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Receiving God's Healing

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PART ONE

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PROMISES OF GOD REGARDING HEALING

1. Result of obedience

Exodus 15:26: and said, "If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the LORD who heals you."

Deuteronomy 7:15: "And the LORD will take away from you all sickness, and will afflict you with none of the terrible diseases of Egypt which you have known, but will lay them on all those who hate you."

Deuteronomy 8:4 "Your garments did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years."

Example - Naaman:

2 Kings 5:14 "So he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean."

2. Prophecy concerning healing at the Cross of Jesus

Numbers 21:8-9: "Then the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live." [9] So

Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived."

3. Length of days

Deuteronomy 4:40 "You shall therefore keep His statutes and His commandments which I command you today, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days in the land which the LORD your God is giving you for all time."

1 Kings 3:14 "So if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

4. God heals the people

2 Chronicles 30:20: "And the LORD listened to Hezekiah and healed the people."

5. The work of the Cross

Isaiah 53:4-6: "Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. [5] But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. [6] All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all."

6. Healing for the backslider

Isaiah 57:18-19: "I have seen his ways, and will heal him; I will also lead him, And restore comforts to him And to his mourners. [19] "I create the fruit of the lips: Peace, peace to him who is far off and to him who is near," Says the LORD, "And I will heal him."

7. Fasting that pleases God

Isaiah 58:10-11: "If you extend your soul to the hungry And satisfy the afflicted soul, Then your light shall dawn in the darkness, And your darkness shall be as the noonday. [11] The LORD will guide you continually, And satisfy your soul in drought, And strengthen your bones; You shall be like a watered garden, And like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail."

8. The Good News of Salvation

Jeremiah 30:17: "For I will restore health to you And heal you of your wounds,' says the LORD, 'Because they called you an outcast saying: "This is Zion; No one seeks her."

9. No plague shall come near your dwelling

Psalm 91:10: "No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;"

10. God who heals

Psalm 103:3-4: "Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, [4] Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,"

11. God healed the Israelites

Psalm 105:37: "He also brought them out with silver and gold, And there was none feeble among His tribes.

Psalm 107:20: He sent His word and healed them, And delivered them from their destructions."

12. Declaring the works of the Lord

Psalm 118:17-18: "I shall not die, but live, And declare the works of the LORD. [18] The LORD has chastened me severely, But He has not given me over to death."

13. Health to our flesh and strength to our bones

Proverbs 3:5-8: "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; [6] In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

[7] Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil. [8] It will be health to your flesh, And strength to your bones."

Proverbs 4:20-23: "My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. [21] Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; [22] For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh. [23] Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life."

14. The Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom

Proverbs 9:10-11: "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. [11] For by me your days will be multiplied, And years of life will be added to you."

15. The fear of the Lord prolongs days

Proverbs 10:27: "The fear of the LORD prolongs days, But the years of the wicked will be shortened."

16. The effect of the tongue

Proverbs 12:18: "There is one who speaks like the piercings of a sword, But the tongue of the wise promotes health.

Proverbs 15:14: The heart of him who has understanding seeks knowledge, But the mouth of fools feeds on foolishness."

Proverbs 16:24: "Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, Sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.

Proverbs 18:21: Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit."

Guarding the tongue

Proverbs 13:3: "He who guards his mouth preserves his life, But he who opens wide his lips shall have destruction."

17. Anxiety

Proverbs 12:25: "Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression, But a good word makes it glad."

18. **Envy**

Proverbs 14:30: "A sound heart is life to the body, But envy is rottenness to the bones."

19. A good report

Proverbs 15:13: "A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance, But by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

Proverbs 15:30: The light of the eyes rejoices the heart, And a good report makes the bones healthy."

20. Merry heart

Proverbs 15:15: "All the days of the afflicted are evil, But he who is of a merry heart has a continual feast."

Proverbs 17:22: "A merry heart does good, like medicine, But a broken spirit dries the bones."

21. Depression - Spirit of heaviness

Isaiah 61:3: "To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified."

Proverbs 12:25: "Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression, But a good word makes it glad."

NEW TESTAMENT HEALINGS

1. Having faith for others.

The faith of the Centurion paved the way for the healing of the servant.

