

## *What is God's will for the healing of sicknesses ?*

We have a lot to cover, and I am going to be covering this from many different angles, and probably I will say a lot of things you like and some things that you don't like. And I want to cover this from various perspectives so that we can learn to walk in health, live in health, and live in healing.

I have two goals: the first goal will be to create an environment in this class as we are together, for you to be healed. If you need healing then the Word is here to heal you.

And if you will come with an attitude of expectancy and realize that healing is here right now, and healing is in you right now, and so if we begin to renew our minds to these truths, and our heart becomes open to these truths, one word from God can heal you immediately right where you sit. There is no reason why that can't happen.

And so we are going to look at that, we're going to look at many things that I hope will be a blessing to you

But that's my primary goal : To create an environment for you that need to be healed.

My second goal is to help prepare you. I want you to be able to reproduce your conviction. The whole idea of the Bible School is to reproduce ourselves. I'm trying to reproduce my slice of the pie, and you and other teachers the same.

I want you to be able to go out and share these same truths with the same conviction, the same revelation, the same certainty, that I am going to be sharing them with you.

And so, some of the written notes you have been given, especially towards the end, are gathered in a way that perhaps they will be helpful for you to share these truths with others.

You can use these in any way you want, you can mix and match, you can add your own things, take out something, whatever, but I want you to be able to have some information to use to minister to those who need healing.

So those are my twofold goals.

The first thing that I notice when I read the Scriptures when I read the New Testament, particularly the life of Jesus is that Jesus never taught healing.

And when I saw that, it kind of took me by surprise, because we spend many many hours teaching healing.

And probably the reason for that is that we have 2000 years of bad teaching to undo.

There's a lot of traditions, a lot of bad doctrine, a lot of misconceptions, many things that have

been added to the body of Christ over many many years.

And so when we come into the church, we get born-again, we have a lot of baggage with us most times from whatever our religious background might be; we have wrong concepts of God, and so we need to teach healing many times because we need to have our minds renewed to the truth.

But Jesus never taught healing. Jesus preached the Kingdom. And healing was the result of preaching the Kingdom.

So let's start with Luke 4:18.

This is when Jesus is beginning his ministry, he takes the scroll of the prophet Isaiah, stands up in the synagogue, and says :

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor, he has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

So Jesus is referring to Isaiah as the starting point for his ministry, giving us an idea of why he came and what his purpose is.

And so we can see that basically his purpose is to bring liberty to the oppressed, to set the captive free, to heal the afflicted, whether it be spirit soul or body.

Let's go on to Luke 9: 11.

Luke 9: 11 says : "And the people when they knew it followed him and he received them, and spake unto them of the Kingdom of God, and healed them that had need of healing."

So, when we look at Luke 4:18 and then we look at this verse and we realize that Jesus didn't teach healing, He preached the Kingdom.

And as He preached the Kingdom; healing was a fruit of that preaching, of that ministry, of that manifestation. Jesus came to manifest the Kingdom of God.

And in so doing, He was teaching people how to live, but He was also setting them free from their afflictions whether they be demons or physical afflictions.

So the ministry of the Kingdom, or the preaching of the Kingdom should be made manifest, or should be proven, by healings. There should be healing. Healing should follow the Gospel.

It should be just as common as people getting saved.

In other words, my own thinking in this is that when someone gets born again, there is no reason why they shouldn't be filled by the Holy Spirit and healed simultaneously.

It's the same Gospel message. Unfortunately, we have divided it up into pieces and separated, and some pieces and made some more important than others.

And of course, salvation is the most important piece, being born again, being forgiven of your sin, but there is no reason to separate the benefit of healing from that, and there is no reason to separate the baptism of the Holy Spirit from that. They should not all have to be separate events.

Lets go on right now to Acts 8. And I picked this one, because it's dealing with Philip, who is not one of the twelve, He was picked to serve tables so I thought, well we can identify with that, this is just a guy in the church.

Alright, this is no one particularly special, he is filled with the Holy Spirit, but we should all be filled with the Holy Spirit.

And so, he goes and he preaches, we read 5 to 7 : "Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them."

He didn't preach healing, he preached Christ.

"And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed."

So, he was preaching Christ. This is a guy that was set apart to serve tables. He was preaching Christ, and yet the results included healing.

When we preach the Kingdom, when we have the right message, then we will see the same results that they saw on the book of Acts.

