

Lesson 16
Healing Is a Harvest
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VIDEO OUTLINE

Note: All scriptures used in this lesson are quoted from the *New King James Version*.

- I. We are born again by the incorruptible seed of God's Word, and in that truth, we find that God's Word is a seed. The seed that we hear—the seed that brings faith to our hearts—is the Word of God.

Having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever.

1 Peter 1:23

- A. The incorruptible seed of God's Word carries the nature of God, His purpose, and it finds the soil of our hearts. When the seed of God's Word finds the soil of our hearts, depending upon the condition of the soil of our hearts, it will bring forth according to its nature. This is how the kingdom works.
- II. Everything in the kingdom works according to the concept of the seed and of the law of seed, time, and harvest.
 - A. The seed in the parable of the sower is the Word of God. Jesus taught about a man who sowed seed on the ground. The seed found different kinds of soil, different kinds of hearts. Some hearts may be flustered with the cares of this life and others may be soil of a good heart, a heart that's ready to receive.

Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

Luke 8:11

- B. You can't see the fruit of God's Word until it brings forth its nature. These invisible Word seeds create visible life—creation and everything that we see.

By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

Hebrews 11:3

- C. We live in a word-oriented, or a word-created, world that is sustained by the Word of God. And God's words are seeds that carry within them the nature and purpose of God.
- D. God's Word is an expression of Himself, and He is constantly ready to bring forth what it contains, just like a seed. The Word of God is just waiting on the right environment: good soil, sun, and water. It's packaged and ready to go.

Then the LORD said to me, "You have seen well, for I am ready to perform My word."

Jeremiah 1:12

- E. God's Word is being compared both to rain and to seed. The rain, or Word, that comes down from heaven is to give seed to the sower. There is provision for us. God's Word, like a seed, carries infinite abundance, potential, and prosperity in order to bring forth God's nature and purpose.

For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

Isaiah 55:10-11

- III. Health and healing will be the harvests of what we have sown or what others have sown into us. The whole of creation is a function of God's Word and is sustained by God's Word, which is alive, active, and ready to be performed according to the concept of seed. All it is waiting for is a heart that believes.
 - A. A seed carries the nature of its source. A promise of God carries the nature of where it came from: the nature of God, the purpose of God, the vision of God, the prosperity of God, the abundance of God, the restoration of God, and the healing of God. It's all going to be contained in the seed of that promise.

- B. A seed will reproduce according to its kind. Every promise of God, every Word of God, is going to reproduce according to its kind or according to its nature. If it is a promise about healing, it is going to reproduce according to what has been packaged inside: healing.
 - C. A seed carries infinite potential and is only limited by the kind of soil in which it is planted. A seed that finds a heart of unbelief is very limited in what it can produce. A seed, or a promise of God, that finds a heart that is prepared to believe will fully produce according to God's nature and purpose.
- IV. Faith comes for healing in the same way it comes for salvation.

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

Romans 10:17

- A. Faith is born in the soil of your heart by hearing the seed of God's Word. The condition of the heart will determine how well you hear. A heart that is hungry for God will hear God more clearly than a heart that doesn't care. Faith for salvation comes from hearing the message of salvation. The message of salvation, or the seed of the message, reproduces according to its kind.

But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Romans 10:8-10

- B. The same seed that got you saved gets you healed. The words used for faith and for salvation (Rom. 10:8-10), *sozo* and *soteria*, both include physical healing and forgiveness.
- C. This is so powerful because we've limited salvation to simply the invisible forgiveness side of the issue. We haven't seen that it includes the physical, tangible part called healing.
- D. When Jesus ministered, He went around forgiving sins and healing the sick. He was demonstrating the Gospel message, the invisible message of the kingdom, by delivering visible, tangible healing.

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.

1 Peter 2:24

V. Healing is a harvest.

- A. We're very quick to accept and understand that righteousness has been imputed to us and that righteousness is a gift. But healing has been imputed to you too; healing is also a gift.

Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. 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.

Isaiah 53:4-5

- B. Theologically, we've made healing something where maybe God will, or maybe God won't. That is a lie that we have to get out of our hearts and minds. We need to understand that the full package of God's redemptive work through Jesus on the cross is available, if your heart is willing to receive it.
- C. To cooperate with the seed of God's Word, we use the way we think, the way we speak, our actions, our feelings, and our emotions. We will cooperate either with God's Word or with the enemy.
- D. The seed of God's Word is available to you right now. The promises of God are all yes and amen, and they will produce according to their kind. They have no choice. The more fertile the soil of your heart, the more you will produce the nature of the promise, the nature of the seed of God's Word.