Matthew 8:13: "Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour."

Healing of the paralytic:

Matthew 9:2: "Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you."

Matthew 9:6: "But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" - then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."

Healing of the daughter:

Matthew 15:28: "Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour."

2. Healing by the touch of the Lord

Matthew 8:15: "So He touched her hand, and the fever left her. And she arose and served them."

Mark 3:10: "For He healed many, so that as many as had afflictions pressed about Him to touch Him."

Mark 5:28-29: "For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well." [29] Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction."

Mark 6:56: "Wherever He entered into villages, cities, or in the country, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged Him that they might just touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched Him were made well."

Luke 4:40: "When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them."

Luke 6:19: "And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all."

3. Healing with a word

Matthew 8:16-17: "When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, [17] that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our infirmities And bore our sicknesses."

4. Healing according to the person's own faith

Healing of the blind man:

Matthew 9:29-30: "Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you." [30] And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See that no one knows it."

5. Healing by the sovereign act of God

Healing of the mute person:

Matthew 9:32-33: "As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. [33] And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marvelled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!"

Mark 3:5: "And when He had looked around at them with anger, being grieved by the hardness of their hearts, He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored as whole as the other."

Luke 14:2, 4: "And behold, there was a certain man before Him who had dropsy." [4] "But they kept silent. And He took him and healed him, and let him go."

6. All healed by Jesus

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

Matthew 12:15: "But when Jesus knew it, He withdrew from there. And great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them all."

7. Examples where persons themselves have faith

Matthew 20:33-34: "They said to Him, "Lord, that our eyes may be opened." [34] So Jesus had compassion and touched their eyes. And immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him."

Mark 5:34: "And He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."

Mar 10:51-52: "So Jesus answered and said to him, "What do you want Me to do for you?" The blind man said to Him, "Rabboni, that I may receive my sight." [52] Then Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road."

8. Compassion of Jesus

Mark 1:40-41: "Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean." [41] Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed."

9. Jesus looks to the Father for healing

Mark 7:32,34-35: "Then they brought to Him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to put His hand on him. [34] Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." [35] Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly."

10. All healed by the power of God

Luke 5:17: "Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was present to heal them."

Luke 6:19: And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all."

11. Healing as a sign

Luke 7:21: "And that very hour He cured many of infirmities, afflictions, and evil spirits; and to many blind He gave sight."

12. Faith in God

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

But note:

13. Prayer must be according to will of God

1 John 5:14-15: "Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. [15] And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him."

HEALING IS IN THE WILL OF GOD!

14. Promises of God to those who follow Jesus

Greater Works

John 14:12: "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father."

15. Jesus gives the 12 disciples the power to heal

Matthew 10:1: "And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease."

Mat 10:7-8: "And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' [8] "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give."

Mark 6:12-13: "So they went out and preached that people should repent. [13] And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them."

16. THE COMING KINGDOM

Authority of believers

Authority given by Jesus to His followers to pray for the sick

Mark 16:17-18: "And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; [18] "they will take up serpents; and

if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Prophecy concerning the coming kingdom of God

Mark 9:1: "And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."

Further promise concerning power

Acts 1:8: "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

17. THE KINGDOM OF GOD COMES WITH POWER

Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-4: "When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. [2] And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. [3] Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. [4] And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

18. HEALINGS BY THE APOSTLES

Result - fearlessness

First healing after Pentecost

Acts 3:6-7: "Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." [7] And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength."

Healing of the lame man

Acts 3:7-8: "And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. [8] So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them - walking, leaping, and praising God."

Faith in the name of Jesus

Acts 3:16: "And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

Further healings through the Apostles

Acts 5:12: "And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch.

Acts 15-16 so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. [16] Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed."

Philip heals

Acts 8:5,7: "Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. [7] For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralysed and lame were healed."

Peter heals

Acts 9:33-34: "There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralysed. [34] And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed." Then he arose immediately."

19. RAISING THE DEAD

Peter raises the dead

Acts 9:40: "But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up."

Further signs and wonders

Act 14:3: "Therefore they stayed there a long time, speaking boldly in the Lord, who was bearing witness to the word of His grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands."

