

## Healing Through the Word – Week 13

***“He Himself took our infirmities And bore our sicknesses.” ...or He didn’t?***

– Brent W. Doyle, Jr.

Please remember as I have stressed before, 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.

***Luke 13: 10-16***

***Hebrews 7:22***

***Hebrews 8:6***

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

*Romans 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* “*<sup>4</sup> 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.

And from where we ended last week:

*Matthew 8:14, 15* "Now when Jesus had come into Peter's house, He saw his wife's mother lying sick with a fever. <sup>15</sup> So He touched her hand, and the fever left her. And she arose and served them."

See also *Mark 1:29-30*

Then immediately next:

*Matthew 8:16, 17* – "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, <sup>17</sup> that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:

*'He Himself took our infirmities  
And bore our sicknesses.'*"

This then unfolds as an even more amazing section of Scripture - read Isaiah 53 quoted in part above:

*Isaiah 53:4,5* – "Surely He has borne our griefs [lit. sicknesses]  
And carried our sorrows; [lit. pains]  
Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.  
<sup>5</sup> But He was wounded [pierced through] for our transgressions,  
He was bruised for our iniquities;  
The chastisement for our peace was upon Him,  
And by His stripes [blows that cut] we are healed."

...and yet some people say that healing isn't for today. I have heard respected people in the body of Christ say that Isaiah 53:4, 5 pertains primarily to soul healing and not physical healing. Words matter.

Consider the Matthew account in the light of the Isaiah prophecy, remembering the literal translations from the Hebrew; what do you notice?

This blows my mind. Here in Matthew the prophesy of Isaiah is declared as fulfilled when not one transgression, not one wound, not one piercing, or one stripe had yet been laid upon Christ. Selah. Mind boggling.

I have no explanation other than He always was, is, and will be Jehovah Rapha. God's will to heal is beyond evident, beyond being contested. How would someone contest it?

Interestingly too, Isaiah uses the present tense of "are" more than 700 years before it actually happened, while in **1 Peter 2:24** it reads: "*who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.*" – "were," past tense – it's already been done.

Chronologically then in Matthew, Jesus stills the storm as He crosses the sea of Galilee where He lands in Gergesa and casts the demons out of two possessed men by simply saying "Go," when His glory and anointing confronts them. He allows them to go into swine, the swine run off a cliff and die and the citizens beg Jesus to leave the area.

We need to begin to think and see ourselves as supernatural beings. If Christ in you is the hope of glory, the glory of Jesus is in you. If the Word abides in you and you abide in the Word and the anointing is on the Word, then you're anointed. If the same Spirit dwells in you that raised Christ from the grave, how can you be a natural being unless you choose to see yourself as one. The power of God is in you!

### ***Matthew 9:2-8***

*"<sup>2</sup> Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you."*

*<sup>3</sup> And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!"*

*<sup>4</sup> But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? <sup>5</sup> For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? <sup>6</sup> But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." <sup>7</sup> And he arose and departed to his house.*

*<sup>8</sup> Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men."*

Jesus rhetorical question as to which is easier to say, that sins are forgiven or rise and be healed, signifies that one is as easy as the other while He demonstrated the

ease of simultaneously performing both. In light then of this question of which is easier, if we can't believe in healing... stop and think about this, wrap your head around this, how can we ever begin to believe in the forgiveness of our sins?

How can we be so confident in one, and not so much in the other? Why do we struggle more with healing than with being forgiven of our sins? ...when Jesus essentially equates their ease here? And consider how this is written, "...given such power (exousia) to men..."

**Matthew 9:18-25** A two for one healing intertwined – Jairus', a ruler of the temple's daughter and the woman with an issue of blood for 12 years.

*"While He spoke these things to them, behold, a ruler came and worshiped Him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay Your hand on her and she will live." <sup>19</sup> So Jesus arose and followed him, and so did His disciples.*

*<sup>20</sup> And suddenly, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came from behind and touched the hem of His garment. <sup>21</sup> For she said to herself, "If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well." <sup>22</sup> But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, "Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that hour. (Mark 5 & Luke 8 – Who touched me?)*

And yet people find fault in healing by faith, and some even call faith just a movement, when Hebrews 11:6 tells us that without faith it is impossible to please God. Faith is not a movement, faith is how the just shall live, live, and move and have their being. I've been denigrated as a Word faith person. So, we shouldn't have faith in the Word? We should have more faith in the wisdom of men, in men's feelings, than in the Word and the power of the Lord?

Jesus felt virtue leave His body when the woman with the issue of blood touched the hem of His garment for, she said to herself... She spoke her healing in faith and her faith made her well.

*<sup>23</sup> When Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the flute players and the noisy crowd wailing, <sup>24</sup> He said to them, "Make room, for the girl is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him. <sup>25</sup> But when the crowd was put outside, He went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose."*

With this young girl Jesus put the doubters, the unbelievers, and the mockers outside. That speaks volumes, sometimes to what we must do for us to arise from sickness and the spirit of death.

**Matthew 9:27-30** “When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, “Son of David, have mercy on us!”

28 And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, “**Do you believe that I am able to do this?**”

They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.”

29 Then He touched their eyes, saying, “**According to your faith let it be to you.**”

30 And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, “See that no one knows it.”

Healing, healing, healing. Bam, bam, bam, according to your faith, according to your faith, and now pay attention and remember **Matthew 4** and the Kingdom of Heaven and the gospel of the Kingdom. – **2 Corinthians 13: 1** again tells us, “By the mouth of two or three witnesses every word shall be established,” as do 5 other Bible references. Healing is established simply on that principle alone:

**Matthew 9:35** - “Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, **preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.**”

Over the years we have allowed faithless people to use white out to remove healing of every sickness and disease from the preaching of the gospel of the very gospel itself. Healing has been separated from the gospel of the Kingdom, the Kingdom of Heaven, and the Kingdom of God to become an iffy at best add-on to the gospel. No more!

You’re in Med School –

Remember Ephesians 4, I as part of the 5-fold ministry am to equip YOU for the work of the ministry. You’re about to become surgeons - Here is your part in this reattachment surgery:

I referenced this verse last week - Think about how the church has taken the supernatural out of the Christian faith. When we remove the supernatural, we are left with only the natural and that’s why so often today we live beneath what Christ provided.

**John 14:12, 13** *“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. <sup>13</sup> And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.”*

What do we do with this? What do we make of this? Really, think about it. Do you believe this?

Take away the supernatural and all you have left is singing songs, kneeling, standing, kneeling again, holding a Bible rather than the Bible abiding in us and we abiding it; just muttering empty words in which we have little faith. I don't care how you feel, you are supernatural.

Buckle up!

**Matthew 9:37, 38** – *“Then He said to His disciples, ‘The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. <sup>38</sup> Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.’”*

That is Jesus with the woman at the well speaking to His disciples. This previously notorious woman goes back to town now preaching Jesus and the many of the town come to see this Jesus and believe. What is your excuse?

You are the answer to that 2000-year-old prayer, you are the laborers to be sent into the plentiful harvest. You are who is to do the greater works! If we pick and choose, if we say, “Well that's not me,” we'll pick and choose ourselves right out of the better Covenant with better blessings. Look in the mirror, it is you. Believe you are called, commanded to do greater works and you will!