If we have the right concept of what the message is, if we understand that the message is for the spirit, soul, and body of man, not just his spirit ...

Understanding of course the spiritual part, the eternal life, the forgiveness, all of this is the most important, but when that is accomplished, the other benefits are part of the package.

And we should be filled with the Holy Spirit. We should if we have demonic oppression, we should be set free, if we have physical limitations, we should be healed, it should all happen, it can happen right now.

And I can't overemphasize enough that as we go through this, open your heart to each word of God that we read.

And the things that I share with you, if your heart will be open, if you will be expectant, healing is here.

And just get rid of your misconceptions, preconceptions, fears, doubts, questions, and just let the Lord Jesus minister healing to you. That is His nature, that's His nature. Praise God !

Let's go to First Corinthians 4:20

We're talking about the Kingdom. Jesus preached the Kingdom. Paul says : "for the Kingdom of God is not in word", meaning just the word of man, "but in power", which is the Word of God.

And so as we speak the Word of God, and as the Word of God is in this environment, let the Word of God be at work in you.

The Kingdom message is a healing message, and every one of us should walk in health. Every one of us should have health and healing in our body. We should be completely transformed by the Word of God.

So let's go on to our first topic : "God's will is health and healing".

And as is my custom; many of these things I will repeat and review as we go on deeper and deeper into the course.

But the first thing I want to touch with you this morning, kind of our introduction is just to get us all on the same page in terms of God's will. What is God's will ?

Is it God's will that I be healed, or does God have some purpose in my affliction ?

Is there something that He is trying to teach me in this, or is He trying to perfect me, or is it His will that I be healed ?

Or is it just His will that some be healed, and some aren't healed.

And I deal with people all of the time, on the Internet, and on letter writing, and all of this that always want to put themselves into a category of : "Well, I am an exception, apparently because I don't get healed".

Well, we're not an exception. We make ourselves an exception, but God hasn't made you an exception.

And we want to look at the fact that it is His will. Faith is born when we know the will of God in our hearts. Now, we can know in our minds, but not in our hearts. And that will be another issue we'll look at.

But when you know the will of God in your heart, when you are convinced, when there is a certainty, a revelation, an explosion of : "This is for me !", then healing begins, faith begins.

I remember hearing ... perhaps you've heard of Kenneth Hagin, he was on his death bed, I think he was 16 years old or so, I don't know exactly the details.

They were preparing his funeral, he was being prepared for death. He had a heart condition and what ... I don't know all the details.

And he had his grandmother's Bible, and began reading, and came to Mark 11:23 and 11:24, the famous scriptures on faith that he preaches and claims for his own, or claimed for his own almost.

He found those scriptures and they spoke to him.

If any man believe and "not doubt in his heart, but believe that those things which he saith shall

come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith".

And those words on his death bed with his grandmother's Bible as he read those, he said : "Oh, this means me".

And he was instantly healed just by reading those words, he got up, got dressed, the family was : "What are you doing ?"

But he was healed, and only died a couple of years ago in his eighties, late eighties.

By just simply getting a hold of God's will.

It's God's desire that you be healed but His desire depends upon you getting a hold of a revelation of His goodness, of His compassion, of His will, of His desire.

So, let's look at this, let's go to Genesis 1:31. It talks about the beginning, ...

Genesis 1:31 says "And God saw everything that he had made and behold it was very good."

Everything that God made in the beginning ... We want to get a hold of God's heart, of God's purpose for His creation. There was no sickness in creation.

There was no sickness, there was no disease, there was nothing out of order, everything was good, everything was perfect.

That was God's purpose. It is still God's purpose. God didn't invent sin, God didn't invent sickness. These things came later. We'll look at that in a later lesson. But God's creation was perfect and without sin, without sickness.

Then we'll look, and we are going to jump ..  
We're just going to look at three mountain tops here.

Acts 10:38. We'll look at God when he became flesh, and now there is much sickness in the world. Jesus ... It says : "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."

Now, let me stop here and just explain : when God is somewhere, healing is there. Get that settled in your heart.

If you want to tell me when you are in a meeting, and you have your hands raised and there is goose bumps, and you say : "Oh, can't you feel the presence of God ?", well, then there should be healing. Because where God is, there is healing.

That is His nature. He is the giver and creator of life. And when He was manifest in the flesh, He says Jesus "went about doing good, and healing".