For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

2 Corinthians 1:20

- E. You will harvest what you cooperate with. If you're cooperating with a negative attitude, negative words, negative everything in your life, that is what you will harvest.

- F. I am cooperating with God's seed that created all things, upholds all things, and carries His life and His nature. The Word of God is what I'm going to cooperate with, think about, speak about, and act on. I'm going to act like it's real. That's called faith.

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1

- G. Even if I believe in healing with my mind, if I never sow or allow any healing seeds to be sown into my life, I will never harvest that which has not been planted.
- H. You may believe in your head that healing exists, that Jesus can heal, and that healing is your right and your benefit. You may believe it with your head, but you have to believe it with your heart. You can't create spiritual reality from your mind. It has to be from your heart; with the heart man believes.
- I. As the seed of God comes into your heart, and you begin to speak and call it forth, you begin to stand on the promises with your mouth. This is cooperating with the Word of God, which bears the nature of God and the purpose of God for your life.
- J. The kingdom of God is a seed kingdom. Our success in the kingdom of God is dependent upon how well we understand the concept of seed, time, and harvest.
- K. The physical is a reflection of what is going on internally. Our attitudes, thought life, words, emotional stability, anxiety, depression, lack of peace, lack of joy, and everything that is going wrong in our lives are all harvests that have an impact upon the desire to be physically healed. All of these things are interrelated.
1. What you feed your mind, what you allow your eyes to see, what you allow your ears to hear, and what you feed your body are seeds that will have a harvest.
- VI. When we talk about health and healing, it's not just the subject of physical healing—it's about the whole being—spirit, soul, and body.

Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

3 John 1:2

- A. Every part of us needs to be prospering in the seeds of God's Word. We take time to sow the Word into our hearts, to think about the Word, to speak the Word, and

to act upon the Word. If we get the whole being—spirit, soul and body—involved and cooperating with God’s Word on every level, we will harvest health.

- VII. Time is involved: the seed must sprout and grow. So many Christians wake up at some point in their life and ask, “I wonder how I got here?” It took time. It’s the harvest of seeds sown into your life.

And He said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how. For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

Mark 4:26–29

- A. This is a chronology of events; things take place and we begin to see what we’ve sown.
- B. If I’m dealing with sickness, anguish, depression, emotional distress, frustration, or otherwise, the first blade to sprout is an identifier of what I’ve been sowing. In my physical body, when I begin to notice something is out of whack, it is an identifier that I haven’t been sowing correctly. There are some things that can be changed as I cooperate more with God in sowing health into my life on every level.
- C. Health can be a genetic harvest. If there was something wrong genetically, sometimes that harvest is evident at birth. It doesn’t mean God can’t fix it. We have genetic weaknesses. Those are harvests from Adam’s sin.
- D. We have emotional issues. We may have been fed Twinkies® and Coca-Cola® for our whole life, so we harvest health issues from a poor diet. Whether it’s genetic, emotional, mental, physical, or dietary, everything has a seed source. So, all of us are harvesting all the time from whatever has been sown into us.
- E. Some harvests are immediate. If you say an ugly word to someone, you may get an immediate harvest. Some harvests are long term. It may take years to see the full result of certain seeds that have been sown into your life.

They became aware of it and fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the surrounding region. And they were preaching the gospel there. And in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother’s womb, who had never walked. This man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently

and seeing that he had faith to be healed, said with a loud voice, "Stand up straight on your feet!" And he leaped and walked.

Acts 14:6-10

- F. Paul could perceive that the Word he was preaching created an expectation in the man's heart. It's still seed, time, and harvest. The only thing that's different is the time was compressed into just a matter of seconds, but he still heard the Word. It was evident to Paul and the command instigated a response: the man leaped up and walked.
- G. When the seed of God's Word finds the soil of a heart, belief is born, confession is made, and the miracle takes place. It's still seed, time, and harvest. So, whether the harvest of health and healing is immediate, or whether it's a process, don't stop sowing.

Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does He do it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

Galatians 3:5

VIII. Everything is Word related. People came to hear Jesus. They came to have the Word sown, and they came to harvest the result, the nature of the Word that was being sown—healing.

However, the report went around concerning Him all the more; and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by Him of their infirmities.

Luke 5:15

- A. If we can completely cooperate with God on every level—spirit, soul, and body—the physical manifestation will come much easier.
- B. Your ears, your eyes, your heart, and your attitude are all seed gates. We're either opening our gates to the world, full of doubt and fear, or to the Word of God, full of faith and power.

For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.

Matthew 13:15

- C. Let the Word of God be sown into you continually. Don't give up, don't become passive, and don't grow lazy. Keep the seed of God's Word in the midst of your heart.

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.

Proverbs 4:20-22
