

# Miracles Confirm God's Word

## Lesson 1 – Outline

- I. Healing is part of Christ's Atonement.
  - A. If He suffered and took stripes on His back for our physical healing, then it's not insignificant.
  - B. If He thought enough of healing to purchase it for us, then we ought to think enough of it to receive.
  - C. God the Father caused His Son to bear all of our sins and all of our sicknesses on the cross. Jesus took our diseases just as much as He took our sins.
- II. The Lord used healing like a bell to get people's attention and to prove that He did have power on earth to forgive sins.

*When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee. But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only? And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts? Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk?*

### Mark 2:5-9

- A. Jesus was saying that it's easier to say "Your sins are forgiven" than "Rise up and walk" because they would immediately be able to tell if He had the power or not by whether this man rose up and walked.
- B. If you can do the greater work, then certainly you can do the lesser. If you can jump fifteen feet, then certainly you can jump two feet.

*But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house. And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.*

### Mark 2:10-12

- C. Jesus made it very clear that the reason He healed this man was so people would know He also had power on earth to forgive sins.

- III. Jesus also said that the miracles He did authenticated who He was and confirmed what He said.

*But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.*

**John 5:36**

- A. If Jesus needed the witness of the miracles He performed to validate His authority, then how can we possibly do less?
- B. It is the height of arrogance to think that we can use words alone to persuade people, when Jesus had to have signs and miracles to confirm His words.
- IV. Some folks say, “We don’t need miracles today; we have the Word of God.” Yet that’s not what the Bible teaches.

*And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.*

**Mark 16:17-20**

- A. What people say must always be checked against God’s Word.
- B. In God’s system, when His Word is truly preached, there will be signs and wonders to confirm that it is the truth.
- V. If all we preach are things having spiritual, eternal value and the forgiveness of sins, then all we’ll see is people being born again.
- A. But if we preach and teach the whole counsel of God, He will confirm it with signs, wonders, and miracles.
- B. If both Jesus and the early believers needed miracles, signs, and wonders to confirm the message from God that they preached, then we do too!

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## Lesson 1 – Discipleship Questions

1. Read Mark 2:5-9. What did Jesus see before He spoke?
2. What did the scribes reason in their hearts?
3. Jesus asked them what was easier, to say “**Thy sins be forgiven thee**” or what?
4. According to Mark 2:10-12, what did Jesus do to show that He had power on earth to forgive sins?
5. What did the sick of the palsy do immediately?
6. Read John 5:36. What bore witness of Jesus that the Father had sent Him?
7. According to Mark 16:17-20, what shall follow them that believe?
8. What shall believers do in Jesus' name?
  - A. They shall cast out devils.
  - B. They shall speak with new tongues.
  - C. They shall take up serpents.
  - D. If they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them.
  - E. They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.
  - F. All of the above.
  - G. None of the above.
9. They went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the Word with \_\_\_\_\_ following.
10. Read Hebrews 2:3-4. What first began to be spoken by the Lord?
11. What did God bear them witness with?

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## Lesson 1 – Scriptures

### **Mark 2:5-12**

*When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee. [6] But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, [7] Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only? [8] And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts? [9] Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk? [10] But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,) [11] I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house. [12] And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.*

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*And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; [18] They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. [19] So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. [20] And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.*

### **Hebrews 2:3-4**

*How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; [4] God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?*

# Part of His Atonement

## Lesson 2 – Outline

- I. If the body of Christ was fully presenting the Gospel—the whole counsel of God—we’d be making a much greater impact on the world today.
  - A. God not only wants to forgive us of our sins; He also loves us dearly and desires to heal our bodies, bless us financially, and deliver us from discouragement and depression.
  - B. Think about that!
- II. One of the main reasons the modern-day church has been rendered so ineffective and irrelevant in many people’s eyes is that it has only preached that God is for the life hereafter.
  - A. It’s made having a relationship with the Lord a heaven-and-hell issue, and it hasn’t preached that He loves us right now.
  - B. It has preached, “Just get your sins forgiven so you won’t go to hell.”
  - C. However, if the church were to represent the Lord more accurately by saying “God will heal you and keep you healthy. He’ll deliver you from the depression, despair, and strife that you find yourself in. God will prosper you in a way that you could never accomplish just through your own effort,” if we presented that God is not only for the forgiveness of sins but for all these other areas, too, then people would see that He is truly relevant to their daily lives.
- III. We need to speak the truth of the whole counsel of God.
  - A. Although healing shouldn’t be elevated above forgiveness of sins, neither should it be diminished below it.
  - B. Jesus provided healing for us at the same time as He provided forgiveness for our sins.
  - C. Healing isn’t just an “add-on” or an “added benefit” that only happens sometimes; it’s an essential part of what Christ came to do.
  - D. The Lord purchased healing for us just as He purchased forgiveness. It’s all part of His Atonement.

- IV. This truth about healing is not yet widely understood and believed across the body of Christ today, which explains why so few people are walking in it.
  - A. Most Christians think that God could certainly heal if He wanted to, but they don't see that He has already redeemed man from sickness and disease.
  - B. They view healing as something the Lord can do, but they don't know for sure that it is His will.
  - C. Healing is a done deal and is available to you now, exactly the same as forgiveness of sins.

# Part of His Atonement

## Lesson 2 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to the opening paragraphs of **Lesson 2**, what is there between the people who say that God exists and those who enjoy a vibrant relationship with Him?
2. What is one of the most obvious factors for why people, who know God exists, don't go on to obtain an intimate relationship with Him?
  - A. They're too busy.
  - B. They'd rather watch "As the Stomach Turns" on television.
  - C. The church has presented having a relationship with God as a heaven-and-hell issue.
  - D. They're not sure it's God's will.
  - E. All of the above.
3. According to the section titled "Truly Relevant," why aren't unsaved people concerned with a hell in the afterlife?
4. What haven't they heard or seen?
5. What kind of signal is sent both to unbelievers and Christians when misled preachers say things like, "God doesn't care about the healing of your body" or "He's putting sickness on you to teach you a lesson"?
6. In the section titled "Not Just an 'Add-on,'" when my dad died, what did the church tell me?
7. What kind of representation of God is this?
8. What does this do to people?
9. According the section titled, "A Done Deal," most Christians view healing as something the Lord can do, but they don't know for sure \_\_\_\_\_.
10. What blessing has the Lord already purchased?





# Sozo!

## Lesson 3 – Outline

- I. Jesus gave Himself for our sins that He might deliver us from *this present* evil world—not just the evil world to come:

*[Jesus] gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father.*

### Galatians 1:4, brackets mine

- A. We're not just saved from hell, our sins, and future punishment—Jesus also came to deliver, protect, and provide for us in this physical world right now.
- II. The Greek word *sozo* was used over a hundred times in the New Testament.
- A. It's an all-encompassing word for salvation, often rendered “save” or “saved.”
- B. However, a closer look at how this important word was translated makes it very clear that our salvation includes much more than just forgiveness of sins.
- i. *Sozo* was translated “save” thirty-eight times in reference to the forgiveness of sins (e.g., Matt. 1:21, 1 Cor. 1:21, and Heb. 7:25,).
  - ii. It was translated another fifty-three times as “saved” (past tense) in reference to forgiveness of sins.
  - iii. There were also times where this exact same Greek word was translated as “healed” (Mark 5:23 and Acts 14:8-10).
  - iv. This same word that's used for both forgiveness of sins and physical healing also applies to deliverance from demons (Luke 8:36).
  - v. James 5:15 is a classic example of Christ's saving power manifesting in our lives both as healing and forgiveness of sins.
  - vi. This same word was also translated “made whole” in reference to healing (Matt. 9:22, Mark 6:56, and Luke 8:50).
  - vii. *Sozo* was translated “made whole” or “be whole” eleven times in Scripture (e.g., Mark 5:28)
- C. It's obvious from God's Word that salvation isn't limited only to the forgiveness of sins.
- III. Many in the modern church have interpreted salvation only to be forgiveness of sins, but that's a misrepresentation of what the Lord did.
- A. Forgiveness of our sins is certainly the centerpiece, and I am not minimizing it at all.
- B. However, at the same time Christ died to purchase our redemption from sin, He also freed us from sickness, disease, depression, and poverty.

- IV. Second Corinthians 8:9 is very clear concerning the Atonement and our redemption from poverty:

*For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.*

- A. Through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection, God has provided everything we need in this life and in the life to come—forgiveness of sins, healing for our bodies, along with deliverance and prosperity. Isn't God good!

# **Sozo!**

## **Lesson 3 – Discipleship Questions**

1. Read Galatians 1:4. In order to deliver us from this present evil world, what did He (Jesus) give Himself for?
2. According to Matthew 1:21, why was the Son to be called Jesus?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 1:21. It pleased God by the \_\_\_\_\_ of preaching to save them that believe.
4. Read Hebrews 7:25. Because He (Jesus) ever lives to make intercession for people, what is He able to do?
5. According to Mark 5:23, Jairus begged Jesus, saying, **“I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she \_\_\_\_\_ live.”**
6. Read Mark 5:35-43. Once Jesus reached Jairus’ house, He told the mourners that the child was not dead but \_\_\_\_\_.
7. What is the interpretation of “Talitha cumi”?
8. Who was greatly astonished when she arose?
9. According to Luke 8:36, he that was possessed of the devils was \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Delivered.
  - B. Crazy.
  - C. Healed.
  - D. All of the above.
10. Read Luke 8:26-29. What did Jesus command the unclean spirit to do?
11. Read Acts 14:8-10. What did Paul perceive that the crippled man had?
12. What happened after Paul said to the crippled man, **“Stand upright on thy feet”**?
13. According to James 5:15, what shall save the sick?
14. Read Luke 6:8-11. When the man with the withered hand stretched forth his hand, it was \_\_\_\_\_ whole as the other.
15. When Jesus healed the man with the withered hand, what were the scribes and Pharisees filled with?
16. According to Matthew 9:22, Jesus called the woman who was made whole \_\_\_\_\_.
17. Read Mark 5:28. Who said that if she touched but his clothes, she would be whole?

18. According to Mark 6:56, who were made whole?
19. Read Luke 8:50. In order for Jairus' daughter to be made whole, what did Jesus say?
20. According to 2 Corinthians 8:9, "For ye know the \_\_\_\_\_ of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."

# **Sozo!**

## **Lesson 3 – Scriptures**

### **Galatians 1:4**

*Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father.*

### **Matthew 1:21**

*And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.*

### **I Corinthians 1:21**

*For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.*

### **Hebrews 7:25**

*Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.*

### **Mark 5:23**

*And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live.*

### **Mark 5:35-43**

*While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further? [36] As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe. [37] And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James. [38] And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly. [39] And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth. [40] And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying. [41] And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise. [42] And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment. [43] And he charged them straitly that no man should know it; and commanded that something should be given her to eat.*

**Luke 8:36**

*They also which saw it told them by what means he that was possessed of the devils was healed.*

**Luke 8:26-29**

*And they arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is over against Galilee. [27] And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs. [28] When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not. [29] (For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For oftentimes it had caught him: and he was kept bound with chains and in fetters; and he brake the bands, and was driven of the devil into the wilderness.)*

**Acts 14:8-10**

*And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked: [9] The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed, [10] Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.*

**James 5:15**

*And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.*

**Luke 6:8-11**

*But he knew their thoughts, and said to the man which had the withered hand, Rise up, and stand forth in the midst. And he arose and stood forth. [9] Then said Jesus unto them, I will ask you one thing; Is it lawful on the sabbath days to do good, or to do evil? to save life, or to destroy it? [10] And looking round about upon them all, he said unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he did so: and his hand was restored whole as the other. [11] And they were filled with madness; and communed one with another what they might do to Jesus.*

**Matthew 9:22**

*But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.*

**Mark 5:28**

*For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.*

**Mark 6:56**

*And whithersoever he entered, into villages, or cities, or country, they laid the sick in the streets, and besought him that they might touch if it were but the border of his garment: and as many as touched him were made whole.*

**Luke 8:50**

*But when Jesus heard it, he answered him, saying, Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole.*

**2 Corinthians 8:9**

*For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.*

# The Full Package

## Lesson 4 – Outline

- I. Jesus didn't just die for our sins, and then healing was something He could do if He wanted to.
  - A. This may be different than what much of the modern-day church presents, but scriptures bear it out.

