

Lesson 16

The Marriage of Forgiveness of Sin and Healing

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

I. There is an unholy alliance between sin and sickness.

A. The devil took the original sin—the sin of Adam—and married sickness, darkness, and oppression to it.

He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

1 John 3:8

B. What Jesus came to do was to destroy the works of the devil, and what He has done has created a holy alliance between the forgiveness of our sins and the healing of our bodies.

C. Obviously, if you and I live in known, habitual, unrepented sin, if we rebel against the principles and ways of God, or if we turn from God, Satan can use personal sin to steal, kill, and destroy. But a lot of the sickness, disease, and what we experience in this fallen world is because of the original sin. That's what Jesus came to reverse.

II. There is a holy alliance that Jesus has created between forgiveness and healing.

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.

Acts 10:38

A. The name “Jesus of Nazareth” refers to Jesus’s humanity. He performed signs, wonders, and miracles—not as God, even though He was God—but as the Son of Man, a human anointed by God.

- B. Jesus came, according to 1 John 3:8, to destroy the works of the devil. And now, He has sent you and me into the world—anoined by that same Holy Spirit and with the same power that raised Him from the dead—to destroy the works of the devil.
 - C. Jesus went about doing good, and healing is good.
 - D. God made power, healing, and all of the good things Jesus did available to us. The presence, power, and anointing of the Holy Spirit is available to all Christians today.
- III. There's a direct connection between the renewing of our minds and our souls' prosperity, our natural prosperity, and our health.

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

3 John 1:2

- A. Many people negate their faith because they just aren't certain if it is God's will to heal them. It is God's will to heal all who call upon His name—one hundred percent of the time.
- B. God is blessed and pleased when we walk in the truth. God wants us to walk in the truth of healing.

For I rejoiced greatly when brethren came and testified of the truth that is in you, just as you walk in the truth. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

3 John 1:3-4

- IV. There is darkness all around us.

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love.

Colossians 1:13

- A. The body of Christ today—the church—has a canopy of God's love over it that is like a covering and divine protection. When we come and assemble as His body, there's divine protection in unity within the house of God.
- V. There is a marriage between the forgiveness of sins and the raising up and healing of our bodies.

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. 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. 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.

James 5:13-15

- A. It is possible to be assaulted by sickness just like we're assaulted by sin. Also, just like we're tempted by sin, we can be tempted with sickness. It may not be because our personal sin but because of the sin that exists in the world.
 - B. Do not let sin consciousness keep you from receiving your healing. As elders pray for you, unite with other believers who know how to pray, fight, and stand.
 - C. Receive forgiveness, cleansing, and washing away of any sin—known or unknown in your life.
 - D. God commands us to call for the elders. The elders are to pray the prayer of faith—not the prayer of doubt and unbelief, not the prayer of whining, moaning and groaning, but the prayer of faith.
- VI. It is obvious that God's will is to heal everyone because of the many ways He's made healing available.
- A. We have the gifts of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12).
 - B. Believers are commanded to lay hands on the sick and anoint them with oil (James 5:14-15).
 - C. We can pray a prayer of agreement. In James 5:14, James is saying to have elders in your life that you can call upon when you're facing temptations in the area of sickness or some assault by the devil on your health. These things are real and happen to all of us.
- V. In John 9, Jesus said that it wasn't personal sins that brought blindness to the man born blind. He didn't say it wasn't sin. He said it wasn't personal sins.

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned.

Romans 5:12

VII. In His death, burial, and resurrection, Jesus destroyed the works of the devil. He destroyed hell, death, and the grave. He conquered what sin had brought upon the human race. He has created a holy alliance with His church for the forgiveness of our sins and the healing of all of our diseases. And we will also conquer the last enemy—death.

- A. If you die and leave your body before the return and appearing of Jesus, He will bring the real you back, and you will get a new, resurrected body.
- B. If Jesus comes when we are still alive, we're going to be changed in a moment. As believers, our bodies will be redeemed at the second coming/return of the Lord.

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

1 Corinthians 15:52-53

VIII. Death is the last enemy to be conquered.

The last enemy that will be destroyed is death.

1 Corinthians 15:26

- A. Everything associated with death is an enemy that we are conquering, and one of those enemies is sickness.
- B. We have a purpose to fulfill on earth, and it's not to be bedfast, without authority, hindered in our witness, or shortened in any way. God wants us to be healthy so that we can share the Gospel.
- C. A lot of people are just trying to get healed to get out of pain, but that should not be the only motive for getting healed.
- D. We need to be healthy and whole, not just so that we're not in pain, but because we have a purpose to fulfill. We're going to fulfill that purpose, and with long life God is going to satisfy us, and the number of our days He will fulfill.

With long life I will satisfy him, and show him My salvation.

Psalms 91:16

E. God wants to heal you for His divine purpose, and He wants His will to be done through your life.

IX. In John 9, we see that God did not make the man blind so that He could heal him. The sin in the world brought blindness, just like sin in the world brings other negative issues. Jesus came to reverse all of that.

A. We need to be careful how we judge and criticize one another. We should extend the mercy and love of God to others and pray for them.

B. The Bible says that Job's three friends condemned him without cause, and God wasn't happy with them.

Also against his three friends his wrath was aroused, because they had found no answer, and yet had condemned Job.

Job 32:3

X. Through understanding of this holy alliance between forgiveness and healing, we can walk now in health and physical healing.

A. Isaiah's prophecy saw Jesus on the cross. He saw that Jesus was wounded and bruised for our sins and iniquities.

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. What happened in Matthew 8:1-16 is the fulfillment of Isaiah 53:4-5. Many people say Isaiah 53:4-5 is talking about spiritual healing, but Matthew shows that it refers to physical healing.

That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses."

Matthew 8:17

- C. Under the Old Covenant law, a person couldn't touch a leper. Yet Jesus touched the leper and cleansed him immediately. In the New Covenant, we'll lay hands on the sick, and they won't make us sick, but they will recover.
- D. Sin and sickness were dealt with on the same cross. Peter, walking with Jesus, saw how God extended forgiveness. And with that forgiveness came the flow of the Holy Spirit to heal sickness in this world.

“Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth”; who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; 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 2:22-24

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