So healing is a good thing. God is good, God is love.

And so Jesus went about healing all who were oppressed of the devil. So we see in creation

God created everything without sickness, and then, when there is sin and sickness, and He manifests in the flesh the word made flesh, and begins to demonstrate who He is, what does He do ? He heals.

And so we see, His heart is healing. His heart is health, His heart is deliverance, His heart is that we have abundant life.

Let's go on to the new heaven, and the new earth, in Revelation.

Revelation 22 says verse 2 : "In the midst of the street ..." This is the new Jerusalem, and the new heaven, and new earth, and undoubtedly there is symbolic language here in all, but the heart of God is what we're looking for.

"In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations".

This word is ... and I have the Greek word in your notes, but from which we get our English word "therapy", literal physical healing.

And so we find now from the beginning :

- God's original creation,
- then God manifest in the flesh, Jesus attacking sickness, everywhere sickness was that He came in contact with He healed it.
- and then we find that in the new heaven and new earth, God is still concerned about healing.

So, from beginning to end, healing is God's Heart.

And we need to understand that His heart hasn't changed towards us, we are not an exception.

His heart is healing and health for you right now, right were you sit. If you need a reconstructive miracle, that power is here, right now.

If you need something healed that's organic, that power is here, right now. If there is some physical limitation, the power of God is here right now. Because He hasn't changed. Where God is, healing is. And if God is in you, healing is in you.

Let's look at some more of His will here. Let's go to John 6:38.

What I want to do now is just to give you some examples to convince you. Now, I know most of you are convinced, but I want to treat this as if perhaps some of you aren't convinced.

And I want to go at it in that direction because I know there are questions, I know there are doubts, and I know people say : "But what about this, but what about that". And they will look for the most unusual examples to try to prove that sickness is part of God's will. And so we want to do away with that.

John 6:38 : " I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me".

Jesus came to do whose will ? He came to do God's will.

And what did He spend most of His time, I'd say most, half, whatever percentage, but a great deal of His time doing ? Healing the sick.

He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed of the devil.  
Jesus never made anyone sick. Jesus never left someone sick that came to Him.

Jesus always healed. He didn't conduct interviews before healing. He didn't try to discern what their hidden sin might be. He didn't go into their past life. He healed. Because that's God, that's... He came to do the will of God.

Let's go to Mark 1, 39 through 41

"And he preached in their synagogues and throughout all Galilee, and cast out devils. And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus", underline these words, "moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean."

Now, get this settled in your heart, if you can, if it's not settled.

If He will for him, He will for you. He is no respecter of persons : the same compassion. If He was willing to save you, if He was willing to die for you, and go through all of these things for you, why would you think He's not willing to heal you ?

The leper came to Him and said : "If you will", the leper had this doubt.  
Perhaps some of you have that doubt. Well let that doubt be erased right now. I will; be thou cleansed. That is His will. He says He came to do the will of the Father.

And so we have this established over and over again.

Let's go to Mark 5:22 : "And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet, and besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live".

Now, there is a tremendous faith lesson here. The point that I want to make right now is : Jesus will meet you at the point of your faith. Whatever that point might be.

And in this case, Jairus says : "Come lay your hands on her, and she will be healed". He was establishing, Jairus was establishing how this healing was going to take place. He already had this in his heart : She will be healed. There was no doubt.

So, Jairus has established the point of faith and how the healing will manifest.

Verse 24 : "And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him. And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole".

Who established the point of healing ? She did.

She didn't say : "If He would but come by my house and lay His hands on me", she said : "No, I'll but touch the hem of His garment".

Now, this is a tremendous, a wonderful example, because Jesus didn't even know she was there.

And when she touches Him, "straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue (or power) had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes?"

Everybody was bumping into Him, but somebody touched Him with purpose: somebody touched Him with faith.

And so we're looking in His willingness to heal, He didn't even have anything to do with this one. She took it.

If you will ... She took her healing by faith, and He goes on to say in verse 34 : "Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole".

He was willing, so willing in fact that He wasn't even involved consciously in the act of healing. She received it, she took it, she touched Him, she determined the moment, she determined the method.

It wasn't : "If He would but come by my house". If she had said that, He would have gone to her house. But she determined something else in her heart. She saw it, She knew it, He was willing.