*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.*

**Psalm 103:1-3**

- B. Verse 2 specifically tells us not to forget ALL of His benefits.
    - C. In the New Testament, 1 Peter 2 says,

*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.*

**1 Peter 2:24**

- D. Both Psalm 103:3 and 1 Peter 2:24 mention the salvation benefits of forgiveness of sins and physical healing together in the same verse.
      - E. As far as God is concerned, salvation is a package deal.
      - F. It's people—not God—who have said, "Let's not talk about healing, deliverance, or prosperity; let's just focus on forgiveness of sins. That's the part everyone can agree on. That's the main part of the Atonement. All these others are just fringe benefits." believe that's offensive to God!
- II. Healing is in the Atonement just as much as forgiveness of sins!
  - A. Once you get this revelation firmly established in your heart, it'll cause you to reject this false teaching that says, "God is the one who causes people to die. He puts sickness on you to humble you for some redemptive purpose and to perfect you through all this suffering."
  - B. Jesus died for the forgiveness of your sins and for the healing of your body. They're all part of one complete and finished Atonement.
  - C. This means Jesus would no more put sickness on you than He would lead you to sin.
  - D. When you understand this, you'll say, "I won't submit to sickness any more than I would go out and yield to sin."



- E. Once you get that mindset, you'll start seeing healing manifest in your body.
- III. One reason people don't see a greater degree of healing is because they aren't committed to it.
  - A. They embrace infirmity, thinking, *Well, this is just natural.*
  - B. Even worse, many times they're told, "It's God making you sick."

***Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.***

**James 4:7**

- C. The word "**resist**" means to actively fight against.
- D. How can you actively fight against the devil—and the sickness, infirmity, and disease that come from him—if you think that God is the one sending it instead?
- E. If you aren't persuaded in your heart that God wants you well, you might ask for deliverance, but you won't actively fight against sickness or stand in faith for healing.
- F. You need to get the same attitude toward sickness that you have toward sin!
- IV. In the same way that Christ does not lead you into sin, neither does He bring you infirmity or disease.

***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**

- A. Notice that the Word says that when Jesus went about healing people, it was good.
- B. Notice that they were oppressed of the devil, not of God.
- C. God is not the author of sickness, infirmity, or disease.
- V. Isaiah prophesied powerfully of the coming Messiah.

***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. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 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.***

**Isaiah 53:3-5**

A. Matthew 8 describes Jesus actually fulfilling this prophecy from Isaiah 53:4:

*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 [Isaiah] the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.*

**Matthew 8:16-17, brackets mine**

- B. Notice how Matthew in the New Testament, quoting Isaiah 53:4 under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, interpreted “griefs” and “sorrows” to mean “infirmities” and “sicknesses.”
- C. In light of Matthew 8:16-17, it’s clear that when Isaiah 53:4-5 says that He bore our griefs and carried our sorrows and that by His stripes we are healed, this is not just referring to some kind of spiritual or emotional healing; it’s talking about the physical healing of our bodies.
- VI. We’ve already looked at many scriptures that clearly reveal physical healing as an important part of Christ’s Atonement.
- A. Since it’s part of what Jesus bled, died, and resurrected to provide, it’s not optional.
- B. We are not honoring the Lord by picking and choosing and presenting a less-than-true picture of the message He really wants us to communicate.
- C. We are not glorifying God by ignoring, neglecting, and/or disbelieving an important part of the full salvation package He has provided.
- D. We’ve made the Gospel message irrelevant to many people because they see it as only applying to the future.
- E. They perceive salvation as having no relevance to their present-day situations, which is absolutely incorrect.

# **The Full Package**

## **Lesson 4 – Discipleship Questions**

1. Read Psalm 103:1-3. “**Bless the LORD, O my \_\_\_\_\_.**”
2. What are we not to forget?
3. What are His benefits?
4. Read 1 Peter 2:24. Why did Jesus bear our sins in His own body on the tree?
5. Read Galatians 1:4. According to whose will did Jesus give Himself for our sins?
6. Read James 4:7. What happens when we resist the devil?
7. According to Romans 8:1-2, there is no condemnation to whom?
8. What has made us free from the law of sin and death?
9. Read Romans 6:11-14. We are to reckon ourselves dead to sin but \_\_\_\_\_.
10. What should we not let reign in our mortal bodies?
11. Why shouldn't sin have dominion over us?
12. According to Acts 10:38, God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with what?
  - A. Peanut butter.
  - B. The Holy Ghost
  - C. Power.
  - D. A. and C.
  - E. B. and C.
13. Read Isaiah 53:3-5. Was Jesus liked and accepted of men?
14. Why was He wounded?
15. Why was He bruised?
16. The chastisement of our \_\_\_\_\_ was upon Him.
17. With His stripes, what are we?
18. According to Matthew 8:16-17, what did Jesus cast the spirits out with?
19. What else did He do?

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## Lesson 4 – Scriptures

### **Psalm 103:1-3**

*Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. [2] Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: [3] Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases.*

### **1 Peter 2:24**

*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.*

### **Galatians 1:4**

*Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father.*

### **James 4:7**

*Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

### **Romans 8:1-2**

*There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. [2] For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.*

### **Romans 6:11-14**

*Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. [12] Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. [13] Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. [14] For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.*

### **Acts 10:38**

*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.*

### **Isaiah 53:3-5**

*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. [4] Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. [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.*

**Matthew 8:16-17**

*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: [17] That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.*

# Sickness and Sin

## Lesson 5 – Outline

I. It's always God's will to heal us.

A. We know this because Jesus only did what He saw His Father do:

*Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.*

**John 5:19**

B. And God the Son is the express image of God the Father:

*Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.*

**Hebrews 1:3**

C. The Greek word translated “**express image**” speaks of an identical copy or a perfect representation.

D. So we can be confident in determining God's will concerning healing by looking at the life of Jesus.

II. In the Gospels, there is not one example of Jesus ever putting sickness on anyone.

A. The modern church that preaches “God makes people sick” is representing Him completely contrary to the perfect representation of Christ.

B. It's totally opposite the exact image Jesus gave us of His Father.

C. (See *Is it Always God's Will to Heal?* section at the back of this **Study Guide**.)

D. God is not the author of sickness—He's the author of healing.

III. Even under the Old Testament Law, sickness, infirmity, and disease were never considered “blessings.”

A. Yet many people in the church today reverse this, saying, “Oh, no. It's really a blessing that God gave me this sickness.” That's not true.

B. Now, can some good come out of people being sick? Certainly. It's just like those who learned from the hard knocks of sin.

C. God used what was happening in their lives to bring them to the end of themselves and cause them to be born again.

- D. The Lord can use even the things that the devil does in our lives, but that doesn't mean He caused them.
  - E. In the same way, Satan has caused people to be sick, infirmed, and diseased. They may learn important lessons through their infirmity, and because of that, they mistakenly begin to credit God with giving them that sickness.
  - F. God would no more give people sickness to humble them than He would cause them to murder somebody to humble them.
- IV. As long as you can tolerate sickness, you will.
- A. Once you get this attitude that *I will not put up with sickness, infirmity, and disease. I resist it in Jesus' name*, you'll start seeing healing manifest in your life.
  - B. There's much to learn about receiving healing from God, but this has to be your foundation: Healing is included in Christ's Atonement.
  - C. I am seeing a tremendous amount of victory in the area of healing personally and in ministering to others.
  - D. Unless you are having better results, you ought to consider these truths I'm sharing.
- V. Without exception, all of the people I've studied who have had the healing power of God manifest in their lives and ministries on a regular basis have had this same foundational belief.
- A. Every single one of them has believed that healing is part of the Atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - B. They believe it's always God's will to heal just the same as it's always God's will to save.
  - C. Until you get that attitude, Satan will always be able to make you passive.
- VI. You must be persuaded in your heart of the truth of God's Word concerning healing and then actively stand against the devil.
- A. God's Word is His will, and it's very clear:

*Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.*

### **3 John 2**

- B. God wants you well!

# Sickness and Sin

## Lesson 5 – Discipleship Questions

1. Read John 5:19. What does the Son do?
2. Read Hebrews 1:3. What is upheld by the word of God's power?
3. Did Jesus and someone else purge our sins?
4. Read Acts 10:38. Who was with Jesus?
5. According to Deuteronomy 28:1-14, how were the people to hearken?
  - A. Lethargically.
  - B. Hastily.
  - C. Diligently.
  - D. All of the above.
  - E. None of above.
6. Were these suggestions or commandments?
7. What would come upon the people and overtake them?
8. According to Deuteronomy 28:15-68, what would happen if the people did not hearken unto the voice of the Lord their God, to observe to do all His commandments and His statutes that He commanded them that day?
9. Which section is larger: the blessings or the curses?
10. Are the curses desirable things?
11. Read Galatians 3:13-14. What has Christ redeemed us from?
12. Why was He made a curse for us?
13. Read James 4:7. **“Submit \_\_\_\_\_ therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”**
14. According to 3 John 2, God wishes above all things that we might prosper and be in health even as what?



# Sickness and Sin

## Lesson 5 – Scriptures

### **John 5:19**

*Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.*

### **Hebrews 1:3**

*Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.*

### **Acts 10:38**

*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.*

### **Deuteronomy 28:1-68**

*And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: [2] And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God. [3] Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. [4] Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. [5] Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store. [6] Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out. [7] The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways. [8] The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. [9] The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways. [10] And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee. [11] And the LORD shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers to give thee. [12] The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow. [13] And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God,*

which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them: [14] And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them. [15] But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee: [16] Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field. [17] Cursed shall be thy basket and thy store. [18] Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. [19] Cursed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and cursed shalt thou be when thou goest out. [20] The LORD shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken me. [21] The LORD shall make the pestilence cleave unto thee, until he have consumed thee from off the land, whither thou goest to possess it. [22] The LORD shall smite thee with a consumption, and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning, and with the sword, and with blasting, and with mildew; and they shall pursue thee until thou perish. [23] And thy heaven that is over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron. [24] The LORD shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust: from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed. [25] The LORD shall cause thee to be smitten before thine enemies: thou shalt go out one way against them, and flee seven ways before them: and shalt be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth. [26] And thy carcase shall be meat unto all fowls of the air, and unto the beasts of the earth, and no man shall fray them away. [27] The LORD will smite thee with the botch of Egypt, and with the emerods, and with the scab, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed. [28] The LORD shall smite thee with madness, and blindness, and astonishment of heart: [29] And thou shalt grope at noonday, as the blind gropeth in darkness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways: and thou shalt be only oppressed and spoiled evermore, and no man shall save thee. [30] Thou shalt betroth a wife, and another man shall lie with her: thou shalt build an house, and thou shalt not dwell therein: thou shalt plant a vineyard, and shalt not gather the grapes thereof. [31] Thine ox shall be slain before thine eyes, and thou shalt not eat thereof: thine ass shall be violently taken away from before thy face, and shall not be restored to thee: thy sheep shall be given unto thine enemies, and thou shalt have none to rescue them. [32] Thy sons and thy daughters shall be given unto another people, and thine eyes shall look, and fail with longing for them all the day long: and there shall be no might in thine hand. [33] The fruit of thy land, and all thy labours, shall a nation which thou knowest not eat up; and thou shalt be only oppressed and crushed away: [34] So that thou shalt be mad for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see. [35] The LORD shall smite thee in the knees, and in the legs, with a sore botch that cannot be healed, from the sole of thy foot unto the top of thy head. [36] The LORD shall bring thee, and thy king which thou shalt set over thee, unto a nation which neither thou nor thy fathers have known; and there shalt thou serve other gods, wood and stone. [37] And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all

nations whither the LORD shall lead thee. [38] Thou shalt carry much seed out into the field, and shalt gather but little in; for the locust shall consume it. [39] Thou shalt plant vineyards, and dress them, but shalt neither drink of the wine, nor gather the grapes; for the worms shall eat them. [40] Thou shalt have olive trees throughout all thy coasts, but thou shalt not anoint thyself with the oil; for thine olive shall cast his fruit. [41] Thou shalt beget sons and daughters, but thou shalt not enjoy them; for they shall go into captivity. [42] All thy trees and fruit of thy land shall the locust consume. [43] The stranger that is within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low. [44] He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail. [45] Moreover all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded thee: [46] And they shall be upon thee for a sign and for a wonder, and upon thy seed for ever. [47] Because thou servedst not the LORD thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things; [48] Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the LORD shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things: and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee. [49] The LORD shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand; [50] A nation of fierce countenance, which shall not regard the person of the old, nor shew favour to the young: [51] And he shall eat the fruit of thy cattle, and the fruit of thy land, until thou be destroyed: which also shall not leave thee either corn, wine, or oil, or the increase of thy kine, or flocks of thy sheep, until he have destroyed thee. [52] And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou trustedst, throughout all thy land: and he shall besiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land, which the LORD thy God hath given thee. [53] And thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own body, the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, which the LORD thy God hath given thee, in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee: [54] So that the man that is tender among you, and very delicate, his eye shall be evil toward his brother, and toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the remnant of his children which he shall leave: [55] So that he will not give to any of them of the flesh of his children whom he shall eat: because he hath nothing left him in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee in all thy gates. [56] The tender and delicate woman among you, which would not adventure to set the sole of her foot upon the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye shall be evil toward the husband of her bosom, and toward her son, and toward her daughter, [57] And toward her young one that cometh out from between her feet, and toward her children which she shall bear: for she shall eat them for want of all things secretly in the siege and straitness, wherewith thine enemy shall distress thee in thy gates. [58] If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY GOD; [59] Then the LORD will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, even great

plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance. [60] Moreover he will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee. [61] Also every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, them will the LORD bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed. [62] And ye shall be left few in number, whereas ye were as the stars of heaven for multitude; because thou wouldest not obey the voice of the LORD thy God. [63] And it shall come to pass, that as the LORD rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you; so the LORD will rejoice over you to destroy you, and to bring you to nought; and ye shall be plucked from off the land whither thou goest to possess it. [64] And the LORD shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and stone. [65] And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest: but the LORD shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind: [66] And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life: [67] In the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were even! and at even thou shalt say, Would God it were morning! for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see. [68] And the LORD shall bring thee into Egypt again with ships, by the way whereof I spake unto thee, Thou shalt see it no more again: and there ye shall be sold unto your enemies for bondmen and bondwomen, and no man shall buy you.

