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HEALING & DELIVERANCE: THE POWER OF THE KINGDOM

In these last days, it is a shame to see Christians stricken with sicknesses and diseases when Jesus has already done whatever He needed to do at Calvary 2,000 years ago.

When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick,

that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses." (Matt 8:16-17, NKJV)

We see so many Christians coming to healing evangelistic meetings only for the healing. They stand in line just like the heathen. For unbelievers, healing is received as a sign and a wonder, and it brings them to the Lord Jesus Christ. **But Christians are to receive their healing by the word of God.**

People think they get healed through the laying-on of hands or through prayer. Yes, this happens because as Jesus has said, we shall lay hands on the sick and they shall be healed (Mark 16:18). **But healing really comes from the word of God.**

He sent His word, and healed them. (Ps 107:20a)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. (John 1:1, 14a)

Who is the Word? Jesus. The Word of God sent to heal is Jesus Christ.

The centurion who pleaded for Jesus to heal his servant lying grievously ill at home asked Jesus to **“speak the word only” and his servant would be healed** (Matt 8:8).

The laying on of hands is a point of contact to release faith and the power of God but there is a speaking of the word of God that brings healing. Healing is based on the word of God, not on the laying-on of hands. Prayer is powerful but we must stand on the word of God. **Healing and deliverance took place when Jesus and the early church preached the gospel of the Kingdom of God.**

When multitudes, especially Christians, are still sick, it shows that the Christians have not really understood the word of God. **You must base your healing on the word of God, not on how and what you feel.** Otherwise, you will be deceived by Satan and robbed of your blessing. If you know the word of God, you do not even have to be sick. When sickness comes, you will reject it completely.

This is because you know that on the cross, Jesus had died that we may be forgiven of our sins and that we may be made whole. **We have been healed spirit, soul and body,** and it is now up to us to receive God’s provision for our total healing. **Healing is received by faith based on the word of God declaring what Jesus did on the cross.**

Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. (1 Pet 2:24)

Christians must realise that once they are born again, they become the sons of God and belong to a different Kingdom, the Kingdom of God. Unless you are in the Kingdom, you cannot operate Kingdom power. Kingdom power is only given to sons of God.

Only those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God (Rom 8:14). **Only sons of God can manifest the power of God to destroy the works of Satan.**

Wanting to move in healing just by teaching healing is not good enough. You must know the Kingdom power of God. Even pastors and teachers get burnt out when they serve God in their own strength, wisdom and power. **They forget that the whole of Christian life is lived in the supernatural and that Satan and all the forces of his kingdom of darkness are against them.**

As long as you do not go to the word of God, Satan has you under his power. He does not mind if you go to other sources for healing because you will still be within his kingdom. **But when you go to the word of God, he will fight you all the way. He knows that if you can wrestle with him on the strength of the word of God, he will be defeated.**

You cannot fight Satan if you are still in his kingdom. There is much deception in this area. Many Christians are under bondage, suffering one sickness after another. We have ministered even to elders, pastors and leaders but when we tell them the true word of God, they do not believe. **It is a sad thing because healing is actually in the word of God.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ had announced His own ministry in these terms:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and

recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised. (Luke 4:18)

Jesus never ministered without bringing healing and deliverance. His ministry was not only preaching and teaching. It was overthrowing the kingdom of darkness and establishing His Kingdom in the lives of people. His priority prayer was, “Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done” (Matt 6:10).

In the Kingdom of God, there is no sickness or disease, no brokenheartedness or oppression, no animosity. Instead, there is total health and liberty, love, joy and peace. The prayer of Jesus should be our prayer and the ministry of Jesus should be our ministry.

Many Christians today are not preaching the gospel preached by the Lord Jesus Christ. How do we know? Because **whenever the gospel of the Kingdom of God is preached, healing and deliverance must take place. The kingdom of darkness must be defeated.** A whole hierarchy of darkness is warring against us but praise the Lord, we have victory in His mighty Name!

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. (Eph 6:12)

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds. (2 Cor 10:4)

How does the enemy attack us? One of his major strategies is the use of people against other people. In troubled hot spots around the world, thousands are being tortured, killed or maimed through war, terrorism and other acts of aggression.

But I believe God is showing me that Satan is using the weapon of sickness and disease to destroy the people of

God and people in relatively comfortable parts of the world not visited by violence, famine or disaster.

That is why it is important to lead a Kingdom life. Kingdom people need not be sick because sickness is not for God's people. **Sicknesses belong only to Egypt, which is a type of the world and the kingdom of darkness.** If you are not receiving your healing, it must be that you are still in Egypt.

And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His sight, and wilt give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee. (Ex 15:26)

The only way to be free of the diseases of Egypt is to obey God's commandments, the laws of the Kingdom. If we do not follow the word of God, God is not obliged to confirm it. He only confirms His word. And the word says Jesus provided total healing. **Sickness may be occupying your body now but you can utterly destroy and get it out, by the word of God and by your faith in God.**

It is not a matter of how much you pray or how long you pray, but of whether or not you are in the Kingdom. **The King of the Kingdom is also your Father in heaven.** You must know that you are a citizen of the Kingdom and a child of the Father. **One of the privileges of being citizen and child is healing.**

When the Syro-Phoenician woman begged Jesus to heal her severely demon-possessed daughter, **Jesus spoke of the healing as being "children's bread."**

But He answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs.