And so, verse 35 : "While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, thy daughter is dead, why troublest thou the Master any further ? And as soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe".

Now, I'd like ... I have my own thoughts on what was happening here, but I think Jesus was trying to shut him up before he expressed grief, before he expressed fear, before he expressed doubt, before he opened his mouth, Jesus said : "Be not afraid, only believe".

Stay on your confession, stay on the revelation that you had that if I but come lay my hands on her she will be healed, stay there.

Don't let anything move you from that place, you set the criteria for this healing, don't move from it. I'm willing, but don't be moved. Don't give word to your fear.

"And he suffered no man to follow himself, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James. And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly. And when he was come in, he saith unto them, why make ye this ado, and weep ? The damsel is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn"

So what did he do ? Out ! Out !

Sometimes you've got to take authority, and you have to create the right environment. Unbelief is not the right environment. People planning your funeral, and I have seen this, planning your funeral while you're lying there, talking about how it's going to be with the sick person lying there listening.

That is not the environment for healing. You've got to chuck those people out.

If you're going to see a miracle ministry, you have got to establish faith and belief, and you've got to create the environment. Unbelief has no place.

"They laughed him to scorn ..." Anyway ...

Verse 41 : "He took the damsel by the hand, and said" ... something, "which being interpreted is, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise. And straightway the damsel arose, and walked, for she was of twelve years old, and they were astonished ..."

Who set the criteria ? Jairus set the criteria. Who set the criteria for the woman with the issue of blood ? She did. Was Jesus willing to meet those points of faith ? Yes !

Now, let's talk about the Centurion. I'm not really trying to give you any secrets of faith, or anything. You might be gleaning some of that already, but I'm just trying to establish His willingness.

Matthew 8, verse 5 : "And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him."

Praise God ! If you're dealing with something, even if you aren't, grab hold of these declarations of Jesus.

With the leper : "I will, be thou clean".

"I will come".

"Do not fear, don't be afraid, Only believe".

Grab hold of these, and make them your own. Meditate on them.

We spend too much time trying to mark a way of our healings, and not enough time in the Word meditating until it becomes life to us.

The Word has got to be life to you. You can know healing all day long, you can teach healing all day long, that doesn't mean you have faith for healing.

And I point the finger at myself. Just because someone is a faith teacher, or a healing teacher does not mean they are in faith necessarily.

Faith is a revelation. You can have your mind renewed, you can have it running on 8 cylinders on this topic of healing, everything man is, you know it. That isn't faith, that's a renewed mind.

So, that's where a lot of us miss it, we don't understand the difference between the two.

You have got to get this in your heart, so get hold of these things. He said : "I will come and heal him".

One of my friends said something once that really impressed me. When he first started dealing with this issue of healing, he would go through the Scriptures and he would see himself as the one being healed.

And he would put himself in his mind's eye and his imagination, as if he would create something like a movie, or I don't know exactly, but he would see himself as the afflicted one, receiving the healing, making the declarations, pressing through the crowd, or whatever it might be.

And once he got the revelation of these healings, then he turned round and he went back and made himself the healer. And he found himself in Paul's place or Peter's or in any other well known great healing minister's, but in most cases, he found himself in Jesus' place, and he started seeing himself as being the one ministering to others.

And he meditated ... meditated on these things for hours, probably days, weeks, months, and now there is a healing flow in his life because he took time.

And now, too often, we want : "Hey, this thing should be happening". Well, it should be, but there probably are some blockages.

So, "The centurion answered and said", verse 8, "Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only".

Who sets the criteria ? The Centurion.

He didn't say : "Come lay your hands", he didn't say anything else, he said : "Just speak the Word".

And I won't read the whole thing, I think we're familiar, but He said : "I've never seen such great faith".

This was a man who wasn't bound up by the law. Indeed we can read in Galatians 3:10 : "For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them".

For the Centurion, there was no religiosity in the way, there was no legalism in the way, there was nothing in the way, he was just simply in a pure state of : "I understand authority".

So I know all you have to do is : "Speak the Word".

And Jesus marvelled at his faith. Praise God !!!

But the point being : he will meet us at the point of our faith, not at the point of our mental : " I

sure hope this works", but at the point of our faith, faith that is created in the heart. With the heart, man believes.

