

DOES GOD WANT YOU WELL?

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While traveling back to Tennessee from one of our trips out west my wife and I were discussing our plans to provide a series of teaching CD's and DVD's.

One of the subjects we wanted to include was on divine healing. As we began discussing how we should approach the subject we wondered why so many of God's people simply didn't believe God would heal them. We talked about some of the reasons we had heard people give over the years. The main reason people give that came to my mind was, "God doesn't heal everyone" or "It's not God's will to heal everyone". I have heard this many, many times and I am sure that you have also!

We talked about other reasons people give such as, "Like Paul, God gave me a thorn in the flesh"; "I'm sick for the glory of God"; "I'm having to suffer this sickness for someone else"; "God gave me this sickness because I back slid and sinned"; "I'm not worthy" and on and on. The reasons or should I say excuses were numerous.

As we continued to talk about divine healing we decided people just didn't know what God's Word says about healing. None of the reasons we had heard were based on God's Word! They were all blaming God or their individual lack of spirituality or holiness for not being healed!

One of our problems is we have been indoctrinated to accept sickness just as many have accepted the carnal rationality that since we are human we sin every day and can't help it. Personally, I believe both ideas are wrong.

When I was a child I accepted without question what I was taught. As far as sickness was concerned, I knew I would be getting a cold or the flu when the "season" for those things came. Also, I knew I would be getting the Measles, the Chicken Pox and the Mumps. I expected these things to come on me and guess what, I got them!

I can never remember anyone telling me that I could resist these things and they would flee from me. Never at home. Never in church!

Most Christians have the same philosophy today. When "Flu Season" is announced most folks start preparing to get sick. They get a Flu shot. They load up on cough syrup and cold and flu medicine. They are ready for the Flu! It's coming they are told!

Although they are Christians and go to church somehow it never occurs to them that they don't have to accept sickness.

After I began serving the Lord a revelation was born in me, somehow I knew I could resist and overcome sickness. I wasn't taught it and I didn't teach it for years, I simply lived it. When my children would come to me in the middle of the night with a burning fever, I simply laid my hand on them and said a simple prayer. Immediately, the fever would leave; and as I would drift off to sleep I would hear them say, "Thank you Daddy, I'm better now". They received what they expected. Healing and miracles were our way of life.

During my early years of ministry I would tell the people, "I don't believe in being sick!" This sure got me into a lot of trouble with people and ministers. However, the more I got into the Word, the more I knew it was not God's will for people to be sick, it was His will for people to be in health. To me the scripture was plain, *"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health,*

even as thy soul prospereth." [3John 1:2] The obvious is there! You can't be sick and in health at the same time!

I believe my mind-set toward deliverance and healing is the reason I have seen countless men, women and children healed by the power of God. I can remember many times telling people that I didn't care if they crawled out of the church after I prayed for them, they were healed in Jesus Name! I refused to let anyone put doubt in my mind! God is the I Am, not the I was! My mind was made up! If God healed one person, He would heal everyone. This is the philosophy that was born in me! Although many have tried to sway me from this position and from time to time I would falter; today I remain convinced as I was in the beginning, I was right all along. God has not changed! *"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."* [Hebrews 13:8]

Your mind must also be made up. God's will is to save, heal, deliver, and bless us. The doubts, fears, and unbelief that sometime attempts to control us is not from God, but from the devil. Jesus came to give us life and life more abundantly. I don't know about you, but I intend to enjoy the abundant life that Jesus promised me. An abundant life should be full of peace, joy, health and prosperity. You can't testify of an abundant life when you are miserable, depressed, tormented, sick and poor!

Folks accept their awful condition as the way it should be. Many have convinced themselves that they are sick because God wants them sick for various reasons. That is all so very sad! I say to you all, don't accept sickness, don't accept addictions, don't accept poverty, don't accept depression and unhappiness! You don't have to be bound by alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or anything! You can be set free from all addictions, sickness and depression! Submit yourself to God, resist the devil, and the Bible says, he will flee from you! Make up your mind that the Bible is right and everyone else (including you) is wrong!

Now, I am going to say something here that probably 95% of you will disagree with. Glenda and I are convinced that it is God's will to heal everyone! That's right! Everyone! Please don't throw this in the trash yet. Bear with me a few more pages. My desire is to build your faith from believing God can heal you - to God will heal you!

First let's establish a proper attitude or mind set toward sickness and disease. Believe me, changing the way you think about healing will affect your faith. The attitude I had in the beginning of my Christian walk allowed me to operate in the supernatural and it will you also.