20. SIGNS AND WONDERS

Crippled man healed through Paul

Acts 14:8-10: "And in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother's womb, who had never walked. [9] This man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, [10] said with a loud voice, "Stand up straight on your feet!" And he leaped and walked."

Paul raises dead man

Acts 20:9-10: "And in a window sat a certain young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep. He was overcome by sleep; and as Paul continued speaking, he fell down from the third story and was taken up dead. [10] But Paul went down, fell on him, and embracing him said, "Do not trouble yourselves, for his life is in him."

Paul heals heathen persons

Acts 28:8: "And it happened that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and dysentery. Paul went in to him and prayed, and he laid his hands on him and healed him. [9] So when this was done, the rest of those on the island who had diseases also came and were healed."

21. HEALING IN THE CHURCH

Prayer of faith

James 5:13-16: "Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. [14] Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. [15] And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. [16] Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."

THE ANOINTING

1. The anointing of the Lord

Luke 4:18-19: "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; [19] To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD."

Acts 10:36-39: "The word which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ--He is Lord of all-- [37] "that word you know, which was

proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: [38] "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. [39] "And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree."

2. Our anointing

1 John 2:20: "But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things."

1 John 2:27: "But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him."

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PART TWO

HINDRANCES TO HEALING

1. Unforgiveness Towards Others

We must absolutely forgive everybody, no matter what they have done against us. God has forgiven us and we have no right to hold unforgiveness against others.

Matthew 6:14-15: "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

Matthew 18:34-35: "And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

We must absolutely forgive everybody, no matter what they have done against us. God has forgiven us and we have no right to hold unforgiveness against others. This is a prime reason for the entry of sickness because we are no longer under God's protection if we fail to forgive. In fact God says He will not forgive us.

Prayer:

"Lord Jesus, I am sorry that I have sinned in unforgiveness and I now forgive (name the person concerned)".

2. Disobedience towards God

We are instructed in the Word of God to have no other god but the One True God.

Exodus 20:1-3: "And God spoke all these words, saying: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. "You shall have no other gods before Me."

Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft:

1 Samuel 15:23: "For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king."

Sickness brought by God because of Disobedience of Man

God Strikes Firstborn of Egypt

Exodus 12:29: "And it came to pass at midnight that the LORD struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of livestock."

Exodus 13:15: "And it came to pass, when Pharaoh was stubborn about letting us go, that the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of beast.'

God appoints Terror, Disease and Fever

Leviticus 26:14-16: "But if you do not obey Me, and do not observe all these commandments, [15] and if you despise My statutes, or if your soul abhors My judgments, so that you do not perform all My commandments, but break My covenant, [16] I also will do this to you: I will even appoint terror over you, wasting disease and fever which shall consume the eyes and cause sorrow of heart. And you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it."

Men who brought Evil Report Died

Numbers 14:37: "those very men who brought the evil report about the land, died by the plague before the LORD."

Curse from God

Deuteronomy 28:18: "Cursed shall be the fruit of your body and the produce of your land, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks."

God Promises to Strike with Consumption, Fear and Inflammation

Deuteronomy 28:22: "The LORD will strike you with consumption, with fever, with inflammation, with severe burning fever, with the sword, with scorching, and with mildew; they shall pursue you until you perish."

God Strikes with Boils

Deuteronomy 28:27-28: "The LORD will strike you with the boils of Egypt, with tumours, with the scab, and with the itch, from which you cannot be healed. [28] "The LORD will strike you with madness and blindness and confusion of heart."

God Brings Madness because of Idolatry

Deuteronomy 28:34-35: "So you shall be driven mad because of the sight which your eyes see. [35] "The LORD will strike you in the knees and on the legs with severe boils which cannot be healed, and from the sole of your foot to the top of your head."

God Brings Hunger, Thirst and Nakedness

Deuteronomy 28:48: "therefore you shall serve your enemies, whom the LORD will send against you, in hunger, in thirst, in nakedness, and in need of everything; and He will put a yoke of iron on your neck until He has destroyed you."