And when you have that revelation that He is willing, I am His child, if He'll do it for the leper, He'll do it for me, if He'll do it for the woman with issue of the blood, He'll do it for me, if He'll do it for the centurion, He'll do it for me.

I'm one of His children. I am adopted into His family, I bear His image. If He was willing to die for me, He's willing to heal me. In fact He's already provided the healing. I need to receive it.

Like the woman with the issue of blood, I need to take it. I need to get aggressive in this, and not be passive.

Let's go to Mark 2, 1 through 12.

"And again he entered into Capernaum after some days; and it was noised that he was in the house. And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door: and he preached the word unto them.

And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four. And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay. When Jesus saw their faith ..."

Now we have the faith, in my opinion, of five people here : the four, and I think the greater faith, the one who's willing to be lowered through the roof.

"When he saw their faith, he said ... ", and now there is a whole tremendous lesson here : "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee".

This created a tremendous scandal amongst the scribes and Pharisees : who can forgive sins but God alone ?

And now Jesus is going to make a tremendous lesson here for us. He says : "Which is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy", verse 9, " Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, take up thy bed, and walk?"

Which one is easier ? Well, in today's church, it's way easier to say : Your sins are forgiven.

Everybody likes that one. Why ? You can't see it. It's invisible.

But He is tying the two together.

If your sins are forgiven, you are healed, because the power that allowed the sickness to even be there has been broken.

So now extrapolate that out to all of the healings that Jesus did, what does that infer ? All their sins were forgiven, because the sinless one has that authority.

Now, take that to the Cross, and apply it to your life : if you're forgiven, you're healed.

Let us read now First Timothy 1:5.

"Now, the end of the commandment is charity (or love), out of a pure heart, a good conscience, and a faith unfeigned."

There is no extra charge here.

These are the three areas that can block you from receiving healing.

The end of the commandment, or God's purpose, is love out of a pure heart.

Lack of forgiveness, and strife, will cause problems for you.

A good conscience, and that's the one I want to look at right now.

Your sins are forgiven. If you have a sin-consciousness, where you are still beating yourself up about the past, or the present, you don't feel worthy, you don't feel good about yourself, you don't think you deserve anything from God, that's going to block your healing.

You have got to know that your sins are forgiven, not because of you, but because of Jesus.

He took your penalty, He took your sin, He became sin, He took that curse, He became that curse.

Jot down Ephesians 4:32, we've been saved for Christ's sake.

And so, a good conscience is key, a pure heart is key, and an unfeigned faith, or a not faked faith, a true pure faith is key to receiving the health and healing in your body.

These things are essential. That's why when Jesus says : Your sins are forgiven, you have to say : Praise God !

That's why when the woman with the issue of blood came up, He wasn't talking : "Well wait whoa! whoa! whoa! Who do you think you are ? Tell me about your past."

We can see it again when we're dealing with the woman at the well.

Of all women, she had a past! It didn't stop Jesus from letting her go be His first evangelist, female evangelist.

Sin-consciousness will kill you. Sin-consciousness probably is the biggest enemy of victorious Christian living.

He is willing to heal you if you're willing to be healed.

Let's go to Luke 9:1 through 6

We're still looking at how willing is God to heal us.

"He called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and

to cure diseases. And sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick".

"To preach the kingdom and heal the sick". If you're preaching the kingdom, you should be healing the sick.

And he said : Take nothing for your journey ... and we go on, and so, verse 6,

"they departed, and went through the towns, preaching the gospel, and healing everywhere".

So first it's Jesus, now it's twelve.

He is multiplying Himself. Let's go on.

Luke 10:1, "After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come".

And we'll jump down to verses 8 and 9 : "And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you: heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you".

So now it's seventy. So it's one, it's twelve, it's seventy.

Let's go to Mark 16.

Does Jesus want people healed ?

Mark 16, verse 15 He said : "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; he that believeth not shall be damned, these signs shall follow ..." Who ?  
"them that believe", so now it's way more than seventy.

Everyone who believes, these signs shall follow.

"In my name they shall cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover".

So now He has set the church against sickness. The church should be the greatest enemy of sickness. The church should be standing as a fortress against sickness. The church is God's agent of health and healing.

Let's go to Acts 5:12, "And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch. And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them. And the believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.) Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them".

Where He said : "greater works than me shall you do".

I don't remember Jesus' shadow ever healed anyone, it was not mentioned.

Verse 16 : "There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, ..."