I hate sin and I believe you do also if you are born again. Sin is of the devil! *"He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."* [1John 3:8] Sin is why the world is in the condition it's in. There are also other things that are of the devil and I hate them all.

I hate sickness. Sickness is of the devil: *"And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?"* [Luke 13:16] Also consider this scripture, *"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."* [Acts 10:38] Notice they were oppressed by the devil, not God. Satan is the author of sickness and disease.

I hate poverty. Poverty is of the devil: *"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."* [John 10:10] Therefore in my mind: sickness, depression, addictions and poverty is the same as sin. Neither should be tolerated! Each misses the mark of

the abundant life Jesus paid the price for. Each must be confronted and resisted!

When you begin hating sickness, disease and poverty as much as you hate sin, you are on your way to total victory!

Jesus not only died for your sins, He paid for the healing of our bodies also. Isaiah prophesied this in Isaiah 53:5: *"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."* The Apostle Peter pointed back to the cross as the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, *"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed."* [2Peter 2:24]

I know many of you believe Isaiah and Peter are only referring to emotional and spiritual healing not physical healing. However, when you compare Isaiah 53:3-5 with Matthew 8:16-17 you get a better understanding. Let's take a look: Isaiah 53:3-5 says, *"He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Verse 4: Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. Verse 5: But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."*

Now, look at how Matthew referred to this prophecy of Isaiah. *"When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses."* [Matthew 8:16-17] When Jesus cast the devils

out and healed the sick, Matthew said this was the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophesy!

Clearly when Isaiah prophesied that He bore our grief and carried our sorrows and that by His stripes we were healed; he was not just referring to spiritual healing but physical healing also. Matthew confirmed this!

It should be plain to anyone. Jesus purchased our salvation and healing in His Atonement. The stripes He endured was for your spiritual and physical healing.

The Old Testament is filled with God's promises. Here is one of my favorite: *"Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases."* [Psalms 103:1-3] Notice verse two specifically tells us not to forget all His benefits. There are benefits when you serve God!

Notice He forgives ALL our iniquities and He heals ALL our diseases. The verses I have given from Matthew chapter eight and First Peter chapter two confirms this. The Word of God does not separate what Jesus did in the Atonement. It all comes in the package!

You should be convinced by the Word that God has provided both salvation and physical healing for us. Healing is not something that God might do. Healing is what He has already done. *"By His stripes ye were healed"* (1Peter 2:24).

I said earlier that sickness was of the devil. *Jesus went about doing good healing all that were oppressed of the devil.* It has always astounded me when I am persecuted for preaching faith, healing and miracles. Some actually say that people who pray for the sick and proclaim healing for them are of the devil. The Bible said when Jesus healed it was good! Satan is not out healing people!

Instead of accepting sickness and disease why not start resisting it! As a young man growing up in a Christian home I never heard anyone tell me I could resist sickness. I

believe people have always separated sickness from sin and that was the reason. They resisted sin, but accepted sickness not realizing it was of the devil also.

"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." [James 4:7] Resist means to be steadfast against or to fight against.

How can you fight against the devil who is the author of your sickness and disease if you think that God has sent or allowed your circumstance to come on you? Satan has convinced many into believing the Lord wants them sick. Instead of fighting against their sickness, they accept it as the will of God. Although they may plead with God to heal them, they won't fight against their circumstance in faith being fully persuaded that it is God's will for them to be healed. Your faith must be in what God's Word declares, not what your present circumstance says.

Please understand, I am not condemning you if you are sick any more than I would condemn you if you sin. Christians are redeemed from sin and are dead to sin (Romans 6:11-14). However, if you commit sin, there is forgiveness. Every Christian has had to face the horrible fact that we do fall short and make mistakes although we strive with all our hearts to please God and not sin. What I am saying is this: Jesus died to set us free from sin. He was also beaten with many stripes to make us free from sickness. However, I am condemning the idea many have that God wants them sick and diseased. God doesn't make us sin, neither does He make us sick!

In 2Corinthians chapter 5, verse 7 we find these words, *"For we walk by faith, not by sight"*. Many of you that are reading this article are sick. Some of you may have heart trouble or cancer. Your present circumstance may have rendered you to the point of despair. You feel helpless. You have prayed and have been prayed for, but your condition remains the same. Your pain and agony

persists. Instead of taking the prescribed amount of medication you were given, you have doubled it. It is your only relief. You have become addicted to the pain medication. You are not only sick, you have become a drug addict. You are miserable! You have accepted your condition and you can't see your way out. You are walking by sight!

