

Teaching on the Subject of Healing for the Body

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1. HEALING BY GOD, THROUGH FAITH AND PRAYER, WAS PRACTICED BY THE PATRIARCHS.

"Abraham prayed unto God: and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his maid-servants; and they bare children." Gen. 20:17

2. GOD MADE A COVENANT OF HEALING WITH THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL.

A Covenant is an indissoluble Agreement, and can never be annulled. The laws of South Carolina recognized marriage as a Covenant, not a legal contract. Therefore in that state there was no divorce. A Covenant can not be annulled.

God tested the Nation at the Waters of Marah, and made a COVENANT with them known as the Covenant of Jehova Rophi:

- a. "IF THOU WILT DILIGENTLY HARKEN TO THE VOICE OF THE LORD THEY GOD.
- b. AND WILT DO THAT WHICH IS RIGHT IN HIS SIGHT,
- c. AND GIVE EAR TO HIS COMMANDMENTS,
- d. AND KEEP 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." Exodus 15:26.

3. DAVID REJOICED IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF THIS COVENANT.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who HEALETH ALL THY DISEASES." Psalm 103:1-3.

4. ISAIAH PROCLAIMED IT.

"Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing." Isaiah 55:5,6.

5. JESUS MADE HEALING ONE OF THE PLANKS OF HIS PLATFORM.

- a. "The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because HE HATH ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR.
- b. HE HATH SENT ME TO HEAL THE BROKEN-HEARTED,
- c. TO PREACH DELIVERANCE TO THE CAPTIVES,
- d. AND RECOVERING OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND,
- e. TO SET AT LIBERTY THEM THAT ARE BRUISED." Luke 4:13.

6. JESUS MINISTERED HEALING TO THE SICK.

"And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom, and HEALING ALL MANNER OF SICKNESS AND ALL MANNER OF DISEASE among the people." Mat. 4:23.

7. HEALING IS THE ATONEMENT OF CHRIST. See Mat. 8:1-17; especially verse 17.

a. Healing of the leper. Mat. 8:1-4.

b. Healing of the Centurion's Servant. Mat 8:5-13.

c. Healing of Peter's wife's mother. Mat. 8:14-15.

d. Healing of the multitude. Mat. 8:16.

e. His REASON GIVEN for these healings, verse 17--That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the Prophet, saying, HIMSELF TOOK OUR INFIRMITIES AND BARE OUR SICKNESSES."

8. JESUS BESTOWED THE POWER TO HEAL UPON HIS TWELVE DISCIPLES.

"Then He called His twelve disciples together, and GAVE THEM POWER AND AUTHORITY OVER ALL DEVILS and to CURE DISEASES. And he sent them to preach the Kingdom of God, and to HEAL THE SICK...and they departed and went through the towns, preaching the gospel, and HEALING EVERYWHERE." Luke 9:1-3,6.

9. HE LIKEWISE BESTOWED POWER UPON THE SEVENTY.

"After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before His place into every city and place whither He Himself would come...HEAL THE SICK that are therein, and say unto them, the Kingdom of God is come nigh unto you." Luke 10:1,9.

10. AFTER JESUS' RESURRECTION HE EXTENDED THE POWER TO ALL WHO BELIEVE.

"He said unto them, go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned. And THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW THEM THAT BELIEVE; in My name they shall CAST OUT DEVILS; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them; they shall LAY HANDS ON THE SICK, AND THEY SHALL RECOVER." Mark 16:15-18.

11. AND LEST HEALING SHOULD BE LOST TO THE CHURCH, HE PERPETUATED IT FOREVER AS ONE OF THE NINE GIFTS OF THE HOLY GHOST.

"To one is given by the spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same spirit; to another faith by the same spirit; to another the GIFTS OF HEALING by the same spirit; to another the WORKING OF MIRACLES; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another interpretation of tongues." I Cor. 12:8-10.

12. THE CHURCH WAS COMMANDED TO PRACTICE IT.

"Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray. Is any merry? Let him sing psalms. Is any sick among you? Let him CALL FOR THE ELDERS OF THE CHURCH; AND LET THEM PRAY OVER HIM, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord, and the PRAYER OF FAITH SHALL SAVE THE SICK, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be HEALED. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:13-16.

13. THE UNCHANGEABLENESS OF GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE IS THEREBY DEMONSTRATED.

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Heb. 13:8.

"I am the Lord, I change not." Mat 3:6.

GOD ALWAYS WAS THE HEALER. He is the healer still, and will ever remain the Healer. Healing is for YOU. Jesus healed, "all that came to Him." He never turned any one away. He never said, "It is not God's will to heal you," or that it was better for the individual to remain sick, or that they were being perfected in character through the sickness. He healed them ALL. Thereby demonstrating FOREVER God's unchangeable will concerning sickness.

Have you need of healing? Pray. Pray to God in the name of Jesus Christ to remove the disease. Command it to leave, as you would sin. Assert your divine authority and refuse to have it. Jesus purchased your freedom from sickness as He purchased your freedom from sin.

"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." I Peter 2:24.

Therefore, mankind has a right to health, as he has a right to deliverance from sin. If you do not have it it is because you are being cheated out of your inheritance. It belongs to you. In the name of Jesus Christ go after it and get it.

If your faith is weak, call for those who believe, and to whom the prayer of faith and the ministry of healing have been committed.