God Brings Extraordinary Plagues

Deuteronomy 28:59: "then the LORD will bring upon you and your descendants extraordinary plagues--great and prolonged plagues - and serious and prolonged sicknesses."

God Promises to Strike The People With a Serious Affliction

2 Chronicles 21:14: "behold, the LORD will strike your people with a serious affliction - your children, your wives, and all your possessions;"

God strikes King's intestines with an incurable disease

2 Chronicles 21:18-19: "After all this the LORD struck him in his intestines with an incurable disease. [19] Then it happened in the course of time, after the end of two years, that his intestines came out because of his sickness; so he died in severe pain."

The Lord strikes Uzziah with Leprosy

2 Chronicles 26:19: "Then Uzziah became furious; and he had a censer in his hand to burn incense. And while he was angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead, before the priests in the house of the LORD, beside the incense altar."

God Brings Pestilence

Jeremiah 21:6: "I will strike the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast; they shall die of a great pestilence."

NEW TESTAMENT

Saul struck with blindness

Acts 9:8: "Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus."

Saul brings blindness upon Elymas the Sorcerer

Acts 13:10-11: "and said, "O full of all deceit and all fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord? [11] "And now, indeed, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a time." And immediately a dark mist fell on him, and he went around seeking someone to lead him by the hand."

The Risen Christ casts women into a sick bed

Revelation 2:21-22 "And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent. [22] "Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds."

ANSWER: Be born again.

John 3:3: "Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Need to obey God:

Matthew 22:37-39: "Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.'

"This is the first and great commandment. "And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

John 13:34: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another."

Deuteronomy 5:16: "'Honour your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may be well with you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you."

Prayer:

"Dear Heavenly Father, I acknowledge my disobedience towards You. I believe that You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, onto this earth, born of a virgin, that He walked this earth, that he lived a sinless life. I believe that He died on the Cross. He died in my place. He paid the penalty for my sins. Through the shedding of His precious blood, He cleansed me absolutely from all sin and gave me right-standing with You, Heavenly Father. I believe that on the Cross, Jesus gave me the gift of eternal life. He healed me spiritually, physically and emotionally. Thank You Jesus.

I believe that on the third day You rose from the dead and You are seated at the right hand of God. I turn to You, Lord Jesus, away from all sin. I renounce the devil and all his works. I confess that Jesus Christ is my Lord and my Saviour. Come Holy Spirit and fill me now. Thank You Jesus for saving me. I believe my name is in the book of life. I honour my mother and father, I forgive them, I renounce their sins and the sins of my ancestors. Praise God."

3. Lack of Knowledge of God's Word

Isaiah 5:13: "Therefore my people have gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge; their honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst."

Proverbs 3:7: "Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and depart from evil."

Proverbs 4:20-23: "My son, give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart; for they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh. Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life."

Hosea 4:6: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children."

Psalm 34:15-18: "The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry. The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles. The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a contrite spirit."

God's Word provides complete healing and health. On the Cross, Jesus Christ took all of our sins and carried all of our sicknesses and by His wounds we are healed:

Psalm 103:3-5: "Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, Who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's."

Isaiah 53:5: "But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed."

1 Peter 2:24: "who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness - by whose stripes you were healed."

Prayer:

"Heavenly Father, in Jesus Christ's name, I confess my ignorance of Your Word. I ask You to forgive me and I will seek to understand and follow Your Word in future."

4. Lack of Faith

This can arise because of ignorance of God's Word and of the promises of God.

Answer:

Mark 11:24: "Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."

When Jesus Christ came to the tomb of Lazarus, He said these words:

John 11:40: "Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?"

Then, as they took the stone away from the tomb, Jesus lifted up His eyes and said:

John 11:41-42: "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. "And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me."

Jesus believed that He had the answer to His prayer before He saw the result. We need to do the same.

Hebrews 12:2: "looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

It is imperative that we believe God is touching us for healing when we are prayed for or when we pray for ourselves.

Romans 14:23: "But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin."

Hebrews 11:6: "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."

Prayer:

"Heavenly Father, I renounce in Jesus Christ's name, my lack of faith and ask You to forgive me."

5. Unbelief

The Bible says this is a sin.

