

***Introduction:***

In this Pneuma Intensive we will be doing an in depth study of Divine Healing, and an Activation of the Healing Gift at the end of this Session. We will be exploring the Theology of Divine Healing, as well as the Nature and Character of God in regards to Divine Healing.

We will look at the Old and New Covenants of God and correlate promise of healing in the Old Covenant and its fulfillment in Jesus Christ in the New Covenant.

This Intensive focus on building the best theology of healing, encouragement and faith building that will increase the results and empower our personal ministries. Lastly, we will seek to answer all of the “why” questions many people have when they consider divine healing and supernatural ministry.

***The Goodness of God is the Foundation for Divine Healing***

- a) In Genesis we see the Lord God as a loving Creator who spoke a destiny over humankind. God spoke identity, authority/dominion and a divine blessing over the whole of humanity at creation. In this we see that God began with His relationship with people in the context of a loving Father who has the best intentions towards His creation.

***Genesis 1:26-28***

- b) The Lord creates mankind with unique qualities that reflect Himself. Hebrew – Image Tselem – resemblance – Likeness – Hebrew – Demuwth – similitude. So in some sense we reflect God in terms of morality, creativity, beauty, consciousness, free will, and many other manifold expressions of God in mankind. God created humanity with the most honor over all His creation. People inherently possess worth in God’s eyes.
- c) Rule – Hebrew – Radah – Dominion, dominate, tread down, rule, and subjugate – We see from the definition of this word that mankind has a mandate from God as His highest created beings that we would be the vehicle for God’s wisdom to be expressed throughout the earth. This gives us the principle that God intended people mimic His Kingship by acting as emissaries over His creation. Man had been given realm to rule.
- d) Blessed – Hebrew – Barak – to praise, to speak divine favor over – The Lord gave favor to accompany the mandate. This is in a sense the grace to carry out the mandate.

- e) This concept is so important, that the Lord repeats the concept in verse 27 and 28.
- f) To summarize, we can see that God created humanity in the fullness of His goodness. Our original design did not include sickness, sin, or death. Jesus Christ, is the Perfect Man who imparted the benefits of original design to us through the cross and resurrection. Divine Healing is best understood in the context of the Goodness of God as its foundation.

### ***Healing and Health in the Body is an Old Covenant Promise***

- a) Exodus 15:26 - And He said, "If you will give earnest heed to the voice of the LORD your God, and do what is right in His sight, and give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have put on the Egyptians; for I, the LORD, am your healer." – As we look at the Law in terms of a Vassal Covenant we can repeatedly see that health and healing in the body are Covenant Promises that are conditional based on obedience.
- b) Deuteronomy 7:15 - "The LORD will remove from you all sickness; and He will not put on you any of the harmful diseases of Egypt which you have known, but He will lay them on all who hate you. – Again we see a promise from the Lord that health in the body is a Covenant Promise
- c) Psalm 103:3 - Who pardons all your iniquities,  
Who heals all your diseases; - This verse points the Old Covenant believer to the truth that the Lord pardons sin and heals diseases.
- d) Many of us may be disturbed by the language used in these verses when God says that He not put diseases on Israel and put them on their enemies. This is best understood in the context of the terms of a Vassal Covenant per Exodus 19-20 and Deuteronomy 5:23-27. **Notes:**

### ***Healing in the Body, Soul and Spirit is in the Atonement Isaiah 53:4-5***

Surely our griefs He Himself bore,  
And our sorrows He carried;  
Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken,  
Smitten of God, and afflicted.

- a) Griefs – Hebrew – CHOLIY – literal sickness
- b) Sorrows – Hebrew – MAKOVE – Physical pain and mental pain
- c) Stricken – to reach out and punch, - Smitten - to beat, kill, or slay –  
Afflicted – to put down, to be humbled - NAGA NAKAH ELOHIYM ANAH

But He was pierced through for our transgressions,  
He was crushed for our iniquities;  
The chastening for our well-being *fell* upon Him,  
And by His scourging we are healed

- a) Transgressions – PESHHA - Rebellion against God
- b) Iniquities – AVON – Perversity, depravity, guilt
- c) Chastening for our peace – Shalom – completeness, safety and soundness in our body, wealth, prosperity, health, peace of mind, peace in relationships, friendships, and peace from warring.
- d) Healed – RAPHA – To heal or to make beautiful, to heal individual distresses, to heal national hurts

***This Prophecy is fulfilled in Christ***

***Matthew 8:16-17***

When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: “He took up our infirmities and bore our diseases.”

- a) We see healing in the body and freedom from demonization connected to Isaiah 53.
- b) We see that the suffering of Jesus on the Cross was comprehensive act of God that brought very serious benefits to those who are in relationship with God thru Jesus Christ.
- c) 2 Corinthians 1:20 - For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God. – We can clearly see that Paul is teaching the Corinthian Church that Jesus is the fullness of God’s promises and that through Him we receive every Covenant Promise.

***Healing in the New Covenant***

***Matthew 26:26-28***

While they were eating, Jesus took *some* bread, and after a blessing, He broke *it* and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.” And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave *it* to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.