### **Galatians 3:13-14**

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: [14] That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

### **James 4:7**

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

### **3 John 2**

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

# A Cop-out

## Lesson 6 – Outline

- I. God never intended for what Jesus accomplished through His death, burial, and resurrection to be broken up and separated into different elements.
  - A. No, it's actually all a package deal.
  - B. God's will is to heal you just as much as it is to forgive you.
  - C. He wants you to resist sickness and disease just as much as He wants you to resist sin.
- II. Being well seems to be a universal desire.
  - A. Consider the effort people put into getting their bodies well.
  - B. People universally hate sickness and disease.
  - C. That's because God didn't create mankind to die. Death was something man chose, but it wasn't something God chose.
  - D. The Lord originally intended for our bodies to live forever.
  - E. The medical profession really cannot understand why the body doesn't live forever.
  - F. God's original plan was for us never to be sick.
  - G. Sickness was not a part of God's plan—it was part of what we unknowingly chose in the Fall.
  - H. We were created with a God-given desire on the inside of every one of us for health.
- III. Why, then, do some people fight against God being our Healer?
  - A. They'll actually say "You are of the devil" if you believe that the Lord heals today.
  - B. Others may not reject you for laying hands on the sick and believing for them to recover (Mark 16:18). But they would certainly say it's not God's will to heal every single time.
  - C. Although there are many reasons why people are prejudiced, biased, and teach against healing, I believe they all stem from a common root.
- IV. People resist the truth that healing is in the Atonement and they resist that it is God's will to heal every time, because it's convenient to believe that way.
  - A. There may be some sincere people who have been taught wrong, but the bottom line of this teaching against healing is that it's a cop-out.
  - B. It avoids the responsibility that becomes theirs when they accept that God wants them well.

- C. If the Lord has provided healing for us—and it’s obvious that not everybody is healed—then the question arises, “Why aren’t we well?”
  - D. If God wants us well and we aren’t, this means we have to accept some degree of responsibility.
- V. Some people argue, “If God wanted someone healed, then they’d be healed whether you or I prayed for them or not.”
- A. That’s not true either. Consider the forgiveness of sins:

*The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*

**2 Peter 3:9**

- B. God’s will is for people to be saved. Yet not everybody is saved.
  - C. He doesn’t want people to be sick either, but they are.
  - D. Certainly, some people are in total rebellion toward the Lord and His ways, and they’re reaping what they’ve sown.
  - E. Yet other people desire healing, and they still fall short.
  - F. They don’t understand how to receive.
  - G. We need to understand and accept our part.
- VI. It’s our failure to accept this responsibility that’s the root of why we fight against healing.
- A. I’m not saying it’s our fault directly, although in some cases it could be.
  - B. Often it’s not an individual’s sin that brought sickness and disease, but mankind’s sin that has corrupted this world.
  - C. It’s the sin that caused germs and viruses, fungi and infections, and the like that were never a part of God’s original plan for mankind.
  - D. They’re perversions of nature that happened through sin, not necessarily individual sin, but the collective sin that has corrupted the entire system.
  - E. Even though it might not be something we did individually that caused sickness, there is always something we can do individually to overcome that perversion and walk in health.
  - F. It’s not God who fails to heal us; it’s us who fail to receive.

# **A Cop-out**

## **Lesson 6 – Discipleship Questions**

1. Read Mark 16:18. Who is saying this?
2. **“They shall lay hands on the sick, and they \_\_\_\_\_ recover.”**
3. According to 2 Peter 3:9, who is the Lord long-suffering to?
4. If He is not willing that any should perish, what is His will?
5. Read Matthew 7:13-14. Where does Jesus instruct us to enter?
6. How many people find the way that leads to life?
7. According to Romans 10:2-3, the zeal that the Jewish people had was not according to \_\_\_\_\_.
8. If a person, ignorant of God’s righteousness, goes about to establish their own righteousness, what have they done?
  - A. They have bought the farm.
  - B. They have not submitted to the righteousness of God.
  - C. They have succeeded.
  - D. All of the above.
  - E. None of the above.
9. Read 2 Samuel 12:23. Why didn’t David want to fast?
10. According to John 8:32, **“Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall \_\_\_\_\_ you free.”**

# A Cop-out

## Lesson 6 – Scriptures

### **Mark 16:18**

*They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.*

### **2 Peter 3:9**

*The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*

### **Matthew 7:13-14**

*Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: [14] Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.*

### **Romans 10:2-3**

*For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. [3] For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.*

### **2 Samuel 12:23**

*But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.*

### **John 8:32**

*And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*



# Paul's Thorn in the Flesh

## Lesson 7 – Outline

- I. Anytime I minister on physical healing, someone brings up Paul's thorn in the flesh.
  - A. They say, "God gave Paul a thorn in the flesh. He made him sick. Paul tried to believe the Lord for healing but wasn't healed."
  - B. This misconception is based on a misinterpretation of Scripture.

*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.*

### 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

- C. In verse 7, Paul made it very clear that this thorn in the flesh was a messenger from Satan, not from God.
  - D. The Greek word translated "messenger" here is also rendered "angel" elsewhere in the New Testament (Luke 1:13, 2 Cor. 11:14, and Gal. 4:14).
  - E. Therefore, this was a demonic messenger, a dark angel, sent from the devil to buffet Paul.
- II. Some people erroneously suppose that God gave this thorn in the flesh to Paul because this kept him from being exalted above measure.
    - A. They just automatically think this is saying the thorn in the flesh was sent from God to keep him humble. Not true.

*Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.*

### 1 Peter 5:6

- B. Being exalted, being lifted up, is good when God does it.
- C. The Bible says to humble yourself.
- D. If God does it to you, that's not humility; it's humiliation.

- E. Humility is not something you can force on a person; it has to come from the inside out.
- III. Satan recognized that Paul was drawing many people to the Lord because he was walking in such absolute victory and being exalted by God.
- A. Lest Paul be exalted above measure, Satan gave him a thorn in the flesh.
- B. It was from the devil, not God.
- C. I've had people who were sick tell me, "I'm like the Apostle Paul. God has given me a thorn in the flesh, and I'm just supposed to bear it."
- D. Remember, it was because of the abundance of the revelations that this thorn came.
- E. If you have been using this thorn-in-the-flesh thing as an excuse, too, you need to quit hiding behind it unless you have so much revelation that you could write half of the New Testament.
- IV. Another reason some people think it was sickness is because the word "**infirmities**" is used twice here in 2 Corinthians 12:9-10.
- A. We must remember that man put in the chapter and verse divisions later for the purpose of reference. Second Corinthians wasn't broken up by chapter and verse divisions.
- B. Starting in 2 Corinthians 11:23, Paul defined, explained, and listed what he was calling "**infirmities.**"
- C. All of these things listed were talking about persecution and hardships that Paul endured for the cause of Christ.
- D. Then, just a few verses later, he declared,

*Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities.*

**2 Corinthians 12:9**

- E. In context, "**infirmities**" here is talking about all of the hardships he suffered for the Gospel.
- F. Verse 10 goes on to make it very clear, saying,

*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.*

**2 Corinthians 12:10**

- G. Every one of these makes it very clear that this is not talking about some kind of physical sickness. Rather, it was speaking of a hardship or persecution that Paul had to deal with.

- V. Also, the people with a Jewish background in the church that Paul was writing to would recognize the phrase “**thorn in the flesh**” from the early books of the Old Testament.
  - A. When Paul used the terminology “**thorn in the flesh**,” their minds immediately went back to the imagery in the Old Testament scriptures of Numbers 33:55, Joshua 23:13, and Judges 2:3.
  - B. In each case, it referred to people who were antagonistic toward God’s people.
- VI. Paul walked in victory, but he also endured more persecution, shipwrecks, beatings, imprisonment, rejection, and criticism than anyone else.
  - A. The devil was doing this to turn people away from Paul’s message.
  - B. So Paul sought the Lord three times to remove this thorn in the flesh, this demonic angel that stirred up persecution through people.
  - C. The Lord answered,

*My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.*

### **2 Corinthians 12:9**

- VII. Through Christ’s Atonement, we have been redeemed from sickness, but not from persecution.
  - A. Paul himself acknowledged this truth later in his life while writing to Timothy:

*Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.*

### **2 Timothy 3:12**

- B. God doesn’t just stop all of our persecutors.
- C. Rather, He reveals Himself to people through us as we continue to love them, forgive them, turn the other cheek, and follow Jesus.
- D. It’s a powerful testimony when we continue to love God despite their threats, and God uses it.
- E. We aren’t redeemed from persecution, but we are redeemed from sickness.

# Paul's Thorn in the Flesh

## Lesson 7 – Discipleship Questions

1. Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10. A thorn in the flesh was given to Paul lest he should be \_\_\_\_\_ through the abundance of the revelations.
  - A. Paid above normal.
  - B. Warmed and filled.
  - C. Exalted above measure.
  - D. All of the above.
  - E. None of the above.
2. What was made perfect in Paul's weakness?
3. According to Luke 1:13, the angel greeted Zacharias by saying what?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 11:14. What can Satan be transformed into?
5. According to Galatians 4:14, was Paul despised or rejected because of the temptation in his flesh?
6. How was he received?
7. According to 1 Peter 5:6, if we humble ourselves, what will God do?
8. Read Acts 20:9-12. When did Eutychus fall asleep?
9. When Eutychus was raised from the dead, were the people only a little comforted?
10. According to Acts 16:16-18, whom did Paul speak to?
11. Read Acts 19:11-12. God worked \_\_\_\_\_ miracles by the hands of Paul.
12. According to Acts 17:6, whom were Jason and certain brethren taken to?
13. Read Acts 16:25-33. What did Paul and Silas answer the keeper of the prison?
14. He and his entire house were baptized when?
15. According to Romans 8:26, the Spirit makes intercession for us with groanings that cannot be \_\_\_\_\_.
16. Read 2 Corinthians 11:23-33. If Paul needed to glory, what was he going to glory in?
17. Read Acts 14:19. After stoning Paul, what did the people do to him?
18. Read Numbers 33:55. What would happen if the inhabitants of the land weren't driven out?

19. According to Joshua 23:13, was the Lord going to drive out the nations from before the Israelites anymore?
20. According to Judges 2:3, what would the gods be to the Israelites?
21. Read 1 Corinthians 4:9-13. Who were the apostles spectacles to?
22. Read 2 Timothy 3:12. Is this a guarantee?
23. Read Philippians 3:14. **“I \_\_\_\_\_ toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”**
24. According to Acts 7:58, at that time, Saul was a \_\_\_\_\_ man.

