

Healing Through the Word – Session 9 – Brent W. Doyle, Jr.

Romans 12:1, 2

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.* ¹⁷ 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*, ⁵ 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.

We live on a battlefield - The Clash of Kingdoms –

There is a significant tension here to reflect upon and to consider regarding being in the world, but not to be of the world... because the earth is fallen, in fact cursed – **Genesis 3:17**. We live on a fallen and cursed earth.

In **John 12, 14, & 16** Jesus refers to “*the ruler of this world.*”

Paul in **Ephesians 2** refers to, “*the prince of the power of the air.*”

And in **Ephesians 6:12** states, “*For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.*”

We are told to take up the whole armor of God and having done all, to stand against the wiles of the devil, to withstand in the evil day, and to stand.

Ephesians 6:14- 18 – “Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth (Wearing Truth, knowing and exercising Truth in our gut, deep within us), having put on the breastplate of righteousness (Our hearts and inward man protected by wearing and walking in our righteousness.), ¹⁵ and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace (Not being content to hear and receive the gospel, but protecting ourselves by doing and walking out the gospel of peace, proclaiming it!); ¹⁶ above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. (Holding our active faith high as a shield to deflect and defuse everything contrary to the faith and Truth.) ¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation (The fullness of salvation covers and protects our thoughts and minds.), and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God (Taking the sword of God’s Word and piercing the lies of the devil – for it is written!); ¹⁸ praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— (Praying always with prayer & supplication in the Spirit, being ever vigilant, on guard, and persevering for the body of Christ.)

That is a battle plan, therefore, in this clash of kingdoms, healing doesn’t just fall off the tree of life like ripe fruit because we are in a spiritual battle against an enemy on a cursed and fallen earth in which we can stand or fall, fight, or give in and give up.

Matthew 11:12 “And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.”

Let us believe, speak, and live what Christ spoke in **John 14:30**, “...for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.” The Blood, the Blood, the Blood.

Sickness and disease have nothing in me! Christ **is** my healer! I **am** the healed of the Lord. His Name **is** Jehovah Rapha and I walk in the revelation of **Psalms 138:2** that He magnifies His Word even above His Name because His written and spoken Word is at the same time Jesus the Living Word!

We must learn to stand being fully clothed in His armor and fight using the Word and that Name above every name speaking and declaring just as Jesus did in the wilderness to the devil, “For it is written..., for it is written..., for it is written...” – having the faith of God.

Having the faith of God in understanding - S L O W L Y...

Mark 11:22-24 - “So Jesus answered and said to them, “**Have faith in God.**”²³ For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.²⁴ Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.”

Literally and contextually here Jesus said, “Have the faith of God!” How do I do that? ...By remembering and living in this revelation:

1 John 4:4 – “You are **of God**, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.” He who is in you is greater!

If we are of God, can we not, do we not have the faith of God? Who is the “He” that is in us that is greater than those in the world? If He who is greater is in us, the faith of God is already in us. When we are walking in being “of God” and being fully persuaded that the One greater than the world is in us, we can access the faith of the One Who is in us, Who is greater than he who is in the world. Speaking of faith, Paul wrote to Timothy to stir up that gift within himself.

When Jesus said in **John 14:16, 17** that He would not leave us alone but would send another Comforter Who would dwell with us and be in us, the Greek word translated as Comforter is “parakletos” – from two words, “para” like parallel, meaning “close beside” and “kletos” meaning “make the call.” Selah - This Comforter Who is in us, with us, close by us – and if we allow Him to make the call, we will have the faith of God. “*I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me;*” – **Galatians 2:20a**

Having the faith of God, we act in it. This was jumping out at me the other day reading Hebrews 11 as part of my devotions, we build on this:

Hebrews 11:1 - 3 – “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.² For by it the elders obtained a good testimony.³ By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.”

Having the faith of God, we understand that the worlds were framed, were created by God’s words, by God speaking. God’s words, God speaking made visible things

from invisible things. Now if I have the faith OF God because of the Comforter, the One greater in me than the one in the world, then I can and will by my words – from Him making the call, be able to speak in the faith **of** God and frame healing and health which are not yet visible.

In this by speaking His words we frame, create, and make the invisible visible. This is us, who does not doubt in our hearts, but believes that those things we say because the Comforter is making the call, will be done, and we will have whatever we say. This is believing we received them and then having them. That should excite us and empower us and cause us to stand up and fight.