- a) This encounter with Jesus and His disciples was at Passover, the Jewish feast of Unleavened Bread. This feast was a memorial to the Jewish deliverance of the Lord, and deliverance from the angel of death. The sign of blood on the doorposts was a prophetic picture of the blood of Jesus. Jesus is described as our Passover in Hebrews.
- b) Jesus’ body symbolized by the bread is directly connected to Isaiah 53. Isaiah 53 promises physical healing from pain and sickness as well as mental/spiritual healing.
- c) The blood of Jesus as symbolized by the wine is the blood of the New Covenant. The Covenants of God are progressive in nature and are all

- superseded by the New Covenant.
- d) Rightly understanding what Covenant we live under will free us from fear of the wrath of God, the judgment of God, and the fear of the future. The book of Hebrews, Galatians and Romans explain the contrast between the Covenant of the Law and the New Covenant.
  - e) The New Covenant is a Covenant of Forgiveness. The Father is relating to the world in terms of grace, kindness and forgiveness. Healing demonstrates the nature of the New Covenant.

### ***Healing Expressed Thru the Authority of the Church***

#### ***Mark 16:15-19***

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

"He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.

"These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues;

They will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly *poison*, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

So then, when the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.

- a) Global mandate for evangelism – KOSMOS – the entire circle of the earth. Preach – KERYSSO – to be a herald or officiate as a herald – royal representative with an official message – Gospel – good tidings
  - 1. Shall be saved – SOZO - to save, keep safe and sound, to rescue from danger or destruction
    - 1. one (from injury or peril)
      - 1. to save a suffering one (from perishing), i.e. one suffering from disease, to make well, heal, restore to health
      - 2. to preserve one who is in danger of destruction, to save or rescue
    - 2. to save in the technical biblical sense
      - 1. negatively
        - 1. to deliver from the penalties of the Messianic judgment
        - 2. to save from the evils which obstruct the reception of the Messianic deliverance
- b) Signs – SEMEION – marks – miracles signs and wonders by which God authenticates His messengers.
- c) Serpents and scorpions – metaphors for conquering the spiritual enemies.
- d) Laying hands on the sick – ARROSTOS – the sick and the weak = those with no strength
- e) Recover – KALOS – to be beautiful, fine, excellently, well
- f) Sat down at the right hand of God – The ultimate place of authority – or the highest place – The church has been given the mandate to expand the

spiritual rule of Jesus and demonstrate it with healing.

***Faith is founded in the Confidence that God Possess the Ability to Perform His Word***

- a) Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
- b) Greek – Faith - PISTIS - conviction of the truth of anything, belief; in the NT of a conviction or belief respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, generally with the included idea of trust and holy fervor born of faith and joined with it - the character of one who can be relied on
- c) Greek – Substance – HYPOSTASIS - that which has actual existence - a substance, real being
- d) Greek - Evidence – ELEGCHOS - a proof, that by which a thing is proved or tested
- e) Operating in the Supernatural Gifts of the Holy Spirit and receiving the promises of God are accessed through the knowledge of God and faith in His ability to perform them. Faith is only grown in the place of loving trust, and experiential relationship with God.

***Jesus – The Perfect Representation of the Father***

- a) John 14:7 - “If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.”
- b) John 14:9 - Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”
- c) Matthew 14:14 - And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.
- d) When we look at the healing ministry of Jesus Christ we see that Jesus demonstrated the heart of the Father by healing people. Jesus represented the Father’s heart of love and compassion for people.
- e) When we study the different interactions of the healing encounters of Jesus and people, we see that the people who were healed were healed in various ways. For some Jesus built their faith, for some Jesus simply demonstrated healing power because their faith was already present to receive, and lastly Jesus was limited in healing demonstrations by a lack of faith in Him. See Matthew 13:58 - And He did not do many miracles there because of their unbelief.

***Healing is a Grace Gift from the Holy Spirit***

- a) 1 Corinthians 12:9 - to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,
- b) Greek – Healing – IAMA - a means of healing, remedy, medicine – a healing
- c) As healing is not only a Covenant Promise, the ministry of healing is a grace gift that can be asked for, received and practiced by engaging the Holy Spirit.

### ***How to Minister Healing to Others***

- a) Healing is best ministered in a spiritual environment of love and compassion. See 1 Corinthians 13:1-7
- b) Do not focus on the type or size of the healing asked for or prayed for. Many times the healing breakthrough comes by simply trusting God to perform it.
- c) Lovingly speak to the body
- d) Listen to the leading of the Holy Spirit as you pray for the sick
- e) Make loving and kind declarations that build confidence and faith in one you are praying for
- f) Ask the person being prayed for how they feel and ask them to move their body or test the result of the healing prayer. Oftentimes their agreement or willingness to try to test the healing prayer will activate faith in them and be healed.

### ***When Healing Prayer Does Not Yield a Result***

- a) Healing Prayer and all spiritual encounters are subjective and depend on so many variables that we should not seek to unravel them or make definitive conclusions on why some are healed and others are not. There is the faith of person being prayed for, your faith level as a minister, the spiritual warfare reality in unseen realms, and the comfort level of the person being prayed for.
- b) Never let your personal experience define truth about God in regards to His Word or His Promises. We have the definitive promises and Covenant of God to heal, save, and deliver people and reform nations. Our lack of results should never cause us to devalue a promise of God.
- c) Perseverance will build faith cause us to grow in our gifts and confidence in the Lord. James 1:3 -4 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.
- d) Keep praying for the sick!

### ***Activation:***