# Paul's Thorn in the Flesh

## Lesson 7 – Scriptures

### **2 Corinthians 12:7-10**

*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. [8] For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. [9] 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. [10] 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.*

### **Luke 1:13**

*But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.*

### **2 Corinthians 11:14**

*And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.*

### **Galatians 4:14**

*And my temptation which was in my flesh ye despised not, nor rejected; but received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus.*

### **1 Peter 5:6**

*Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.*

### **Acts 20:9-12**

*And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep: and as Paul was long preaching, he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead. [10] And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him. [11] When he therefore was come up again, and had broken bread, and eaten, and talked a long while, even till break of day, so he departed. [12] And they brought the young man alive, and were not a little comforted.*

### **Acts 16:16-18**

*And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying: [17] The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation. [18] And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the*

*spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.*

### **Acts 19:11-12**

*And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: [12] So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.*

### **Acts 17:6**

*And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also.*

### **Acts 16:25-33**

*And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. [26] And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed. [27] And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled. [28] But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here. [29] Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, [30] And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? [31] And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. [32] And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. [33] And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.*

### **Romans 8:26**

*Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.*

### **2 Corinthians 11:23-33**

*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. [24] Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. [25] 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; [26] 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; [27] In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. [28] Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches. [29] Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not? [30] If*

*I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities. [31] The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not. [32] In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me: [33] And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands.*

### **Acts 14:19**

*And there came thither certain Jews from Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the people, and, having stoned Paul, drew him out of the city, supposing he had been dead.*

### **Numbers 33:55**

*But if ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you; then it shall come to pass, that those which ye let remain of them shall be pricks in your eyes, and thorns in your sides, and shall vex you in the land wherein ye dwell.*

### **Joshua 23:13**

*Know for a certainty that the LORD your God will no more drive out any of these nations from before you; but they shall be snares and traps unto you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until ye perish from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you.*

### **Judges 2:3**

*Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be as thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare unto you.*

### **I Corinthians 4:9-13**

*For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord. [5] Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God. [6] And these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and to Apollos for your sakes; that ye might learn in us not to think of men above that which is written, that no one of you be puffed up for one against another. [7] For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it? [8] Now ye are full, now ye are rich, ye have reigned as kings without us: and I would to God ye did reign, that we also might reign with you. [9] For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men. [10] We are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ; we are weak, but ye are strong; ye are honourable, but we are despised. [11] Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwellingplace; [12] And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it: [13] Being defamed, we intreat: we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day.*



**2 Timothy 3:12**

*Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.*

**Philippians 3:14**

*I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*

**Acts 7:58**

*And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.*

# Eye Problems?

## Lesson 8 – Outline

I. Some people teach that Paul had a sickness that God refused to heal him of, and therefore we can't expect to be healed of all sicknesses today.

A. They attempt to verify this with Galatians 4:

*Brethren, I beseech you, be as I am; for I am as ye are: ye have not injured me at all. Ye know how through infirmity of the flesh I preached the gospel unto you at the first. And my temptation which was in my flesh ye despised not, nor rejected; but received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus. Where is then the blessedness ye spake of? for I bear you record, that, if it had been possible, ye would have plucked out your own eyes, and have given them to me.*

### Galatians 4:12-15

B. Notice the terminology in verse 13, “**infirmity of the flesh.**” This is literally talking about some kind of physical problem.

C. So people theorize that this was an ancient Aramaic disease of runny, puffy eyes that lasted throughout Paul's entire life.

D. If you can swallow that, then you can make the Bible say anything you want.

II. Let's consider a much more accurate interpretation.

A. In order to do so, we need to look at Acts 14:11-12 and 19-21.

B. Paul was preaching in Lystra and Derbe.

C. This was the instance when he was stoned and left for dead (2 Cor. 11:25).

D. Can you guess where the cities Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe were located? They were all part of a region called Galatia.

E. These are the people Paul was writing to in Galatians 4 when he said, “At first you took pity on me because of this infirmity in my flesh. You would have plucked out your own eyes for me.”

F. Instead of pulling out of the clear blue sky that Paul had some kind of an ancient eye disease, it's much more honest with Scripture to recognize that Galatians 4 is referring to the exact same time period when Paul had been stoned, left for dead, rose up, traveled over twenty miles the next day, and began preaching to the people in the next city.

- III. If Paul was talking about the fact that he had some damage to his eyes from the stoning the day before, it was only temporary.
- A. Paul said it was only “**at the first**” that this “**infirmity of the flesh**” bothered him.
  - B. It was something temporary in his body that healed over time.
  - C. Paul got over it.
- IV. It’s also possible that when Paul said “You would have plucked out your own eyes and given them to me,” he was using a figure of speech.
- A. People say, “You’d give your right arm for me.”
  - B. Does that mean they have bad right arms? No.
  - C. It’s just a figure of speech people use to say that this person would sacrifice anything for them.
- V. The people who contend that Paul’s thorn in the flesh was sickness in the form of some eye disease go on to Galatians 6:

*Ye see how large a letter I have written unto you with mine own hand.*

**Galatians 6:11**

- A. I’ve actually heard someone use this verse to argue that Paul was so nearly blind because of his eyesight problem that his handwriting was three or four inches tall.
  - B. That’s not what Paul was talking about here.
  - C. There are different words for talking about size or quantity in the Greek language.
  - D. The word translated “**large**” in Galatians 6:11 is the one for quantity.
  - E. If you were to print Galatians out in twelve-point type (Times New Roman font), double-spaced on regular sheets of 8.5 x 11 paper, it would be more than eight pages long.
  - F. I would consider that a large letter, in the sense that it’s long.
- VI. If Paul did have any eye problems, referred to in Galatians 4, it was because he was stoned and left for dead the day before, and it was only temporary.
- A. That would be the only correlation between what Paul was saying in Galatians 4 and his mentioning of the thorn in the flesh in 2 Corinthians 12:7.
  - B. Paul’s thorn in the flesh was not some type of sickness; it was a demonic messenger sent from Satan to stir up persecution wherever he went.
  - C. We are redeemed from sickness but not from persecution.

# Eye Problems?

## Lesson 8 – Discipleship Questions

1. Read Galatians 4:12-15. Even though Paul had an infirmity of the flesh, what did he do?
2. What would the people of Galatia have done for Paul?
3. According to Romans 8:26, what does the Spirit make for us?
4. According to 2 Corinthians 11:25-26, was Paul rarely persecuted?
5. Read Acts 14:11-12. Why did the people think Paul and Barnabas were gods come down in the likeness of men?
6. Read Acts 14:19-21. What happened when the disciples stood round about Paul after he had been stoned?
7. In Derbe, Paul and Barnabas preached the Gospel to that city and taught \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. No one.
  - B. A few people.
  - C. Algebra.
  - D. Everyone.
  - E. Many.
8. According to Acts 14:6, where did Paul and Barnabas flee to?
9. Read Galatians 6:11. Whose hand wrote the letter to the Galatians?
10. According to Matthew 23:24, what kind of guides were Jesus talking to?
11. Were they physically blind?
12. Read 2 Corinthians 12:7. Paul was given a messenger of \_\_\_\_\_, lest he should be exalted above measure.

# Eye Problems?

## Lesson 8 – Scriptures

### **Galatians 4:12-15**

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### **Acts 14:11-12**

*And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men. [12] And they called Barnabas, Jupiter; and Paul, Mercurius, because he was the chief speaker.*

### **Acts 14:19-21**

*And there came thither certain Jews from Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the people, and, having stoned Paul, drew him out of the city, supposing he had been dead. [20] Howbeit, as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up, and came into the city: and the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe. [21] And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch.*

### **Acts 14:6**

*They were ware of it, and fled unto Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and unto the region that lieth round about.*

### **Galatians 6:11**

*Ye see how large a letter I have written unto you with mine own hand.*

**Matthew 23:24**

*Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel.*

**2 Corinthians 12:7**

*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.*

# Redeemed from the Curse

## Lesson 9 – Outline

- I. Some people have tried to use 1 Timothy 5 to counter the truth that it's always God's will to heal:

*Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities.*

### I Timothy 5:23

- A. I've actually heard people teach from this that Timothy had some chronic sickness that he never got healed of. Therefore, they teach that if Timothy, who was Paul's right-hand man, didn't get healed, then it's not God's will to heal us either.
- B. To offer this verse based on that supposition as proof that God doesn't want to heal us is an inaccurate and dishonest interpretation of Scripture.
- C. Apparently, whatever sickness Timothy had was a stomach problem, and it was related to the water.
- D. So Paul was counseling Timothy to quit drinking the water, because that's what was causing Timothy's stomach problems, and to instead drink a little wine.
- II. Some people argue, "Even one of Paul's companions, Trophimus, didn't get healed. Therefore, it must not be God's will to heal everybody":

*Erastus abode at Corinth: but Trophimus have I left at Miletum sick.*

### 2 Timothy 4:20

- A. It's true that not everyone receives healing, but that doesn't mean it's because God doesn't want them to be healed.
- B. Each individual has to believe. Trophimus had to believe.
- C. Possibly, he was believing God, and it just took a period of time for healing to manifest in his body.
- D. Perhaps Paul didn't want to wait for the healing to manifest and went on ahead.
- E. It's also possible that Trophimus just quit believing God, so Paul decided to leave him there sick.
- III. Although there are several Old Testament references for when God struck people with sickness, not once was it ever considered a blessing.
- A. Deuteronomy 28 states very clearly that sickness is a curse—not good—and health is a blessing.

B. There were times that God smote people with curses, but Galatians 3 reveals that...

*Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.*

**Galatians 3:13-14**

C. Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law.

IV. God reprove, corrects, and instructs you through His Word:

*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.*

**2 Timothy 3:16-17**

A. Some folks argue, “Yeah, but not everyone obeys the Word. Some people only respond when everything in their lives goes sour.”

B. Tragedy, sickness, and disease are not God’s system; His system is to teach you through the Word—through the Holy Spirit quickening the Word to you.

C. If you don’t respond to the Lord through His Word, there are other ways you can learn.

D. But that’s not God’s system. He teaches you through His Word.

V. God can work for good anything that happens to you, but not everything that happens to you comes from God (John 10:10).

A. Stop holding on to this religious bias against healing.

B. It’s a convenient theology that dodges responsibility.

C. Because this bias exists, people have gone to the Word of God and tried to make it say things it doesn’t say.

D. These truths I’ve shared will help you establish in your heart that it’s always God’s will for you to be well.



# Redeemed from the Curse

## Lesson 9 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to 1 Timothy 5:23, because of the water, Timothy had infirmities \_\_\_\_\_.
2. According to 2 Timothy 4:20, whom did Paul leave at Miletum sick?
  - A. Erastus.
  - B. Timothy.
  - C. Trophimus.
  - D. All of the above.
  - E. None of the above.
3. Read Romans 8:28. All things work together for good to them that what?
4. Read Galatians 3:13-14. What was Christ made for us?
5. **“That the \_\_\_\_\_ of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ.”**
6. That we might receive what?
7. According to Luke 9:54-56, what did James and John ask the Lord?
8. What did He turn and do?
9. What did He say?
10. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. How much of Scripture is given by inspiration of God?
11. What is Scripture profitable for?
12. According to John 10:10, the thief comes only to what?
13. Jesus has come that what?
14. Read James 1:16-17. **“Every \_\_\_\_\_ gift and every \_\_\_\_\_ gift is from above.”**
15. Is there any variableness or shadow of turning with the Father of lights?

# Redeemed from the Curse

## Lesson 9 – Scriptures

### **1 Timothy 5:23**

*Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities.*

### **2 Timothy 4:20**

*Erastus abode at Corinth: but Trophimus have I left at Miletum sick.*

### **Romans 8:28**

*And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*

### **Galatians 3:13-14**

*Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: [14] That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.*

### **Luke 9:54-56**

*And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did? [55] But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. [56] For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village.*

### **2 Timothy 3:16-17**

*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: [17] That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.*

### **John 10:10**

*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.*

### **James 1:16-17**

*Do not err, my beloved brethren. [17] Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.*

# Jesus Healed Them All

## Lesson 10 – Outline

- I. When Jesus was here on this earth, every person who would allow Him to minister to them was healed.
  - A. And He didn't do that just once; He did it on a number of occasions.
  - B. Christ isn't the one who has changed (Heb. 13:8); His followers have.
  - C. It's not God who isn't healing the sick today; it's His followers.
- II. People with all kinds of sicknesses, diseases, and torments were brought to Jesus and He healed them.
  - A. He didn't just heal some; He healed them all (Matt. 4:23-24; 8:16-17; 9:35; 12:15; 14:14, 34-36; 15:30; 19:2; and 21:14)!
  - B. Even with great multitudes, He healed them all. It is God's will for you to be well!
- III. Matthew 15:31 shows the results:

*Insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel.*

- A. Something that brought glory to God is not of the devil.
  - B. How people can say that people being miraculously healed is of the devil is nothing but a cop-out.
  - C. It's an excuse for their powerlessness.
  - D. It's a way to justify themselves, and to do it, they have to condemn those who are following the example of Jesus.
- IV. Since Jesus said He did exactly what He saw His Father do and Hebrews 1:3 says He was the express image of the Father, this shows that it is God's will to heal us all.
    - A. "Then why don't we see every single person healed?"
    - B. That's a simple question, but it has a complex answer, which we're going to spend the next few **Lessons** dealing with.