There came a multitude !!!

"bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits ..."

Underline this : "and they were healed every one".

So the church was set against sickness, and all who were sick in the early days of the church came to Jerusalem, and how many were healed ?

Every single one! Do you think they all had to be interviewed first ? No!

You see, it's not we'll talk about why there are hindrances and why we're sick, and things of that nature, we'll get into this later in more detail, but faith overcomes those things, if it's a pure conscience and an unfeigned faith.

In other words, your sin isn't the problem, although your sin might be a problem.

It's hard to balance this at the same time. Your faith can overcome your sin. The problem with sin is that it kills your faith. But if your faith is greater than your sin-consciousness, healing is still yours.

But everyone got healed, every single one. Every single one that came to Jerusalem got healed.

We're talking about the church. Jesus set the church. He set Himself against sickness, the twelve against sickness, the seventy against sickness, the church against sickness, we find the example of everyone in the church getting healed.

Let us see now what is written about the 9 spiritual gifts quoted in First Corinthians 12, verse 8 through 10

"For 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 the interpretation of tongues:"

When one talk about the spiritual gifts, everyone thinks of this passage, because it's there that is listed the 9 gifts of the Spirit. Nevertheless, one could conclude that the believers receive only one of the gifts, in order to use for their ministry, for it's written here : "For to one is given ... , to another ..., to another ..."

But it's important to notice that the three Chapters of 1 Corinthians 12 through 14 deal with the order in the church, in the church meeting. It's written : when you come together. The whole purpose of Chapters 12 through 14 is to bring order to a disorderly church.

But indeed the gifts of the Spirit, all nine, are for you, all the time. And they must also be

practised out of the church meetings.

And it is the same for the fruit of the Spirit. You must bear the whole fruit of the Spirit. You don't say : "Well I got love and patience but I didn't get peace and kindness, that's for somebody else".

If you have received the Spirit, you have received the whole fruit.  
If you have received the Spirit, you have received all the gifts.

And you need to know that they are available to you as you minister, as you give the life of Christ to others. Healing is part of that, because healing is part of the gifts of the Spirit.

Who has been set by God to use the gift of healing ?

God has set the number one, Jesus, then the twelve, then the seventy, then the whole church of the believers.

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is healing, and so we can see now that the whole church should be in an environment of health and healing.

Let's go to James 5, verse 14. Let's read verse 13 first : "Is any among you afflicted ? Let him pray".

I like to write that to people that write me : it doesn't say : let him write e-mails ! It says: let him pray!

Verse 14: "Is any sick among you?"

Now, we're going to look at this in more detail, but the question is what gets my attention.

"Is any sick among you?" By the way, Is any sick among you in the church ?

No, today the question would rather be : "In the unlikely case, Is there anyone here that isn't sick, and without any physical affliction ?"

The question reveals to us the fact that there shouldn't be any sick among us.

"Is there any sick among you?" Well this is how we're going to fix it.

"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".

There is no ifs, ands, or buts.

The only thing I'm trying to do this morning is to establish in your heart that God wants you well. That has been His heart from creation. It's His heart manifested in Jesus, it's His authority given to twelve, to seventy, to the church, it's the gift of the Spirit, healing.

How many of you say you have the Holy Spirit ? Then you should have healing.

You need to get so incensed. If you're dealing with something, then you need to realize you've been robbed. And the same way you would treat a thief in your house, you need to have that same attitude.

Somebody is stealing from you, and it's not God. God wants you well, God wants you whole, God has revealed it over, and over, and over, and over, and over, through the Word.

We're just getting the lid off the can here, we have a long way to go.

Start getting this settled in your heart, not just in your mind. Now see, that's where we start : everything starts in our head. And we think : well, once the head is fixed, we're good, head's important. Got to have a head ! You know, but, with the heart man believes.

With the heart man believes. Meditate on this stuff.

Get into it; soak in it, read these declarations of Jesus, look at His ministry, look at His will, look at the heart of God, look at His compassion.

Look at these things, and know that you can say : "God wants me well, He wants me to live a long life. He wants me to walk in health, He wants me to be whole, He wants my family to be whole".

And begin to see sickness for what it is. It's an illegal intruder

If you've been forgiven, you've been healed. If you're not walking in healing and in the best of health, then you need to meditate the declarations of the Word of God, and to act in accordance with this Word.

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