I have described the horrible condition of millions of born again, blood bought, Holy Ghost filled Christians! The will and influence of Satan has caused these horrible circumstances, not the will of God.

If you find yourself being overcome in any of these areas you can begin now to deliver yourself. Yes you can! It is God's will to set you totally free! Don't accept your condition! Begin walking by faith and not by your circumstances. If you can see yourself healed, you can be healed! If you are sick, start seeing yourself well. Let your imagination work for you. Close your eyes and meditate on God's Goodness and Grace. If you are cripple, start seeing yourself walking. If you have cancer, start seeing yourself cancer free. If you have become addicted to drugs, see yourself drug free. Faith sees! Walk by your faith not by your condition.

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." [John 8:32] Knowing the truth about God's will makes you free from sin and sickness. We have all accepted teaching that was wrong. As a child I accepted what I was told to be true. I have believed in Santa Claus, the Tooth Fairy and the Easter Bunny. At the time, you would have never persuaded me to believe otherwise. I had to mature, I had to grow up!

In the same way, as Christians we have accepted and believed many false teachings. During these times of deception, we would have never thought we were wrong. Our church taught it. Our Pastor preached it. Our parents

told us it was right. But we were all deceived. We have believed lies and preached to others hoping to convert them to our doctrines. We are all guilty.

And then, The Light came. Revelation of the Truth was manifested in our hearts. Thank God, we were set free from all those false notions and doctrines. But have we been set free entirely? What about God's will concerning healing. Do we still believe His will is not to heal everyone? Maybe you are double minded thinking, "Well, God might heal, and then again He might not".

I know some of you think God has allowed you to have a "thorn in the flesh" to keep you humble. You say you're sick for the glory of God. You reason that the great Apostle Paul was sick, so who are you. If God didn't heal him, why should God heal you? Well my friend, you are definitely not thinking right! The Bible does not say Paul's thorn in the flesh was sickness.

And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong. [2Corinthians 12:7-10]

Paul is clear that his "thorn in the flesh" was from a messenger of Satan, not from God. This messenger was a demonic spirit sent from Satan to buffet Paul.

Some teach that Paul was arrogant, so God allowed this demonic attack because he had exalted himself. This is wrong thinking again. The Bible says to humble yourself,

"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time." [1Peter 5:6] You humble yourself. If someone tried to force you to be humble, it would never work. Neither will God force someone to be humble. Humbleness comes from within!

Satan wanted to destroy Paul because of the damage he was doing to his kingdom. God had exalted Paul's ministry. Everywhere he went, the sick were healed, the dead were raised, demons were cast out and multitudes were swept into the Kingdom of God. The devil wanted to stop Paul. He wanted to debase him and keep him from being exalted. That's what he was saying! "Lest Paul be exalted above measure, Satan gave him a thorn in the flesh." Again, it was from Satan, not from God!

Remember, it was because of the "abundance of revelations" that this thorn came. Paul wrote a great part of the New Testament! It should be evident to everyone, Satan hated the Apostle Paul! *"It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord."* [2Corinthians 12:1] If you haven't had an abundance of revelations and have a ministry like Paul, I don't think you can hide behind Paul's thorn as an excuse why you are not healed.

The word infirmities can mean sickness, but it also means: *weakness, feebleness (of body or mind), moral frailty or inadequacy*. If you will read through the eleventh and twelfth chapters, you can see that when Paul said, "I glory in my infirmities" he was talking about all the things he had suffered for Christ. Remember, the Bible was not written in chapter and verse. Man did this to help us study God's Word. But it's a letter, read through it that way.

In verse 2Corinthians verses 23 thru 29 Paul listed what he was calling "infirmities": *"Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more*

frequent, in deaths oft. Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not?" Verse 30 again, *"If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities."* Please note, while listing everything he went through, not one time did Paul use the word sick, or sickness. He was not glorying in his sicknesses! Reproaches, Necessities, Persecutions, and Distresses were his infirmities.

Paul makes this statement about glorying in his infirmities again in 2Corinthians 12:9, *". . . Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."*

When you read through these portions of Paul's letter to the Corinthians you will come to the same conclusion that I have, Paul was using the word infirmities to describe all the persecutions and hardships he had endured while preaching the Gospel.