# **Jesus Healed Them All**

## **Lesson 10 – Discipleship Questions**

1. Read Isaiah 53:4-5. Who is this passage describing?
2. Read 1 Peter 2:24. Who are dead to sins?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 12:7. How was Paul to be exalted above measure?
4. The warnings and curses of Deuteronomy 28:15-68 are of the \_\_\_\_\_ Covenant.
  - A. Old.
  - B. Marital.
  - C. Blood.
  - D. All of the above.
  - E. None of the above.
5. Read Galatians 3:13-14. For whose benefit did Christ suffer?
6. According to Deuteronomy 28:1-14, these blessings would come upon the people if they did how many of God's commandments?
7. According to Ephesians 1:3, where are the spiritual blessings God has blessed us with?
8. Read James 4:7. What does this passage say to do before we resist the devil?
9. According to Hebrews 13:8, for how long is Jesus the same?
10. Read Matthew 4:23-24. What did Jesus do besides heal the people?
11. According to Matthew 8:16-17, Jesus did these things fulfilling the prophecy of whom?
12. Read Matthew 9:35, 12:15, and 14:14. What is common among these verses?
13. Read Matthew 14:34-36. The men of that place sent out into all that country and brought unto Him all that were diseased when what?
14. According Matthew 15:30-31, what did Jesus do when the great multitudes cast the lame, the blind, the dumb, maimed, and many others at His feet?
15. Read Matthew 19:2. What kind of multitudes followed Jesus?
16. According to Matthew 21:14, where did the blind and lame come to Jesus?
17. According to Hebrews 1:3, what is upheld by the word of God's power?

# Jesus Healed Them All

## Lesson 10 – Scriptures

### **Isaiah 53:4-5**

*Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. [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.*

### **1 Peter 2:24**

*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.*

### **2 Corinthians 12:7**

*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.*

### **Deuteronomy 28:1-68**

*And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: [2] And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God. [3] Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. [4] Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. [5] Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store. [6] Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out. [7] The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways. [8] The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. [9] The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways. [10] And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee. [11] And the LORD shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers to give thee. [12] The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow. [13] And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them: [14] And thou shalt not*

go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them. [15] But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee: [16] Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field. [17] Cursed shall be thy basket and thy store. [18] Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. [19] Cursed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and cursed shalt thou be when thou goest out. [20] The LORD shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken me. [21] The LORD shall make the pestilence cleave unto thee, until he have consumed thee from off the land, whither thou goest to possess it. [22] The LORD shall smite thee with a consumption, and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning, and with the sword, and with blasting, and with mildew; and they shall pursue thee until thou perish. [23] And thy heaven that is over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron. [24] The LORD shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust: from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed. [25] The LORD shall cause thee to be smitten before thine enemies: thou shalt go out one way against them, and flee seven ways before them: and shalt be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth. [26] And thy carcass shall be meat unto all fowls of the air, and unto the beasts of the earth, and no man shall fray them away. [27] The LORD will smite thee with the botch of Egypt, and with the emerods, and with the scab, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed. [28] The LORD shall smite thee with madness, and blindness, and astonishment of heart: [29] And thou shalt grope at noonday, as the blind gropeth in darkness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways: and thou shalt be only oppressed and spoiled evermore, and no man shall save thee. [30] Thou shalt betroth a wife, and another man shall lie with her: thou shalt build an house, and thou shalt not dwell therein: thou shalt plant a vineyard, and shalt not gather the grapes thereof. [31] Thine ox shall be slain before thine eyes, and thou shalt not eat thereof: thine ass shall be violently taken away from before thy face, and shall not be restored to thee: thy sheep shall be given unto thine enemies, and thou shalt have none to rescue them. [32] Thy sons and thy daughters shall be given unto another people, and thine eyes shall look, and fail with longing for them all the day long: and there shall be no might in thine hand. [33] The fruit of thy land, and all thy labours, shall a nation which thou knowest not eat up; and thou shalt be only oppressed and crushed away: [34] So that thou shalt be mad for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see. [35] The LORD shall smite thee in the knees, and in the legs, with a sore botch that cannot be healed, from the sole of thy foot unto the top of thy head. [36] The LORD shall bring thee, and thy king which thou shalt set over thee, unto a nation which neither thou nor thy fathers have known; and there shalt thou serve other gods, wood and stone. [37] And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all nations whither the LORD shall lead thee. [38] Thou shalt carry much seed out into the field, and shalt gather but little in; for the locust shall consume it. [39] Thou shalt plant vineyards,

and dress them, but shalt neither drink of the wine, nor gather the grapes; for the worms shall eat them. [40] Thou shalt have olive trees throughout all thy coasts, but thou shalt not anoint thyself with the oil; for thine olive shall cast his fruit. [41] Thou shalt beget sons and daughters, but thou shalt not enjoy them; for they shall go into captivity. [42] All thy trees and fruit of thy land shall the locust consume. [43] The stranger that is within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low. [44] He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail. [45] Moreover all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded thee: [46] And they shall be upon thee for a sign and for a wonder, and upon thy seed for ever. [47] Because thou servedst not the LORD thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things; [48] Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the LORD shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things: and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee. [49] The LORD shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand; [50] A nation of fierce countenance, which shall not regard the person of the old, nor shew favour to the young: [51] And he shall eat the fruit of thy cattle, and the fruit of thy land, until thou be destroyed: which also shall not leave thee either corn, wine, or oil, or the increase of thy kine, or flocks of thy sheep, until he have destroyed thee. [52] And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou trustedst, throughout all thy land: and he shall besiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land, which the LORD thy God hath given thee. [53] And thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own body, the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, which the LORD thy God hath given thee, in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee: [54] So that the man that is tender among you, and very delicate, his eye shall be evil toward his brother, and toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the remnant of his children which he shall leave: [55] So that he will not give to any of them of the flesh of his children whom he shall eat: because he hath nothing left him in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee in all thy gates. [56] The tender and delicate woman among you, which would not adventure to set the sole of her foot upon the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye shall be evil toward the husband of her bosom, and toward her son, and toward her daughter, [57] And toward her young one that cometh out from between her feet, and toward her children which she shall bear: for she shall eat them for want of all things secretly in the siege and straitness, wherewith thine enemy shall distress thee in thy gates. [58] If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY GOD; [59] Then the LORD will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, even great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance. [60] Moreover he will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee. [61] Also every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, them will the LORD bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed.

[62] And ye shall be left few in number, whereas ye were as the stars of heaven for multitude; because thou wouldest not obey the voice of the LORD thy God. [63] And it shall come to pass, that as the LORD rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you; so the LORD will rejoice over you to destroy you, and to bring you to nought; and ye shall be plucked from off the land whither thou goest to possess it. [64] And the LORD shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and stone. [65] And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest: but the LORD shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind: [66] And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life: [67] In the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were even! and at even thou shalt say, Would God it were morning! for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see. [68] And the LORD shall bring thee into Egypt again with ships, by the way whereof I spake unto thee, Thou shalt see it no more again: and there ye shall be sold unto your enemies for bondmen and bondwomen, and no man shall buy you.

### **Galatians 3:13-14**

*Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: [14] That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.*

### **Ephesians 1:3**

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.*

### **James 4:7**

*Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

### **Hebrews 13:8**

*Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.*

### **Matthew 4:23-24**

*And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. [24] And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.*



**Matthew 8:16-17**

*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: [17] That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.*

**Matthew 9:35**

*And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.*

**Matthew 12:15**

*But when Jesus knew it, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all.*

**Matthew 14:14**

*And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.*

**Matthew 14:34-36**

*And when they were gone over, they came into the land of Gennesaret. [35] And when the men of that place had knowledge of him, they sent out into all that country round about, and brought unto him all that were diseased; [36] And besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole.*

**Matthew 15:30-31**

*And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them: [31] Insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel.*

**Matthew 19:2**

*And great multitudes followed him; and he healed them there.*

**Matthew 21:14**

*And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them.*

**Hebrews 1:3**

*Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.*

# Why Isn't Everyone Healed?

## Lesson 11 – Outline

- I. One of the obvious reasons we don't see people healed today is that we aren't believing God for it.
  - A. We are operating in unbelief.
  - B. Rather than accept that, some folks will criticize me, saying, "You aren't being compassionate. You're just criticizing people you ought to be compassionate toward. You should tell them they're doing the best they can, and that's fine."
  - C. Well, how did Jesus respond? When He found out His disciples couldn't heal the demoniac boy, He declared, "O faithless and perverse generation!" (Matt. 17:17).
  - D. Do you really think that Jesus would have a more compassionate response to you today? Absolutely not!
- II. I've failed. I don't always see healing manifest.
  - A. I've had to accept partial responsibility.
  - B. Am I condemned by that? No, I'm not condemned at all. I believe that God loves me. He has comforted me.
  - C. But knowing the truth has motivated me to learn what His Word says and not allow it to happen again.
- III. It's God's will to heal every single person every single time.
  - A. The reason this doesn't happen isn't because God fails to do it; it's because His representatives aren't operating in the fullness of what He has provided for them.
  - B. I'd rather maintain God's integrity than my own. God is a good God, and He isn't causing people to die.
- IV. There are three main reasons people get sick. One of them is sin.
  - A. After healing the man at the pool of Bethesda, Jesus said to him,

*Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.*

**John 5:14**

- B. Jesus made it very clear in this verse that this man's sickness returning, and even something worse than what he'd had, could come on him if he sinned.
- C. When alcoholics drink all of their lives and get liver disease, they did that to themselves—not because God did it, not because the devil did it directly, but because they're reaping the results of their sin (Rom. 6:21-23).

- V. The second major reason we get sick is because we are in a battle with the devil.
  - A. Sometimes our Enemy just fights us, and it's not based on an individual sin we've committed.

*And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.*

**John 9:2-3**

- B. Jesus was saying that neither this man's sins nor his parents' sins had caused this blindness.
    - C. Sometimes Satan just attacks us with things.
- VI. The third main reason people get sick is simply natural things.
  - A. Spirit-filled Christians will often so spiritualize everything that they don't recognize that there are just some things that happen naturally.
  - B. I've heard of people who dove off a cliff and hit a rock in a pool of water. Now they're quadriplegic.
  - C. It wasn't necessarily the devil that did that to them. He may have enticed them to go against their better judgment and do something that wasn't wise, but it was natural.
- VII. The good news is that no matter what caused the sickness—sin, the devil, or something natural—there's always something we can do about it.
  - A. Since the Lord has redeemed us from sickness and disease, we can take our authority, exercise our faith, and effect a cure.
  - B. Even if our own sin opened a door and brought the sickness on us, we can repent and release the forgiveness and healing power of God in our lives.

# Why Isn't Everyone Healed?

## Lesson 11 – Discipleship Questions

1. Read Matthew 17:19. Did the disciples ask Jesus this question in front of the multitude?
2. Read Matthew 17:5. How pleased is God with His beloved Son?
3. According to Matthew 17:14-17, what was the first thing the father asked Jesus?
  - A. Why they couldn't cast the demon out.
  - B. If "Christ" was His last name.
  - C. If He would have mercy on his son.
  - D. All of the above.
  - E. None of the above.
4. What did Jesus call faithless and perverse?
5. According to Mark 9:17-29, what did Jesus do when He saw the people coming?
6. What did many say after Jesus cast the spirit out of the boy?
7. But Jesus did what?
8. Read John 5:14. Where did Jesus find the man after he had been made whole?
9. Read to Romans 6:21-23. "**But now being \_\_\_\_\_ free from sin.**"
10. What is the gift of God?
11. According to John 9:2-3, what did Jesus' disciples call Him?
12. Read Romans 3:23. How many have sinned and come short of the glory of God?
13. According to 1 Peter 5:8, why should we be sober and vigilant?