Mark 6:5-6: "Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. And He marvelled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching."

Hebrews 3:12-13: "Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin."

Prayer:

"Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I renounce all unbelief, especially in Your Word and Yourself. Help me Lord Jesus."

6. Unconfessed Sin

Psalm 32:3-5: "When I kept silent, my bones grew old Through my groaning all the day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer. Selah I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah."

Psalm 66:18: "If I regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord will not hear."

Proverbs 28:13: "He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy."

1 Corinthians 6:9-10: "Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God."

Galatians 5:19-21: "Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God."

Ephesians 5:4-6: "neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience."

Prayer:

"Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I confess I am a sinner and I now renounce all forms of sin and I especially confess the sins of (renounce specific sins)."

7. Occult Involvement

All forms of the occult must be renounced. This includes fortune-telling, horoscopes, rock music, drugs. (See Occult Check List in appendix.)

Exodus 20:3: "You shall have no other gods before Me."

Exodus 23:24-26: "You shall not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do according to their works; but you shall utterly overthrow them and completely break down their sacred pillars. So you shall serve the LORD your God, and He will bless your bread and your water. And I will take sickness away from the midst of you. No one shall suffer miscarriage or be barren in your land; I will fulfil the number of your days."

Deuteronomy 7:26: "Nor shall you bring an abomination into your house, lest you be doomed to destruction like it. You shall utterly detest it and utterly abhor it, for it is an accursed thing."

Prayer:

"Dear Heavenly Father, in Jesus Christ's name I renounce every form of the occult and specifically I renounce my past involvement in (name such involvement)."

We must remember that God hates all forms of idolatry.

8. Freemasonry, Druids Lodge and Secret Societies

Involvement by ourselves or our family and our ancestors, can bring a curse upon us.

1 John 4:3: "and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world."

Example:

The Royal Arch degree of Freemasons gives honour to Ja (Jehovah), Bul (Baal) and On (Osiris). This is a mixture of religions and an attempt to worship Jehovah as well as other gods. This is totally contrary to Scripture and will bring a curse upon us.

Prayer:

"Dear Heavenly Father, in Jesus Christ's name, I renounce every form of involvement in any secret lodge, in particular the Freemasons, Druids or any similar lodge in which I or my ancestors have been involved."

9. Neglect of the Poor

Jesus Christ refers to a special group of people as "His brethren". He uses this to describe the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick and those in prison. As Jesus Christ walked this earth as God in the flesh, He looked upon this particular group of people in a special way and described them as "His brethren". This use of language is quite similar to Him speaking about His disciples as his mother and His brothers.

Matthew 12:48-50: "But He answered and said to the one who told Him, "Who is My mother and who are My brothers?" And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, "Here are My mother and My brothers! For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother."

In Matthew 25, verse 31 onwards, the day of judgement is described when we shall all be judged on our response to this group which Jesus describes as, "His brethren". We will all have to face judgement on this matter. Those who look after this group of people are described as "the sheep" and will inherit the kingdom of God, but those who neglect them are described as "the goats" and will go to everlasting fire.

Matthew 25:40-41: "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:"

The relationship between healing and taking care of the poor and hungry is graphically set out in Isaiah 58:6-8:

Isaiah 58:6-8: "Is this not the fast that I have chosen: To loose the bonds of wickedness, To undo the heavy burdens, To let the oppressed go free, And that you break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, And that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; When you see the naked, that you cover him, And not hide yourself from your own flesh? Then your light shall break forth like the morning, Your healing

shall spring forth speedily, And your righteousness shall go before you; The glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard."

Psalm 41:1-3: "Blessed is he who considers the poor; the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble. The LORD will preserve him and keep him alive, and he will be blessed on the earth; You will not deliver him to the will of his enemies. The LORD will strengthen him on his bed of illness; You will sustain him on his sickbed."

Prayer:

"Dear Heavenly Father, in Jesus' name, I confess that I have not fully obeyed Your requirements in connection with the poor, the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick and those in prison. I repent from this and undertake from now on to consider how I should help in this area. Please forgive me for my lack of care. Amen."

