

## **Healing Through the Word – Week 11 – Living Out of A Better Covenant In the Holy of Holies**

Brent W. Doyle, Jr. Please remember as I have stressed, don't EVER accept my word on any of this. See what the Word says. Be like the Bereans:

*Acts 17:11* – “*These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.*”

**Romans 12:1, 2** – “*...that you may prove what is that good and that acceptable and perfect will of God.*” It struck me this week re-reading this verse, that God's will for healing is not excluded from this. We can know, we can **prove** God's will concerning sickness, healing, and disease. To those who are unsure or uncertain about God's will to heal – There is no qualification here to the word “prove” that omits healing. – We need to camp out here, face the Spirit and Word and allow the Spirit of Truth to transform and renew our minds concerning His good, acceptable, and perfect will.

I do, however, sometimes doubt whether people really want to know God's perfect will on a lot of issues.

**Luke 13: 10-16**

**Hebrews 7:22**

**Hebrews 8:6**

**Acts 1:6** “*But you shall receive **power**...*”

**1 Corinthians 1:16, 17** “*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the **power of God** to salvation for everyone who believes, for the \*Jew first and also for the Greek.* <sup>17</sup> *For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”*”

(\* See **Matthew 15:21-28** – The Canaanite woman whom Jesus told that He was “...sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”)

**1 Corinthians 2:4-5** “*4 And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of **power**, <sup>5</sup> that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the **power** of God.”*”

We are to live in the **power** of salvation by faith, from faith to faith revealing God's righteousness in the process. The goal of our speech and preaching is to be a demonstration of the Spirit and power that our faith should be in the **power** of God and not man's wisdom.

- **“A Better Covenant with better promises.”**

*Luke 13:16, “So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound—think of it—for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?”*

Again, this woman was a daughter of Abraham who lived under the Abrahamic Covenant which according to Jesus regarding her infirmity, ought not to have been, but it was. This woman should not have been in this condition, but she was. Why?

Under the Abrahamic Covenant, a daughter of Abraham should not have suffered being bound by a spirit of infirmity for a day let alone for 18 years, but she was. Why?

**The New and Better Covenant -**

*Hebrews 8:6, “<sup>6</sup> But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.”* Remember going forward that every covenant is sealed by blood.

Jesus had a more excellent ministry because He is the Mediator of our better covenant with better promises. If the Abrahamic Covenant held the promise of healing, can a better covenant with better promises, exclude healing – a Covenant mediated by Jesus Himself, who is One with Jehovah Rapha and therefore **IS** Jehovah Rapha? Obviously, NO!

If this Covenant could exclude healing, how could it be better? If sickness and disease ought not to have been under an inferior covenant, how is infirmity in all its varied forms, to be under the better covenant with better promises? To be, or not to be, that indeed is the question. We must be fully persuaded, convinced of the answer.

The Blood of this better Covenant was applied to the Mercy Seat in Heaven in the Holy of Holies by Messiah, by our Mediator. This is what makes this better Covenant so distinct – Not held by the blood of circumcision or of lambs or goats, but by the Blood of the Lamb of God and having Him as the Mediator. A mediator

is a go-between. Jesus was the go-between who made peace between God and man.

Under the New Covenant, being bound by sickness and disease, by a spirit of infirmity, ought not to be, but it often still is. Why?

Why indeed, as under both the Abrahamic Covenant and the New Covenant, bondage by spirits of infirmity, sickness and disease should not exist, and yet they do?

### **Hmmm?**

For one thing, we need to know our Covenant and we need to enforce the promises of the covenant. If you have a contract with your employer for \$15 an hour and they're only paying you \$10 an hour, you must take steps to enforce the contract.

My belief is primarily that the "why" is because of being conformed to the world, of not being Biblically taught, of not being transformed, and not having our minds renewed, not understanding God's good, acceptable, and perfect will, and not as we said before, militantly enforcing it. You can't be AWOL.

I believe that perhaps we have made intellectual accommodations, intellectual exceptions to spiritual truth based upon what we see, feel, or think rather than on the Word and Spirit of God. Almost perversely, it sometimes seems that if we can discount God's will to heal, it somehow justifies our not being healed, and then we feel better about it. You deserve God's best because He gave His best to you and by Him has made you the very righteousness of God in Christ Jesus.

It is Biblically okay to say, "Lord I believe but help my unbelief." The last person recorded to have said and struggled with that got what he came for.

And we often just eat the fruit of our own mouths – the untamable tongue addressed in James. Fresh and bitter water don't come from the same source. Fig trees don't bear olives, grapevines don't yield figs and springs don't bring forth fresh and salt water – We often double-mindedly, speak out of both sides of our mouths destroying the promise.

### **Don't Go there –**

The too "easy answer" and the most often incorrect answer is the old, "They must have sin in their lives." I believe that Jesus addressed this when His disciples

questioned whether a man blind from birth was blind because of his own sin or that of his parents:

**John 9:3** – “Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.”

Yes, **James 5:14-16** does address the possibility of sin as a factor, a possibility, with the qualifier of an “if,” meaning it is possible but not absolute –

*“Is anyone among you sick? 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. <sup>15</sup> And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed.”*

The “if” makes it a possibility, but not an absolute. Yes, it is always good to examine ourselves, to have the Spirit search our hearts, but we should not ever make it a witch hunt. There may however be doors we’ve left open.