# Why Isn't Everyone Healed?

## Lesson 11 – Scriptures

### **Matthew 17:19**

*Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out?*

### **Matthew 17:5**

*While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.*

### **Matthew 17:14-17**

*And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying, [15] Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water. [16] And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him. [17] Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me.*

### **Mark 9:17-29**

*And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit; [18] And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not. [19] He answereth him, and saith, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me. [20] And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming. [21] And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child. [22] And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us. [23] Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. [24] And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief. [25] When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him. [26] And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead. [27] But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose. [28] And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out? [29] And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.*

### **John 5:14**

*Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.*

**Romans 6:21-23**

*What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. [22] But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. [23] For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**John 9:2-3**

*And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? [3] Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.*

**Romans 3:23**

*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.*

**I Peter 5:8**

*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.*

# **“Because of Your Unbelief”**

## **Lesson 12 – Outline**

- I. If it's God's will to heal and Jesus healed this boy (Matt. 17:18), why couldn't the disciples get him healed?
  - A. The disciples who asked Jesus this question, **“Why could we not cast him out?”** believed it was God's will to heal.
  - B. They had already been given power and authority to heal the sick and cast out devils (Matt. 10:1 and 8).
  - C. This is why the disciples were confused.
  - D. The answer Jesus gave in the first part of Matthew 17:20 is very revealing:

*Because of your unbelief.*

### **Matthew 17:20a**

- E. This is simple, but it's profound.
- II. Every instance where Jesus ministered healing, some degree of faith was involved.
  - A. Some people may argue, “What about in Luke 7:11-16 where Jesus raised the boy from the dead in the city of Nain?”
  - B. It was faith for this widow mother to allow Jesus to interrupt the funeral procession and her grief.
  - C. If faith wasn't present, she and the others there would have reacted very differently.
- III. We just saw that if we were to ask the average person “Why isn't everyone healed,” most people would answer, “Well, it's because they don't have enough faith.”
  - A. It's true that if a person isn't operating in faith, it will hinder them from receiving, but that's not what the Lord said.
  - B. He said it was because they had unbelief.
- IV. Certain versions of the Bible render Matthew 17:20 inaccurately, saying, “Because you have so little faith.”
  - A. If you were to look at the majority of the translations, especially the more literal ones, this verse is rendered **“Because of your unbelief,”** not “Because you have so little faith.”
  - B. Most people have this concept that if they are believing God, that automatically means they don't have any unbelief.
  - C. This is not what the Word teaches:

*For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou*

*removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.*

**Mark 11:23**

- D. If being in faith truly meant you automatically had zero unbelief, why did Jesus include this part about not doubting in your heart?
- E. The truth is, you can believe and disbelieve at the same time.
- V. Consider the parallel passage of this father and his demonized boy in Mark 9:

*And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming. And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child. And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us. Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.*

**Mark 9:20-23**

- A. Now look at how this father responded:

*And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.*

**Mark 9:24**

- B. The Lord didn't correct him, rebuke him, or say anything like that; He just cured the boy.
- C. This shows that you can have faith and unbelief at the same time.
- D. Imagine a team of horses hooked up to a wagon. Under normal circumstances, they would have enough power to move that wagon. But if an equal team of horses was hooked to the other side of the wagon and both teams were pulling at the same time in the opposite direction, the net effect would be zero.
- E. This is what Jesus was saying in the first part of Matthew 17:20.
- F. He didn't tell His disciples, "It's because you don't have enough faith"; He said, "It's because of your unbelief. Your unbelief canceled out the faith you had."
- VI. Translating this "Because you have so little faith" makes no sense when you look at the rest of Matthew 17:20:

*For verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.*



- A. Jesus was saying, “If your faith is only the size of a mustard seed, nothing would be impossible to you.”
- B. You don’t need big faith; you just need a faith that isn’t canceled out, counterbalanced, or negated by unbelief pulling in the opposite direction.

# **“Because of Your Unbelief”**

## **Lesson 12 – Discipleship Questions**

1. Read Matthew 17:17-20. What happened when Jesus rebuked the devil?
2. **“The child was \_\_\_\_\_ from that very hour.”**
3. When Jesus says **“For verily I say unto you,”** what does that mean about what follows?
  - A. It’s absolutely true.
  - B. It shouldn’t be taken literally.
  - C. Get ready for a good joke.
  - D. It’s a parable.
  - E. Don’t believe it.
4. Read Matthew 10:1. Could the disciples heal only a few manner of sickness and disease?
5. Read Matthew 10:8. Jesus’ instruction here was \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Irrelevant.
  - B. Debatable.
  - C. A command.
  - D. All of the above.
  - E. None of the above.
6. According to Mark 6:13, did the disciples have experience casting out devils?
7. Read Luke 9:6. What did the disciples do besides heal people everywhere?
8. According to Luke 7:11-16, what did Jesus have when He saw the widow mother?
9. What did Jesus tell the young man to do?
10. The people glorified God, saying “A great \_\_\_\_\_ is risen among us.”
11. According to Mark 5:28, what was this woman certain of?
  - A. That God would heal her demonized daughter.
  - B. That God wanted her well.
  - C. That she needed a new perm.
  - D. All of the above.
  - E. None of the above.

12. According to Mark 11:23, what Jesus says here applies to \_\_\_\_\_.
13. Read Mark 9:20-24. How frequently did the spirit cast the boy into the fire and the water to destroy him?
14. What did Jesus say was possible to those who believe?

# **“Because of Your Unbelief”**

## **Lesson 12 – Scriptures**

### **Matthew 17:17-20**

*Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me. [18] And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour. [19] Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? [20] And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.*

### **Matthew 10:1**

*And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.*

### **Matthew 10:8**

*Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.*

### **Mark 6:13**

*And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them.*

### **Luke 9:6**

*And they departed, and went through the towns, preaching the gospel, and healing every where.*

### **Luke 7:11-16**

*And it came to pass the day after, that he went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people. [12] Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. [13] And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. [14] And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. [15] And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother. [16] And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people.*

### **Mark 5:28**

*For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.*

**Mark 5:34**

*And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.*

**Mark 11:23**

*For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.*

**Mark 9:20-24**

*And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming. [21] And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child. [22] And oft-times it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us. [23] Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. [24] And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.*

# Faith Negated

## Lesson 13 – Outline

- I. Not long after the first time God used me to raise someone from the dead, I was excited.
  - A. As I was holding a service in Omaha, Nebraska, there was a man sitting in a wheelchair.
  - B. So I went over to him, grabbed him by the hand, and declared, “In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!”
  - C. He came up, over, and then fell flat on his face.
  - D. When that happened, you could hear the gasps and groans of unbelief and shock from the people.
  - E. I felt embarrassed and humiliated.
  - F. What confused me was that I knew I had faith.
  - G. The Lord showed me, “Andrew, you did have faith, but you also had unbelief.”
  - H. When the people responded in shock and I panicked, that was unbelief. I was more concerned about what other people said than I was about what God had to say.

*How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?*

**John 5:44**

- II. God began to reveal this truth to me while I was reading a book about Smith Wigglesworth.
  - A. The book said Smith was often criticized as being harsh and hard.
  - B. The difference between Smith and me wasn't that he had more faith; he had less sensitivity to people's criticism. He was hardened toward what other people thought.
  - C. It was that he had less unbelief.
- III. The key to the Christian life isn't learning how to develop huge faith; it's learning how to decrease the amount of unbelief in our lives.
  - A. Most Christians will spend an extra hour a day in the Word trying to build their faith. But then they wash it down with two or three hours' worth of “As the Stomach Turns” on television and reading through all the bad news in the newspaper.
  - B. They'll allow all the sewage from the world to flow through them—thoughts, attitudes, and concepts that are completely contrary to God's Word—and then wonder why their faith isn't working.

- IV. One day Lester Sumrall knocked on Smith Wigglesworth's door.
  - A. Smith told him he could come in, but the newspaper under his arm had to stay outside.
  - B. Smith never read the newspaper and refused for one to be brought into his house.
  - C. I believe that over Smith's thirty-five-year ministry, he probably missed a dozen or so good things from newspapers that he could have used in his sermons.
  - D. But it's certain he missed thousands of bad things that would have opened the door to unbelief.
  - E. If you're going to go overboard, that's the side to do it on.
- V. Consider how Abraham believed God (Rom. 4:18-21).
  - A. This passage of Scripture reveals that Abraham wasn't weak in faith, **"because he considered not his own body now dead."**
  - B. Abraham simply didn't consider anything that was contrary to what God had said.
- VI. If Abraham's and Sarah's minds had been full of thoughts of the country they had left behind in obedience to God, they would have been tempted to return (Heb. 11:15).
  - A. In other words, your temptation is linked to what you think.
  - B. Therefore, you cannot be tempted with unbelief unless you think thoughts of unbelief.
  - C. You need to quit listening to everyone else and all of their unbelief.
  - D. You need to stop considering the negativism, cynicism, and anti-God/anti-Christ sentiment of this world.
  - E. If you didn't listen to those thoughts, you wouldn't be tempted to disbelieve God.

# Faith Negated

## Lesson 13 – Discipleship Questions

1. Read James 2:16. It profits to give someone the things \_\_\_\_\_ for the body.
2. According to John 5:44, it's better to seek the honor that comes from \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. People.
  - B. God.
  - C. The pastor.
  - D. All of the above.
  - E. None of the above.
3. Read Romans 12:3. What was given to Paul?
4. How are we not to think of ourselves?
5. According to Romans 10:17, does faith come by hearing just anything?
6. What do we have to hear before we can have faith?
7. Read Romans 4:18-21. Abraham didn't stagger at \_\_\_\_\_ through unbelief.
8. How persuaded was Abraham that He that had promised was also able to perform?
9. According to Hebrews 11:15, if they had been mindful of the country they came from, what would they have had?



# Faith Negated

## Lesson 13 – Scriptures

### **James 2:16**

*And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?*

### **John 5:44**

*How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?*

### **Romans 12:3**

*For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.*

### **Romans 10:17**

*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

### **Romans 4:18-21**

*Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. [19] And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb: [20] He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; [21] And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.*

### **Hebrews 11:15**

*And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.*

# A Pure, Strong Faith

## Lesson 14 – Outline

I. In Matthew 17:20, Jesus was saying to His disciples, “Guys, you don’t have a faith problem; what you have is an unbelief problem.”

A. Then in Matthew 17:21, Jesus continued by saying,

*Howbeit this kind [of unbelief] goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.*

**Brackets mine**

B. Contrary to much popular teaching, and now even a few erroneous Bible versions, the true subject of verse 21 is the unbelief mentioned in verse 20, not the demon(s) talked about in verse 19.

C. It’s unbelief that comes from natural information that is contrary to God’s Word.

D. That’s not necessarily because of ignorance or wrong doctrine; it’s just that you’ve learned to trust what you see, taste, hear, smell, and feel.

E. Your five senses aren’t of the devil; they have an important place and function in your everyday life.

II. This is what happened with the disciples in Matthew 17.

A. They saw a physical manifestation of this demon that was contrary to what they were praying and believing for, and it caused them to fear.

B. Their five senses ministered thoughts of unbelief that countered their faith.

C. Understanding this, Jesus told them, “The only way you can get rid of natural unbelief is through fasting and prayer. It’s not by just studying the Word more; you need to get into the presence of God and renew yourself to such a degree that you develop your sixth sense, which is faith.”

III. Fasting and prayer move you.

A. They affect you.

B. Then when you say to your body “You’re healed in Jesus’ name,” your flesh may answer “I still hurt,” but that sixth sense says, “I’m healed and I believe it.”

C. But if you haven’t spent time fasting, praying, and being in the presence of God, your body will say, “No, I still hurt.” You’ll say “Body, you get in line,” but your flesh will answer, “Who are you to tell me what to do? I tell you when to eat, what to eat, and how much to eat.” It’s just like a spoiled brat.

D. But you can train your senses to discern both good (God and His Word) and evil (what contradicts them) (Heb. 5:14).

- IV. According to Romans 4, it's more biblically accurate to say that depending on the level of unbelief, you either have a weak faith or a strong faith (Rom. 4:19-21).
  - A. If you have a lot of unbelief, then you're weak in faith.
  - B. If you have little unbelief, then you're strong in faith.
  - C. The truth is, every one of us has been given *the* faith of the Son of God (Rom. 12:3; Gal. 2:16, and 20).
  - D. Every born-again Christian has the exact same amount and quality of faith that Jesus had.
  
- V. The key to victory in the Christian life isn't necessarily having huge faith; it's having a simple, pure, childlike faith—faith the size of a mustard seed—that isn't canceled out by unbelief.
  - A. You can have faith, love God, and be a great person, yet have unbelief that pulls you in the other direction.
  - B. Starve your unbelief.
  - C. Get to where you are so single minded about the Lord and His Word that your little mustard seed amount of faith will be enough to accomplish anything you need.
  - D. Fasting, praying, and focusing your attention on the Lord can do great damage to your unbelief.
  - E. They don't cause God to give you more power; they just cause the faith you have to work so much better because you are diminishing the unbelief that's pulling in the opposite direction.
  - F. That's good news!
  - G. Once you believe the truth that God wants you well, then all you have to do is starve your unbelief until your faith starts producing the results you desire.