10. Curses

We have been delivered from the curse of the law through the Cross of Jesus Christ (Galatians 3:13). However, we need to renounce all forms of curse that may be upon us or our ancestors in order to appropriate what Jesus Christ has done on the Cross. Examples of curses can be:

- (a) Mental and emotional breakdown
- (b) Repeated sicknesses, especially hereditary ones.
- (c) Repeated miscarriages and female problems.
- (d) Breakdown of marriage.
- (e) Financial insufficiency.
- (f) Being accident prone.
- (g) History of suicides.

One of the key words in the area of curses is frustration.

Prayer: "Dear Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I renounce every form of curse. I appropriate what Jesus Christ did for me on the Cross when He delivered me from the curse of the law. Thank You Father, in Jesus' name."

11. Rejection

Often, because of childhood rejection or rejection by others, we are not open to accept God's love. If we will forgive others and forgive ourselves (because God has forgiven us), then His love and healing power can flow through us.

Ephesians 1:6: "to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved."

Romans 5:5: "Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us."

Remember, God loves us, He has forgiven us and we receive that forgiveness as we turn to Him and confess our sins and allow His love to flow through us. Open up to God and allow His healing love to flow through you.

Prayer:

"Heavenly Father, I confess lack of self-acceptance. I confess in Jesus' name, rejection by others and I renounce the spirit of rejection in the name of Jesus Christ. I receive Your love. Holy Spirit, pour out Your healing love in my heart now. Thank You Jesus."

12. Unconfessed and hidden anger

Many people harbour hidden anger because they have never forgiven those who may have caused that anger. This can be a major source of sickness. We are told in Scripture:

Ephesians 4:31-32: "Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamour, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you."

Again, we are told in Colossians 3:8:

"But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth."

Prayer:

"Dear Heavenly Father, I confess hidden anger against (name person or persons). I confess any anger I may have held towards You, Heavenly Father, or even towards myself.

I forgive all those who have hurt me. I renounce you, spirit of anger, and command you to leave me now in the name of Jesus Christ. Thank You, Heavenly Father, for healing me."

13. Failure to examine ourselves

When we come to the communion table, we should examine our hearts before we take communion, otherwise as we eat the bread and drink the cup, the Word of God tells us that we can be can be drinking judgement or damnation to ourselves. It is therefore essential that we renounce all bitterness, unforgiveness, resentment, hatred and every other attitude which we know to be wrong before we take the communion cup.

1 Corinthians 11:27-31: "Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged."

Prayer: "Dear Heavenly Father, as I come to Your table to eat the bread and drink of the cup in remembrance of Your sacrifice on the Cross, I now confess all my sins, especially unforgiveness, hatred, anger, bitterness, resentment or any sexual sin or anything else that is displeasing to You. I realise, Father, that if I drink this cup in an unworthy manner, I will be guilty of the body and blood of Jesus Christ. I hereby renounce all sin and ask You Lord to help me. Amen."

14. Lack of peace of mind

We should have rest now.

Hebrews 4:9-11: "There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His. Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience."

However, we cannot come into that rest if we do not have peace of mind. Before He went onto the Cross, Jesus Christ promised us His peace.

John 14:27: "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

After His resurrection from the dead, the first words Jesus Christ said to His disciples were, "Peace to you."

John 20:21: "So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

God offers us His peace. The world cannot give us peace but God does offer us that peace.

One of the ways of achieving it is bringing every thought into obedience and under the authority of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:4-5: "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,"

As we commit our works to God, our thoughts shall be established

Proverbs 16:3: "Commit your works to the LORD, And your thoughts will be established."

This is why, in his letter to the Philippians, Paul tells us to be anxious for nothing.

Philippians 4:6-9: "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy - meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you."

Prayer: "Dear Heavenly Father, I confess that I have not really come into Your rest. I thank You, Heavenly Father, that You have all things under control. You made the moon, the stars, this earth and everything that exists. You are in charge of everything.

I thank You for Jesus. I now commit every thought, every action in my life, to You, Heavenly Father and thank You now for Your peace and rest which You give me.

15. Fear

Fear can become so oppressive that it can provide an entry point of sickness. There are many ways of dealing with fear and I have set this out in my booklet "How to Overcome Fear".