**Psalm 139:23, 24** – “Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; <sup>24</sup> And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.”

Always remember the context that we live on a cursed and fallen earth with a ruler of this world, the prince of the power of the air and that we are at war with the kingdom of darkness. So, what is the remedy, the antidote?

**We need to come into the Holy of Holies** – Understanding this solves the problem of “if” he has committed sins and should be a way of life. The Holy of Holies may seem like a scary place because in it we are undone, naked before God with no masks or ability to hide or conceal, not that we ever are able to, but here in the Holy of Holies, we are aware of it. But boldly we go where few men have dared to go before. You can’t afford not to go:

**Hebrews 10:19-23**, “Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through **the veil, that is, His flesh**, <sup>21</sup> and having a High Priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.”

Entering the Holiest is no longer through a fabric veil in an earthly temple, only once a year by the High Priest, but now by the new living way through the veil of the torn flesh of Christ. Selah.

We are covered in His Blood, the Blood of the better Covenant because you can't go through that veil of His torn flesh and not get His Blood on you. We need to literally see and live this as the spiritual reality it is.

In this better Covenant with better promises, by the Blood of Jesus we are to have boldness to enter the Holy of Holies by a new and living way through Christ's torn flesh. On the day of Christ's crucifixion, the veil in the temple, the type of His torn flesh, was torn from top to bottom giving "all access" to the Holy Place.

This is a picture, a type of the reality of what Christ has accomplished – Understanding in the Spirit, that covered in Christ's Blood as we enter through the veil that is His torn flesh, we are then brought to the Holy Place. We must see that our hearts are in full assurance of faith, that our hearts are sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies are washed with pure water because He who promised is faithful.

Then we must confess, we must see, believe, and enforce that our minds and bodies are washed with pure water. ...and not waiver because He who made this better promise is faithful.

Where is this "Holiest?" When Christ ascended and applied His Blood to the Mercy Seat, where was that?

In response to the disciples' request for Jesus to teach them to pray, part of His response was, "*Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done.*"

**Luke 17:21**, "...nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you." The Mercy Seat is in heaven and the Kingdom of God is within you.

The next part of that response of Jesus on prayer was, "*Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*"

So... Is there sickness and disease in heaven? Is there supposed to be sickness and disease in the kingdom of God that is within you? We must confess and hold fast that there is no sickness or disease in the Holy Place and that our bodies are to be a Holy Place too, for they are the Temple of the Holy Spirit.

*1 Corinthians 6:19, 20, “Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?  
20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.” ...if my body is God’s, does God want it sick or diseased? There’s no glory in sickness and disease.*

We must live the reality that our hearts and consciences are actually sprinkled from evil by the Blood of Jesus and that we live in the reality that our bodies are washed with pure water, I feel compelled to share the context of that verse considering the controversies within the church in America today and mis-definitions of God’s love.

There is an emphasis today on the mischaracterization of God’s love apart from the rest of His nature of also being Holy, Just, Righteous, and so on. When we stress one characteristic of God to the exclusion of another, we make the truth a lie. There is the redefinition of God’s love and the conflation of approval with God’s love – the thought that disapproval, is not loving; that we must accept and approve what God does not or else we are unloving.

Love and disapproval even in the church are often seen as being mutually exclusive. Can God love and disapprove at the same time? Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you” but then He said, “Go and sin no more.” Read what Jesus had to say to the churches in *Revelation 2 & 3*. They didn’t get participation trophies. Disapproval often might be the highest demonstration of love. God’s discipline is disapproval in love is it not?

How much can we really love someone if we’re afraid to tell them the truth? Sometimes we love our own comfort more than we love the lives of others. Love and relationship are the platforms for expressed disapproval.

“Hey, it’s their lives, it doesn’t affect anyone else:

*1 Corinthians 12:26 – “And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.”*

Really?

### **The Bottom Line on Love -**

Here is the bottom line on the God kind of love: Yes, God is love, but man cannot begin to rightly comprehend the love that God is, without first understanding that He is holy. The seraphim around the Throne of the Lord cry, “Holy, holy, holy is

the Lord of hosts.” Not taking away from the fact that God is love, but the seraphim are not crying, “Love, love, love...” We don’t enter boldly into the “Love of loves,” we boldly enter into the “Holy of holies,” by that new and living way, by the Blood of Jesus, which shows us just how powerful and holy that Blood is.

The immediate context here in *1 Corinthians 6* is fleeing sexual immorality and that sexual sin is a sin against our own bodies and. ... and I would encourage you on your own to read the entire chapter paying attention to verses 9 & 15 for consideration and even more enlightenment.)

The Word of God is living and unchangeable and attempting to live it without the context of Itself, rather Himself, will never bring blessing. We can’t hate our brother and claim to love God. We cannot refuse to forgive and expect to receive it ourselves. We cannot refuse to give mercy and yet expect mercy. We cannot refuse to give grace and yet expect grace.

Healing is a divine blessing of our better Covenant.