. _____ 78. _____

79. But what was also a regular part of the ministry of the apostles? v.43 _____

Read the account of the lame man in Acts 3:1-16 and answer the next two questions.

80. What didn't Peter have? _____

81. What did he have? _____

Answer the next two questions from Acts 5:12-16.

82. What did all the surrounding towns start bringing to Jerusalem? _____

83. How many received healing when they came? _____

The ministry of healing was not just limited to the disciples while they were in Jerusalem. After persecution broke out, they began to go into other towns preaching the same gospel of deliverance from sin, sickness and death. Answer the next two questions from Acts 8:3-8.

84. What made the people give heed to Philip's message? _____

85. What kind of atmosphere prevailed in the city as a result of this message of deliverance and healing? _____

86. Who is Aeneas and what happened to him in Acts 9:32-34? _____

There are numerous other accounts from the book of Acts that clearly tell us that healing is part of the salvation message that the church is called to minister. Notice from these passages how entire cities and villages were affected through seeing the power of God in action. When Aeneas was healed, the Bible says in Acts 9:35, "And all that dwelt at Lydda and Saron saw him and turned to the Lord". No wonder the devil bitterly fights the ministry of healing! He will fight anyone who is trusting God for a miracle because, through this kind of demonstration of the power of God, the devil can lose his grip on entire towns. Words, gospel presentations, tracts, booklets or invitations to church may not catch the attention or stir faith in the unbelieving world; but the demonstration of God's power through healing the sick will, and souls will be saved.

Read the Apostle Paul's summary of his own ministry in I Corinthians 2:1-5 and answer these three questions.

87. What did Paul **not** depend upon in his ministry? _____

88. How did Paul minister? _____

89. In what did he want to see men put their faith? _____

In the book of James we are given a basic pattern for the entire church age. Answer the next three questions from James 5:14,15.

90. What is the **first** thing we are told to do if we are sick? _____

91. What should the elders do? _____

92. What will save the sick? _____

This is God's provision for the sick. Some may say that God heals through medicine today. Although medicine alleviates much suffering, the Bible clearly says that all God needs is the prayer of faith. Our God does not need medicine or other helps to heal our bodies. He is a supernatural, almighty, all-powerful God who can heal diseases, raise the dead, open blind eyes, and send the lame running!

IV. FAITH FOR HEALING

Over and over again we read in scripture that as Jesus healed someone, He would tell them, "thy faith has made thee whole". He let us know by this what was important and pleasing to Him. Answer the following three questions from Hebrews 11:6.

93. What is the one thing we must have to please God? _____

94. What is the first simple thing we must believe? _____

95. What must we also believe? _____

From Matthew 9:27-29, answer these two questions.

96. What was Jesus looking for in the hearts of these two blind men? _____

97. Whatever they were about to receive whether it be their total healing or just a blessing, what was it according to? _____

The difficulty in focusing upon our need for faith is that we will strive to have faith rather than keep our eyes on Jesus and be prepared to meet with **Him**. Jesus is the Healer and if we focus upon Him, faith will spring forth from our hearts. The Bible lists faith as one of the gifts of the Spirit in I Corinthians 12:7-10. Faith cannot be cultivated by our own efforts or resolutions but is a gift bestowed upon believers as the Holy Spirit wills.

List the nine gifts of the Spirit listed in I Cor. 12:7-10.

98. _____ 99. _____

100. _____ 101. _____

102. _____ 103. _____

104. _____ 105. _____

106. _____

All of these are gifts of the Holy Spirit and can only be experienced in Him. If we keep our minds and hearts upon the Lord Jesus, we will then be open for His gifts to operate in our lives as He fills us with the Spirit.

Read Paul's admonition to be filled with the Spirit in Ephesians 5:18- 20. List the three things he says to do in verses 19 and 20.

107. _____

108. _____

109. _____

110. The Lord's basic principle for receiving anything from Him is found in Matthew 6:33. Write out this verse. _____

Another principle of true faith that we must remember is that faith is based upon the Word of God and **not** upon what we think or feel.

111. What does faith come from? Rom. 10:17 _____

112. What is the only thing in all the universe, in time and in eternity that shall stand? Isa. 40:8, Matt. 24:35, I Peter 1:24,25 _____

113. What are the words of Jesus to us? John 6:63 _____

114. What does Jesus tell us to do with the scriptures? John 5:39 _____

115. Rewrite in your own words II Corinthians 1:20. _____

Psalm 119 contains 176 verses of praise and thanksgiving for God's word. King David had come to know and recognize the strength, beauty and honor of God's word. He interchangeably uses words like precepts, statutes and testimonies in speaking of God's word. Read the entire psalm and open your heart to receive a new and fresh appreciation for God's precious word. The next seven questions are from Psalm 119.

116. In your own words rewrite David's prayer found in verse 18. _____

117. Summarize David's basic attitude toward the Word of God as revealed in verses 34, 35, 47, 48, 54, 97, 103, 111 and 127. _____

118. What did David say he would do in the middle of the night and seven times during the day? vv. 62 & 164 _____

What four things does David say the Word is to us? vv.105 & 114

119. _____

120. _____

121. _____

122. _____

If we are to receive anything from God and pray the prayer of faith, we must have this love and respect for God's word. The Word of God must become more real to us than any other thing we think or

feel or hear. This is our source of faith; our respect and trust in the unshakable, immovable, steadfast and sure promises of God!

Love and respect for God's word will produce in us obedience to His word. List the four conditions the Lord gives us to receive His healing in Exodus 15:26.

- 123. _____
- 124. _____
- 125. _____
- 126. _____

VI. CONCLUSION

To make a clear and simple conclusion to this study, listed below are five basic scriptural principles that have been presented through the teaching in this course. Read each statement very carefully.

- 1. Sickness, pain and injury were never intended to be part of life for mankind.
- 2. Sickness came as a result of man's fall away from God.
- 3. Jesus came to redeem us from all the effects and results of the fall of man.
- 4. Jesus Christ has completed His mission and the work is now finished.
- 5. Salvation, healing and life everlasting are now freely offered to the entire human race to anyone who will believe it and receive it.

127. Now read each statement again—this time read them **aloud** either to yourself or to someone else. When you have done this, check the box. []

128. As a final exercise, please memorize God's promise in Exodus 23:25 and write it from memory in the spaces provided. _____

I have answered all questions and completed all memory work to the best of my ability.

Please indicate the version of the Bible you used to complete this study.

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