# A Pure, Strong Faith

## Lesson 14 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to Matthew 17:19-21, to do the impossible, it takes faith as small as a what?
2. Read Mark 9:20. What happened when the boy saw Jesus?
3. According to Mark 16:17-20, who are these signs to follow?
4. What happened after the Lord had spoken to the apostles?
5. What did the apostles then do?
6. Read Matthew 4:4. What is man to live by?
7. Read Luke 4:4. What were Jesus' first three words?
  - A. "The pastor said..."
  - B. "Salt is good..."
  - C. "Get thee behind..."
  - D. "It is written..."
  - E. "My experience is..."
8. Read Hebrews 5:14. Who does strong meat belong to?
9. According to Romans 4:19-21, if Abraham would have staggered, he would have staggered through \_\_\_\_\_.
10. What was Abraham strong in?
11. Read Romans 12:3. Did God lend grace to Paul?
12. What Paul says in this verse is to whom?
13. According to Galatians 2:16, how is a person justified?
14. **"For by the works of the law shall \_\_\_\_\_ be justified."**
15. Read Galatians 2:20. Who lived in Paul?
16. Who loved Paul and gave Himself for him?

# **A Pure, Strong Faith**

## **Lesson 14 – Scriptures**

### **Matthew 17:19-21**

*Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? [20] And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. [21] Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.*

### **Mark 9:20**

*And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming.*

### **Mark 16:17-20**

*And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; [18] They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. [19] So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. [20] And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.*

### **Matthew 4:4**

*But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.*

### **Luke 4:4**

*And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.*

### **Hebrews 5:14**

*But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.*

### **Romans 4:19-21**

*And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb: [20] He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; [21] And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.*

**Romans 12:3**

*For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.*

**Galatians 2:16**

*Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.*

**Galatians 2:20**

*I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*

# Governed by Law

## Lesson 15 – Outline

- I. We need to get this attitude that our healing has already been accomplished.
  - A. Many folks are passive when it comes to healing.
  - B. They pray a prayer like, “Lord, heal me, if it be Your will.”
  - C. That is absolutely inaccurate because the Word says,

*Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.*

### 3 John 2

- D. The word “**wish**” here means that it is His will. God’s will is for us to be well.
- II. The kingdom of God—including faith—operates by law.
  - A. Understanding this truth is essential to walking in divine health.
  - B. Laws are constant. They don’t fluctuate.
  - C. There are spiritual laws, and they are intended for our good.
  - D. The Lord has made things so that it’s not just on His whim who gets healed and who doesn’t.
  - E. There are laws that govern faith and healing.
- III. Our ignorance of these laws is a huge hindrance to receiving healing.
  - A. God’s Word is His manual that tells us what these laws are and how His kingdom operates.

*Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.*

### Romans 3:27

- B. Notice the terminology: “**the law of faith.**”
      - C. Faith is governed by law.
      - D. So when a person has need of healing, it’s not a matter of petitioning God, and then if He wants them healed, they’ll be healed.
      - E. There are laws that govern how healing works.

- IV. God doesn't change.
  - A. Neither does He violate His own laws just because people don't understand this.
  - B. Many people get angry at God when somebody dies or a healing doesn't manifest. They think, *If He wanted to, He could have healed them.*
  - C. God certainly has the power, but that power doesn't flow independent of His laws.
  - D. If people don't know that, then they stop the power of God and do without because of their ignorance.
  - E. I'm not trying to put anyone down; I'm simply pointing out the truth that there are many things available to us from God that we don't receive, because we don't understand and cooperate with the laws of the kingdom of God.
- V. Through studying the Word, I've discovered many of the laws that govern how the kingdom of God works.
  - A. Although I don't know it all, I could probably tell you at least a hundred different laws and principles that I've found concerning healing.
  - B. There are other laws that I don't yet understand, which is why I don't see every single person healed, but I have seen many, many people healed.
  - C. I am growing and working on this.



# **Governed by Law**

## **Lesson 15 – Discipleship Questions**

1. Read 3 John 2. What does God call us?
2. What does He wish?
3. According to Deuteronomy 28:1-14, to receive the blessings according to the Law, we are to do all of God's \_\_\_\_\_.
4. According to Deuteronomy 28:15-68, who bears the responsibility of whether we are cursed if we don't do all the commandments?
5. Read Galatians 3:12-13. What is not of faith?
6. How did Christ redeem us from the curse of the Law?
7. Read Matthew 17:20. If we have faith as a grain of mustard seed, what did Jesus say we can we say to a mountain?
8. According to Romans 8:6, **“For to be carnally minded \_\_\_\_\_ death.”**
  - A. “Should be.”
  - B. “Might be.”
  - C. “Is.”
  - D. All of the above.
  - E. None of the above.
9. **“But to be spiritually minded \_\_\_\_\_ life and peace.”**
  - A. “Eventually will be.”
  - B. “Is.”
  - C. “Produces.”
  - D. All of the above.
  - E. None of the above.
10. Read Genesis 1:31. How many things were very good?
11. Read Romans 3:27. Why is boasting excluded?

# Governed By Law

## Lesson 15 – Scriptures

### 3 John 2

*Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.*

### Deuteronomy 28:1-68

*And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: [2] And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God. [3] Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. [4] Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. [5] Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store. [6] Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out. [7] The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways. [8] The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. [9] The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways. [10] And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee. [11] And the LORD shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers to give thee. [12] The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow. [13] And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them: [14] And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them. [15] But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee: [16] Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field. [17] Cursed shall be thy basket and thy store. [18] Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. [19] Cursed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and cursed shalt thou be when thou goest out. [20] The LORD shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou*

perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken me. [21] The LORD shall make the pestilence cleave unto thee, until he have consumed thee from off the land, whither thou goest to possess it. [22] The LORD shall smite thee with a consumption, and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning, and with the sword, and with blasting, and with mildew; and they shall pursue thee until thou perish. [23] And thy heaven that is over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron. [24] The LORD shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust: from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed. [25] The LORD shall cause thee to be smitten before thine enemies: thou shalt go out one way against them, and flee seven ways before them: and shalt be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth. [26] And thy carcase shall be meat unto all fowls of the air, and unto the beasts of the earth, and no man shall fray them away. [27] The LORD will smite thee with the botch of Egypt, and with the emerods, and with the scab, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed. [28] The LORD shall smite thee with madness, and blindness, and astonishment of heart: [29] And thou shalt grope at noonday, as the blind gropeth in darkness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways: and thou shalt be only oppressed and spoiled evermore, and no man shall save thee. [30] Thou shalt betroth a wife, and another man shall lie with her: thou shalt build an house, and thou shalt not dwell therein: thou shalt plant a vineyard, and shalt not gather the grapes thereof. [31] Thine ox shall be slain before thine eyes, and thou shalt not eat thereof: thine ass shall be violently taken away from before thy face, and shall not be restored to thee: thy sheep shall be given unto thine enemies, and thou shalt have none to rescue them. [32] Thy sons and thy daughters shall be given unto another people, and thine eyes shall look, and fail with longing for them all the day long: and there shall be no might in thine hand. [33] The fruit of thy land, and all thy labours, shall a nation which thou knowest not eat up; and thou shalt be only oppressed and crushed alway: [34] So that thou shalt be mad for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see. [35] The LORD shall smite thee in the knees, and in the legs, with a sore botch that cannot be healed, from the sole of thy foot unto the top of thy head. [36] The LORD shall bring thee, and thy king which thou shalt set over thee, unto a nation which neither thou nor thy fathers have known; and there shalt thou serve other gods, wood and stone. [37] And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all nations whither the LORD shall lead thee. [38] Thou shalt carry much seed out into the field, and shalt gather but little in; for the locust shall consume it. [39] Thou shalt plant vineyards, and dress them, but shalt neither drink of the wine, nor gather the grapes; for the worms shall eat them. [40] Thou shalt have olive trees throughout all thy coasts, but thou shalt not anoint thyself with the oil; for thine olive shall cast his fruit. [41] Thou shalt beget sons and daughters, but thou shalt not enjoy them; for they shall go into captivity. [42] All thy trees and fruit of thy land shall the locust consume. [43] The stranger that is within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low. [44] He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail. [45] Moreover all these

curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded thee: [46] And they shall be upon thee for a sign and for a wonder, and upon thy seed for ever. [47] Because thou servedst not the LORD thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things; [48] Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the LORD shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things: and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee. [49] The LORD shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand; [50] A nation of fierce countenance, which shall not regard the person of the old, nor shew favour to the young: [51] And he shall eat the fruit of thy cattle, and the fruit of thy land, until thou be destroyed: which also shall not leave thee either corn, wine, or oil, or the increase of thy kine, or flocks of thy sheep, until he have destroyed thee. [52] And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou trustedst, throughout all thy land: and he shall besiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land, which the LORD thy God hath given thee. [53] And thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own body, the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, which the LORD thy God hath given thee, in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee: [54] So that the man that is tender among you, and very delicate, his eye shall be evil toward his brother, and toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the remnant of his children which he shall leave: [55] So that he will not give to any of them of the flesh of his children whom he shall eat: because he hath nothing left him in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee in all thy gates. [56] The tender and delicate woman among you, which would not adventure to set the sole of her foot upon the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye shall be evil toward the husband of her bosom, and toward her son, and toward her daughter, [57] And toward her young one that cometh out from between her feet, and toward her children which she shall bear: for she shall eat them for want of all things secretly in the siege and straitness, wherewith thine enemy shall distress thee in thy gates. [58] If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY GOD; [59] Then the LORD will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, even great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance. [60] Moreover he will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee. [61] Also every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, them will the LORD bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed. [62] And ye shall be left few in number, whereas ye were as the stars of heaven for multitude; because thou wouldest not obey the voice of the LORD thy God. [63] And it shall come to pass, that as the LORD rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you; so the LORD will rejoice over you to destroy you, and to bring you to nought; and ye shall be plucked from off the land whither thou goest to possess it. [64] And the LORD shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even

wood and stone. [65] And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest: but the LORD shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind: [66] And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life: [67] In the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were even! and at even thou shalt say, Would God it were morning! for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see. [68] And the LORD shall bring thee into Egypt again with ships, by the way whereof I spake unto thee, Thou shalt see it no more again: and there ye shall be sold unto your enemies for bondmen and bondwomen, and no man shall buy you.

### **Galatians 3:12-13**

And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them. [13] Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree.

### **Matthew 17:20**

And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

### **Romans 8:6**

For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

### **Genesis 1:31**

And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

### **Romans 3:27**

Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.

# The Spiritual World

## Lesson 16 – Outline

- I. The woman with the issue of blood vividly illustrates several of the spiritual laws concerning healing:

*And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes? And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing. But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.*

**Mark 5:25-34**

- A. Some people assume that since Jesus was God, He certainly knew all things, including who had touched Him.
- B. That's not true.
- C. Jesus had to grow up and learn things (Luke 2:52).
- D. He was sinless, but He was human, and He had to grow.
- E. Therefore, when Jesus asked "Who touched Me?" in His physical being, He didn't know who had touched Him.
- II. If you aren't healed, it's not Jesus who hasn't given; it's you who haven't taken.
- A. The woman with the issue of blood tapped into the power of God.
- B. She touched the hem of Jesus' garment, and virtue flowed, without the Lord looking at her and sizing her up to decide whether she was serious enough or not, whether she was holy enough or not, or any other criteria that religion says about God.
- C. All you must do is believe and reach out in faith to receive.
- D. The healing power is already generated and available.

- III. In the natural realm, we say, “Ignorance is bliss. What you don’t know won’t hurt you.”
- A. That’s not true, especially in the spiritual realm.
  - B. What we don’t know is killing us (Hos. 4:6).
  - C. We need to understand how the kingdom of God works.
- IV. Let’s take a closer look at this woman with the issue of blood.
- A. First of all, she had to hear of Jesus (Mark 5:25-27).
  - B. This basic law of faith is also stated clearly in Romans:

*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

**Romans 10:17**

- C. You have to hear about God.
  - D. If you want faith, you need to be in the Word of God.
  - E. If you want to receive healing, you need to get into the Word of God.
- V. God’s Word will heal and deliver you.