And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.

Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour. (Matt 15:26-28)

In the place where they lived, bread is the staple food served on the table every day. Jesus was saying that **for the children of the Kingdom, healing is like daily food.** Healing is the right of the children. Even the crumbs can heal.

Our Lord Jesus did everything for you 2,000 years ago when He died on the cross. **Now all you have to do is believe and receive.** You need not work for it and you need not beg for it. **Healing belongs to you. It is already yours.**

As children of God, we are children of the divine. **We have divine power, the very life of Christ in us.** Our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit and we can be filled with all the fullness of God.

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. (1 Cor 6:19-20)

And what is the exceeding greatness of His power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of His mighty power. (Eph 1:19)

For in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

And ye are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality and power. (Col 2:9-10)

Receive your healing, enjoy the blessing and begin to advance the Kingdom of God. God is looking for Kingdom people who will freely receive and freely give.

And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give. (Matt 10:7-8)

Why did the multitudes come to Jesus?

*And great multitudes came unto Him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, **and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and He healed them:***

*Insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: **and they glorified the God of Israel.** (Matt 15:30-31)*

***And great multitudes followed Him; and He healed them there.** (Matt 19:2)*

*However, the report went around concerning Him all the more; **and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by Him of their infirmities.** (Luke 5:15)*

There are billions of people in the world (millions in our own nation) who need to hear the gospel of the Kingdom and know that there is a God Who can heal them, spirit, soul and body. Even the people of God need to know that they must come to God to have all their needs met.

But is the church today fulfilling God's will? Are we doing what God wants us to do?

The king of Israel was in a panic when the king of Syria sent Naaman to him for healing.

*And it came to pass, when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, Am I God, to kill and to make alive, **that this man doth send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy?** wherefore consider, I pray you, and see how he seeketh a quarrel against me.*

And it was so, when Elisha the man of God had heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying,

Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel. (2 Kings 5:7-8)

It is the duty of the prophet to stand in the place of God. Where are the Elishas in the church today? The people of the world can only know God if we show them the Kingdom of God. **They do not know God because the people of God are not demonstrating the power of the Kingdom. Is it any wonder then that the world turns to the heathen powers of darkness?**

The gospel of the Kingdom is a gospel of authority over every power of Satan. As Kingdom people, we have the power to crush the enemy.

And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through Thy name.

And He said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven. (Luke 10:17-20)

When Jesus overthrew the kingdom of darkness, He provided for us total healing of the spirit, soul and body. By His blood shed at Calvary, we are forgiven. By His stripes, we are healed.

In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace. (Eph 1:7)

But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed. (Is 53:5)

It is very important for us to know this. We must know and believe before we can receive. Even Naaman's wife's maid, a young captive girl, knew that her God could heal.

And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy. (2 Kings 5:3)

Why do people come for prayer, get healed, go home, feel a little bit of pain, begin to doubt and come back for healing again? **Because we have a wicked enemy who wants to destroy us through deceiving us into unbelief and stealing our healing from us.** He fully intends to bring us to hell.

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour. (1 Pet 5:8)

We must stay alert against the tactics of this father of lies (John 8:44) who has caused many to fall into deception. The truth is that Jesus has come to set us free.

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. (John 8:32)

If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. (John 8:36)

You know why people have cancer? Because they believe in a lie that comes directly from the pits of hell.

God has clearly declared that He is the Lord Who heals. But if the sick still look to man for healing, is it any wonder that they are still sick? How can they receive their healing if, in the first place, they do not believe that God heals?

For I am the LORD that bealeth thee. (Ex 15:26b)

The truth is that Jesus finished the work of healing on Calvary 2,000 years ago (1 Pet 2:24).

Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. (Luke 10:19)

Christians have been given the power and authority to blast Satan, to heal the sick and to set the captives free. But many Christians do not know their authority in Christ as Kingdom people. **Not living by the power of God, they become victims of the enemy.**

Above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. (Eph 6:16, NKJV)

Only the faith that you have in God will quench the fiery darts of the enemy. When you believe, you will receive. If you do not have faith, ten others may receive their healing but you will still be sitting on the wheelchair. But praise the Lord, we have seen many people healed.

Without faith, healing cannot come. To increase your faith, feed on the word of God. We will only know our God as much as we know the word of God because the word of God is God.

Remember that when you are filled with God, there can be no sickness in you because God is life. **God's power is the power of life. Satan and sickness cannot hold on to you because the power of Kingdom life will be flowing through you.**

To have the life of the Kingdom in you, you must first be in the Kingdom. Do you think you are in the Kingdom? Do you want to be in the Kingdom? Then you will need to submit yourself to the Lord Jesus Christ.

And why call ye Me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? (Luke 6:46)

Jesus is asking whether we know what it means to call Him

Lord. He is saying that whatever He tells us to do, we must do. If we pick and choose what we will do and what we will not do (especially as revealed in His word the Bible), He is not our Lord. We are not of His Kingdom.

Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love Me, he will keep My words: and My Father will love him, and We will come unto him, and make Our abode with him. (John 14:23)

Miracles happen when we do just what Jesus says. The servants at the wedding in Cana obeyed His instructions exactly and were privileged to personally witness the first miracle Jesus did, turning water into wine (John 2:1-11).

His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it. (John 2:5)

And the servants did whatever Jesus told them to do. They never questioned why. Why fill the pots with water when what they really wanted was wine? Why serve the master of the feast from the pots when all they had stored was water? **If they had started to question Jesus, doubt would have come in.** Because they followed the words of Jesus and obediently served as instructed, water became wine.

If we want Kingdom life and Kingdom power, we must do exactly what the King of the Kingdom says to do. We must take Him at His word and, by faith, follow. When the master of the feast tasted the water that had been made wine, he declared it the best wine of the wedding.

Everything we do must be by faith.

When I took my son-in-law, Eugene Hoe, out of the hospital he had not yet been healed. There were people at the time asking why we did not pray for him to be healed first before taking him out. **But God wanted to see our faith in action.** Since Eugene has been healed, many have suggested

that he should go for check-ups. I said there was no need. **The word of God says that Eugene is healed and that is good enough for me.**

If God can save us from hell, I do not see why He cannot save us from sickness. He has the power.

In fact, God has the power to raise the dead. And He has commanded us to do the same.

Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give. (Matt 10:8)

Elijah raised the only son of the widow of Zarephath from the dead (1 Kings 17:17-24). Elisha raised the only son of the Shunammite woman from the dead (2 Kings 4:8-37).

Jesus Himself raised several people from the dead: the only son of the widow of Nain (Luke 7:11-17); Jairus' 12-year old daughter (Mark 5:22-24, 35-43); and Lazarus (John 11:1-44).

When Jesus died at the cross, many saints were raised from the dead and later walked into Jerusalem.

Jesus, when He had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,

And came out of the graves after His resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. (Matt 27:50-53)

Peter raised Tabitha i.e., Dorcas (Acts 9:36-42) and Paul raised a young man named Eutychus (Acts 20:7-12).

The Old Testament prophets could raise the dead just by believing because they lived under the Divine Healing covenant of Exodus 15:26. **If the dead could be raised before Jesus went to the cross, how much more can they be raised now? The Kingdom of God has the power to destroy death.** This

power is so great that it can even raise those who have long been dead.

Jesus not only told us to raise the dead but He also gave us the Kingdom power to do so. How many of us have really heeded His commandment? In the end, all things will be no more but His words will be fulfilled.

Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away. (Matt 24:35)

It would seem from Scripture that God raises those who die an untimely death and thus would not have opportunity to fulfil God's will for their lives e.g., the young. A person's readiness to repent and change may also be a factor since it is unlikely that God will raise anyone from the dead only to have them go back to their old sinful ways. Lazarus was resurrected for the glory of God (John 11:4, 40).

If any of my staff have the faith and say that they want to raise the dead, I will say it is fine with me. If it does not happen this time, it will happen next time because raising the dead is part of the gospel and part of the power and authority given to us in Matt 10:8. We are to just do what Jesus says. The whole trouble is that we argue with God.

Kingdom people are supposed to be of a different breed. They are chosen to be different from others. They are to live a supernatural life by the power of God.

Look at the disciples before and after Pentecost. Peter had been such a coward, he denied Jesus three times, once before a servant girl (John 18:17, 25-27). **After Pentecost, Peter was so bold that he preached before multitudes from various nations** (Acts chapters 2-4).

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they

marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it. (Acts 4:13-14)

There are people today going to seminar after seminar, even seminary after seminary, to have the word of God but they have no power. Peter and John were former fishermen who so demonstrated the power of the Kingdom that their religious opposers had to marvel. It was evident that “they had been with Jesus.”

When John the Baptist heard that Jesus had raised a widow’s son from the dead, he sent two of his disciples to ask Jesus whether He was the Coming One or were they waiting for another. Jesus simply told the disciples to report to John what they had witnessed.

And in that same hour He cured many of their infirmities and plagues, and of evil spirits; and unto many that were blind He gave sight.

Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached. (Luke 7:21-22)

The evidence that the Son of God has come is that miracles take place.

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him. (Acts 10:38)

This means that all the people Jesus ministered to were oppressed of the devil. But He had come to destroy the works of Satan (1 John 3:8b). And He has given us the power and authority of the Kingdom to destroy every work of the

enemy, whether it be sickness or disease, oppression or depression, fear or intimidation, deception and lies, and every other wicked thing.

And hath put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be the head over all things to the church,

*Which is His body, the fulness of Him that filleth all in all.
(Eph 1:22-23)*

“He is the head of the body, the church” (Col 1:18). Satan is under our feet and has no authority. The only time he can win is when we fear. But why should we fear when we have all power and authority over him?

Satan may be the god of this world, but we are the sons of the Kingdom. We have the power of the Kingdom within us to bring healing and deliverance to the nations.