No doubt the messenger of Satan worked hard to influence people to persecute Paul wherever he went. Paul surely paid the price for the abundance of revelations and power that was manifested in his life.

Paul sought the Lord three times to have this thorn in the flesh removed. In 2Corinthians 12:9 Jesus said, *"My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness."* Jesus was not telling Paul that he had to "put

up" with his sickness as some teach. Although Jesus has redeemed us and given us power over sickness, we are not exempt from persecutions and tribulations.

Paul warned in 2Timothy 3:12, *"Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."* The Apostle Paul suffered much for the ministry that was given him. As I read through everything the Apostle Paul suffered, I realized the Lord had delivered him and given him victory through them all. His Grace was sufficient!

Without all the persecutions and great trials he endured there may not have been an Apostle Paul. We can have a great testimony like Paul if we will endure our troubles and trials with thanksgiving to God. This is what Paul did. *"Most gladly therefore will I glory in mine infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."* In other words, "If this is what it takes for Christ's power to rest upon me. If this is what it takes to have an abundance of revelations, dreams and visions, let it come, I will most gladly welcome it"!

I know I have used a lot of scripture in reference to the "thorn in the flesh" Paul referred to. The reason is I have known scores of individuals who have used this as an excuse to not have faith to be healed. Thinking they were suffering sickness just as Paul had. I hope I have given sufficient scriptural evidence to prove Paul was not talking about being sick.

Let's lay aside all our excuses and carnal reasonings and just simply apply our child like faith and believe we are healed in Jesus Name! Remember, it is impossible to be in health and be sick at the same time!

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." [3John 1:2]

REMEMBER: FAITH COMES BY THE WORD

- Phillip Hayes

Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. If you are not living the abundant, healthy, prospered life that God intended for you, I want you to take this message and believe with all your heart that it is God's message for YOU.

I want you to settle in your mind that:

- 1) God has promised to heal EVERYONE.
"Is ANY sick among you?...The prayer of faith SHALL save the sick, and the Lord SHALL raise him up."
[James 5:14,15].
"...Who healeth ALL thy diseases." Psalms 103:3
"The Lord will take away from thee ALL SICKNESS."
[Deutonomy 7:15].
- 2) You MUST be convinced that God means YOU. Otherwise, you have nothing to base your faith upon. Your faith must be based upon the Scripture, God's Word, His promise to YOU. If you are doubtful concerning God's will to HEAL YOU NOW, the devil will take advantage of your doubt, and you WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BELIEVE!
- 3) It is God's will to heal you! *"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospered."* [3John 1:2] Since God wants you to be in health - and you cannot be in health and be sick at the same time - be convinced IT IS GOD'S WILL to heal you NOW! Settle it in your mind and heart that it IS GOD'S WILL to heal you perfectly and completely, NOW!
Memorize the scripture references in this Message. By doing this, you are getting this matter settled with God. You are building a foundation for your faith.

Remember, your healing is MANIFESTED BY FAITH! *"Let him ask in faith, nothing wavering (never deviating). He that wavereth - let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord."* James 1:6,7. Settle this: YOU MUST HAVE FAITH! YOU MUST BELIEVE! ". . . All things are possible to him, that believes" [Mark 9:23]

"Whatsoever things soever ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye RECEIVE them - (that means NOW!) - AND YE SHALL HAVE THEM!" [Mark 11:24]

.....Faith says, "I am healed, not because I feel better, but because I believe God's Word!"

.....Pain may say, "You didn't get healed -"

.....God's Word says, "By His stripes you were healed."

.....Which one are you going to believe?

.....God's Word is true. Let every man - and pain - be a liar!

.....Remember, GOD CANNOT LIE! (Numbers 23:19).

.....Believe first, and feeling will follow! Wait to feel first, and faith will never come!

.....The simplest definition for faith - found in the Bible is found in these three words - "GOD CANNOT LIE."

.....Settle this now! Can God lie? NO!

.....If He said it, HE WILL DO IT! If He spoke it, HE WILL BRING IT TO PASS!

.....When will He do it?

.....Now is the time, YOUR TIME!

.....Are you sure?

.....YES! Today is the day!

Now, do these four things:

.....1. RESIST THE SICKNESS or bondage that holds you.

.....2. AUDIBLY (with your lips) COMMAND IT TO BE GONE!
Or, "Go you devil!"

.....3. YIELD TO THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD that will be present.

.....4. BELIEVE YOU RECEIVE IT NOW!

.....The result. IT IS DONE!