*My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.*

**Proverbs 4:20-22**

- A. You need to know what the Word of God says.
- B. If the Word of God isn’t living on the inside of you, then you’re violating one of the most foundational laws.
- C. That’s like having an appliance that isn’t plugged into an electrical outlet and yet wondering why it isn’t working.
- D. It’s because you aren’t plugged into the power source.
- E. You need to plug into the Word of God!

# The Spiritual World

## Lesson 16 – Discipleship Questions

1. Read Mark 5:25-34. What did this woman do when she heard of Jesus?
  - A. She came to where He was.
  - B. She prayed that God would send Him to her.
  - C. She stayed where she was.
  - D. All of the above.
  - E. None of the above.
2. When she touched Jesus, how soon did the fountain of her blood dry up?
3. What had made her whole?
4. Read Luke 2:52. What did Jesus increase in with God and man?
5. According to Isaiah 40:28, does God ever get tired?
6. According to 1 Peter 2:24, where did Jesus bear our sins?
7. Read Hosea 4:6. What had God's people rejected?
8. According to Romans 10:17, if we haven't heard God's Word, what can't we have?
9. Read Psalm 107:20. God **“sent his \_\_\_\_\_, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.”**
10. Read Proverbs 4:20-22. God's words and His sayings are life and health to whom?
  - A. Those who need it most.
  - B. Those who have strong wills.
  - C. Those who find His words and sayings.
  - D. All of the above.
  - E. None of the above.
11. And His words and sayings are health to \_\_\_\_\_.



# The Spiritual World

## Lesson 16 – Scriptures

### **Mark 5:25-34**

*And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, [26] And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, [27] When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. [28] For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. [29] And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. [30] And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes? [31] And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? [32] And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing. [33] But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. [34] And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.*

### **Luke 2:52**

*And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.*

### **Isaiah 40:28**

*Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.*

### **I Peter 2:24**

*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.*

### **Hosea 4:6**

*My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.*

### **Romans 10:17**

*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

### **Psalm 107:20**

*He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.*

**Proverbs 4:20-22**

*My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. [21] Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. [22] For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.*

# Words Are Powerful

## Lesson 17 – Outline

- I. When this woman with the issue of blood had heard of Jesus, she...

*Came in the press behind, and touched his garment. For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.*

**Mark 5:27-28**

- A. Here she cooperated with another law: She spoke her faith.
- B. According to Matthew 9:21, she said this within herself, but according to Mark, she spoke with her mouth. Which is it?
- C. I believe it's both.
- D. Before we speak things out of our mouths, we say them within ourselves.
- II. With your words, you can release life, and with your words, you can release death.

*A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled. Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.*

**Proverbs 18:20-21**

- A. You need to recognize that there is power in your words—not only positive power, but also negative power.
- B. If you are whining, griping, and complaining, you are releasing the negative force of unbelief.
- C. That unbelief will cancel out, counterbalance, and negate your faith.
- D. Many of you may think *It doesn't matter what I say*, but God's Word reveals that it does matter what you say.
- E. This is one of the most important ways you release your faith.
- III. There have been times that people have come to me in such bad shape that it caused fear and doubt to rise up inside me, but I never spoke it.
- A. I've seen people healed in spite of my unbelief because I never spoke it.
- B. Matthew 6:31 says,

*Therefore take no thought, saying...*

- C. You can't keep a thought from coming, but you can keep from taking that thought as your own.
  - D. You haven't really taken a thought until you begin to speak it forth.
  - E. What you say is so very important.
- IV. If you are fighting some type of sickness, you need to start speaking faith-filled words.
- A. You need to want the results of the words you're saying.
  - B. Don't just speak what the doctor has said or how you feel; speak what the Word of God says about you, and speak it in faith.
  - C. At first you may not totally believe it, but faith comes by hearing and hearing and hearing the Word of God.
  - D. Speaking God's Word, and continuing to speak it, will help you believe it.
- V. Another passage of Scripture that shows you the importance of your words is:

*Verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall **say** unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he **saith** shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he **saith**.*

**Mark 11:23, emphasis mine**

- A. Three different times in this one verse, emphasis is given to what you say.
  - B. The mountain here is referring to your problem.
  - C. The Bible says to speak to your problem, yet most people speak to God about their problems.
  - D. This is simple, but it's profound, and it has revolutionized my life.
- VI. This brings me to yet another important kingdom law.
- A. Since God has already done His part through Christ's Atonement, you need to take your authority as a believer and command the power of God to flow (Is. 45:11).
  - B. Instead of asking with a question mark at the end of the sentence, wondering what God is going to do, you need to believe and act on the truth that the Lord has already done it.
  - C. You need to speak to your mountain.
  - D. You may think this is strange, but Jesus spoke to a fig tree (Mark 11:12-26).
  - E. He's the one who told you to speak to the mountain (Mark 11:23).

- F. Release your faith, and exercise your God-given authority by speaking to the mountain.
  - G. It'll work.
- VII. I've actually had my hands on people with tumors that instantly left—right under my hand—when I prayed and rebuked cancer.
- A. But I've also realized that diseases like that damage the body.
  - B. So I'll speak to the parts of the body that were affected and release God's healing power.
  - C. I'll command the organs that were eaten away to re-grow and be restored.
  - D. This is how I speak to the mountain.
  - E. Thousands and thousands of times, I've seen the good results that come from cooperating with this spiritual law.
  - F. You must speak.

# Words Are Powerful

## Lesson 17 – Discipleship Questions

1. Read Mark 5:27-28. From where did this woman approach Jesus?
2. Did this woman ask Jesus if He would heal her?
3. According to Matthew 9:21, whom did this woman consult about her plan?
  - A. Her doctor.
  - B. Her husband.
  - C. Luke, the physician.
  - D. No one.
  - E. The priest.
4. Read Proverbs 18:20-21. What shall a person's belly be satisfied with?
  - A. The fruit of the Spirit.
  - B. The fruit of their month.
  - C. A double cheeseburger.
  - D. All of the above.
  - E. None of the above.
5. **“Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the \_\_\_\_\_ thereof.”**
6. What happened when God said, **“Let there be light?”**
7. According to Genesis 1:11, what did God do to bring into being the grass, the herb, and the fruit?
8. Read Matthew 6:31. Eating, drinking, and being clothed are all basic \_\_\_\_\_.
9. According to Mark 11:12-26, did Jesus experience hunger?
10. What did the people make God's house into?
11. After the disciples saw the fig tree dried up from the roots, what was the first thing Jesus answered?
12. Read Proverbs 4:22. If we are to experience life and health, who is it up to?
13. Read Isaiah 45:11. The Lord is the Holy One and Maker of \_\_\_\_\_.

14. According to 1 Peter 2:24, for us to be healed, what must Jesus do in addition to taking stripes?
15. Read Mark 4:15. The Word was sown in the hearts of those where?
16. Read Philippians 4:19. This verse makes it clear that God wants to supply how many of our needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus?

# Words Are Powerful

## Lesson 17 – Scriptures

### **Mark 5:27-28**

*When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. [28] For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.*

### **Matthew 9:21**

*For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole.*

### **Proverbs 18:20-21**

*A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled. [21] Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.*

### **Genesis 1:3**

*And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.*

### **Genesis 1:11**

*And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.*

### **Matthew 6:31**

*Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?*

### **Mark 11:12-26**

*And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry: [13] And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet. [14] And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever. And his disciples heard it. [15] And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves; [16] And would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple. [17] And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves. [18] And the scribes and chief priests heard it, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because all the people was astonished at his doctrine. [19] And when even was come, he went out of the city. [20] And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. [21] And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away. [22] And Jesus*



*answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. [23] For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. [24] Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. [25] And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. [26] But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.*

### **Proverbs 4:22**

*For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.*

### **Isaiah 45:11**

*Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me.*

### **I Peter 2:24**

*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.*

### **Mark 4:15**

*And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.*

### **Philippians 4:19**

*But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

# Act on Your Faith

## Lesson 18 – Outline

- I. Faith without corresponding actions is dead:

*But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?*

**James 2:20**

- A. If you're sick, and from reading this **Study Guide** you've started saying "I believe in the name of Jesus that I am healed" but then you continue to think sick, talk sick, and act sick, you won't see the manifestation of your healing.
- B. Begin to act on your faith.
- C. Faith is perfected, made complete, by works:

*Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?*

**James 2:22**

- II. Don't misunderstand this truth by thinking that actions produce faith.

- A. Some folks, who weren't believing God, thought, *If I just act like I'm believing God, then it'll work.*
- B. So they quit taking their medicine and they die.
- C. Then faith gets a bad name.
- D. Works—actions—don't produce faith, but if you already have faith, then it won't be complete until you act on it.

- III. The woman with the issue of blood had to act on what she believed.

- A. According to the Old Testament Law, her issue of blood made her unclean.
- B. If it was discovered that she was violating the Law, she could have been stoned to death.
- C. But she wasn't going to let anything or anyone deter or stop her from receiving from God.

- IV. This illustrates another important law of the kingdom: It takes focus and commitment to receive from God (Jer. 29:11-13).

- A. Many people passively pray "God, I'd like to be healed," but in their hearts, they believe they could still live without it.
- B. But when you reach a place where you say in your heart *I am not going to take this*

*anymore*, when you get the same amount of commitment that this woman with the issue of blood had—that you are literally putting your life on the line because you could be trampled or stoned to death by the crowd, when you get focused and serious enough that you’ll do whatever it takes to act on what you believe—when you get that kind of attitude—the power of God will begin to flow.

- V. Just like unbelief, un-forgiveness toward others can short-circuit the power of God (Matt. 18:34-35).
  - A. If you harbor un-forgiveness in your heart, you’ll be turned over to the tormentors.
  - B. A root of bitterness will spring up and defile your entire body (Heb. 12:15).
  - C. You need to have a clean heart.

VI. Also, faith works by love:

*For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.*

**Galatians 5:6**

*God is love.*

**I John 4:8**

- A. We need to understand how much God loves us.
  - B. We need to focus and meditate on His love for us.
  - C. That alone would work wonders for our faith.
  - D. It’s another kingdom law.
- VII. I’ve only been able to share a few of the most important laws here in this **Study Guide**.
- A. God’s Word tells us how His kingdom works.
  - B. Study different people in the Bible, and consider how they received their healing.
  - C. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help you see things that would apply to you and to the people He wants you to minister healing to.
- VIII. God wants you well more than you want to be well.
- A. If you aren’t well, it’s not because God isn’t willing; it’s because you haven’t understood how to receive.
  - B. In other words, there’s something you’re doing, probably some of the things I’ve discussed in this **Study Guide**, that is hindering you.
  - C. You need to start declaring what God says in His Word.
  - D. You need to speak to your mountain—directly to your problem.

- E. You need to act on your faith.
- F. Get committed enough that nothing will deter you from receiving by faith what God has supplied.
- G. As long as you can live without being healed, you will.
- H. God has already provided everything you need, including healing.
- I. If you'll let Him, He will guide you into all truth and show you what you need to do to be able to receive your healing.

# Act on Your Faith

## Lesson 18 – Discipleship Questions

1. Read James 2:20. Faith is only alive if it has what?
2. Read James 4:7. Does God make us submit to Him or resist the devil?
3. According to James 2:22, by works, faith was made \_\_\_\_.
4. Read Jeremiah 29:11-13. The Lord has what kinds of thoughts toward us?
5. When we pray to Him, what does He do?
  - A. He ignores us.
  - B. He hearkens to us.
  - C. He says He's busy.
  - D. He turns His back to us.
  - E. He laughs at us.
6. According to Matthew 18:34-35, the lord delivered the man to the tormentors until when?
7. How are we supposed to forgive people their trespasses?
8. Read Hebrews 12:15. We should look diligently so that what?
9. Read Galatians 5:6. What avails?
10. According to 1 John 4:8, a person that does not love does not know whom?
11. Why?
12. According to 1 Peter 2:24, do we have to bear our own sins?
13. Read 2 Peter 1:3. God's divine power has given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness through what?

# Act on Your Faith

## Lesson 18 – Scriptures

### **James 2:20**

*But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?*

### **James 4:7**

*Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

### **James 2:22**

*Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?*

### **Jeremiah 29:11-13**

*For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. [12] Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. [13] And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.*

### **Matthew 18:34-35**

*And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. [35] So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.*

### **Hebrews 12:15**

*Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled.*

### **Galatians 5:6**

*For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.*

### **1 John 4:8**

*He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.*

### **1 Peter 2:24**

*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.*

### **2 Peter 1:3**

*According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue.*