However, the most important thing is to recognise that God's love casts out all fear. Fear can be a spirit and can oppress us. However, as we acknowledge Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour and follow Him, then the spirit of fear disappears.

2 Timothy 1:7: "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

There is no fear in love.

1 John 4:18: "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love."

Prayer: "Dear Heavenly Father, I do confess that I have allowed myself to be tormented by fear. I now place my trust absolutely in You and as I receive Your love, I know that every spirit of fear which has attacked me must leave. I command it to go in the name of Jesus Christ. Thank You, Heavenly Father, for freedom from fear.

16. Grief

Grief can be an entry point of sickness and death. I have known of widows who have died a year or two after their husband's death as they have never recovered from grief. (Psalm 31:9-14) Answer: Isaiah 53:4: "Jesus has carried our griefs."

Prayer: "Dear Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ I confess my grief. I thank You Lord Jesus that You carried it on the cross for me and I now renounce in the name of Jesus every spirit of grief affecting me. Thank You Father for Your health and strength, in Jesus' name. Amen."

17. Sickness caused by Demonic Activity

Sometimes such things as pain, crippling diseases, deformities and a desire to die, are the result of demonic powers and attacks by Satan. Jesus constantly **healed the sick and cast out demons**.

Mark 1:34: "Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him."

Mark 9:25-26: "When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead."

Luke 13:16: "So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound - think of it - for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?"

Acts 10:38: "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him."

We should not have a morbid desire for death, but a desire for true life in Jesus Christ.

Psalm 118:17: "I shall not die, but live, And declare the works of the LORD."

Prayer: "Dear heavenly Father, as I come to You in the name of Jesus Christ, I confess Jesus Christ is my Lord and my Saviour. I confess that He shed His blood for me and I

plead now the protection of that precious blood over my whole life. In the name of Jesus Christ I command every spirit of sickness to flee from me. I rebuke it in the name of Jesus Christ and thank You Lord Jesus for Your healing. Amen."

SUMMARY

- 1. We should be born again.
- 2. We should be baptised with the Holy Spirit to receive the power of God.
- 3. We should know the anointing of God which is within us.
- 4. We should realise that we are in the kingdom of God operating with kingdom power.
- 5. We should seek to operate, especially in the following gifts of the Spirit:
- (a) Gift of word of wisdom
- (b) Word of knowledge
- (c) Gift of faith
- (d) Gifts of healing
- (e) Discernment of spirits
- (f) Miracles

We should seek these gifts with all our heart and, if necessary, have hands laid upon us to receive them.

- 6. We should be aware of the activity of demons and especially the renouncing of the occult.
- 7. We should act with boldness in the love of Jesus Christ.
- 8. We should have the fear of God in our heart.

Proverbs 10:27: "The fear of the LORD prolongs days, But the years of the wicked will be shortened."

Proverbs 14:27: "The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, To turn one away from the snares of death."

Malachi 4:2: "But to you who fear My name The Sun of Righteousness shall arise With healing in His wings; And you shall go out And grow fat like stall-fed calves."

HEALING PRAYER:

"Dear Heavenly Father, I come to You in the name of Your Risen Son Jesus Christ. As I repent from all of my sins, Father, and especially of unforgiveness, I ask Lord for Your healing touch upon my body, soul and spirit. I pray, Father, that Your anointing shall now fall upon me and touch me, driving out every spirit of sickness and healing my body, soul and spirit. I thank You Lord for touching me now by Your Spirit. Thank You Father for your mighty touch in Jesus' name."

SIX SCRIPTURAL STEPS TO SALVATION

Men still cry, "What must I do to be saved?" The Bible provides a clear answer.

- 1. **Acknowledge:** "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)
- 2. **Repent:** "Unless you repent, you too will all perish." (Luke 13:3)

"Repent the and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out." (Acts 3:19)

3. **Confess:** "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

"If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord', and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." (Romans 10:9)

- 4. **Forsake:** "Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him for He will freely pardon." (Isaiah 55:7)
- 5. **Believe:** "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

"Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:16)

6. **Receive:** "To all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God." (John 1:12)

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