

HEALING MINISTRY OF JESUS

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- A. If we are to do the works of Jesus, we should take a look at the healing ministry of Jesus.
- B. In one sense, the ministry of Jesus could be summed up in the following verses:
 - I. *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 9:35 NKJV***
 - II. *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 NKJV***

2. HOW DID JESUS HEAL THE SICK?

- A. Jesus was constantly bringing people into the place of truth.
 - I. Jesus brought people into a correct way of thinking about the heart of God and the kingdom of God.
 - II. He realigned them with the heart and will of God.
- B. Jesus knew what would happen if people would experience the kingdom of God.
 - I. Jesus was confident in his authority and right to release his kingdom.
 - II. Jesus was also confident in who he was and in the Father's grace, leading, and willingness to heal.
 - III. In other words, he had faith - he believed!
- C. Faith can be on the part of the prayer, the receiver, or both.
 - I. Jesus exercised faith, saw faith, and responded to faith, which is essential for healing.
 - II. We need to be confident in who Jesus is rather than our ability to heal the sick.
 - III. *"If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer." **Matthew 21:22 NIV***
 - IV. *If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes. **Mark 9:23 NKJV***

3. JESUS ONLY DID WHAT HE SAW THE FATHER DOING

- A. As a man, Jesus modeled a life of intimacy with the Father and dependence on the Holy Spirit.
 - I. *"Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner." **John 5:19 NKJV***
 - II. He walked in intimate relationship with God and received his instructions and authority directly from heaven.
 - III. He was completely dependent on his relationship with the Father for authority.
 - IV. He was completely dependent on the anointing of the Holy Spirit for power.
 - V. *"I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me." **John 5:30 NKJV***
- B. One of reasons we need to abide in the Father is that we have to do what he is doing.
 - I. When Jesus shared, *"without Me you can do nothing" **John 15:5 NKJV***
 - II. He was saying only those works inspired by him will amount to anything of eternal significance.
- C. Another reason is God will not allow himself to be turned into a formula.
 - I. We're compelled to live in intimate relationship with him if we want to see him heal.
 - II. Jesus demonstrated this by the wide variety of methods he used for healing.

4. HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES:

- A. A touch: *Now when Jesus had come into Peter's house, He saw his wife's mother lying sick with a fever. So He touched her hand, and the fever left her. And she arose and served them. **Matthew 8:14 NKJV***
- B. A prayer: *Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go." **John 11:41-44 NIV***
- C. A command: *Then He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and it was restored as whole as the other. **Matthew 12:13 NKJV***

- D. A word spoken: *The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. "For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! "And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. "But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." 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. **Matthew 8:8-13 NKJV***
- E. A touch and a command: *Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" And immediately the leprosy left him. **Luke 5:13 NIV***
 - I. *Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you." **Matthew 9:29 NKJV***
- F. Someone touching him: *When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret. And when the men of that place recognized Jesus, they sent word to all the surrounding country. People brought all their sick to him and begged him to let the sick just touch the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed. **Matthew 14:34-36 NIV***
 - I. *She came from behind and touched the border of His garment and immediately her flow of blood stopped. **Luke 8:44 NKJV***
- G. By prophetic gesture: *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. And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue. Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly. **Mark 7:32-35 NKJV***
- H. By strange maneuver: *Then He came to Bethsaida; and they brought a blind man to Him, and begged Him to touch him. So He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town. And when He had spit on his eyes and put His hands on him, He asked him if he saw anything. And he looked up and said, "I see men like trees, walking. Then He put His hands on his eyes again and made him look up. And he was restored and saw everyone clearly. **Mark 8:22-25 NKJV***
- I. Faith of the sick person: *Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed at that moment. **Matthew 9:22 NIV***

5. COMPASSION OF THE KINGDOM

- A. Jesus was deeply stirred by compassion when he saw the effect of darkness on the lives of people around Him.
 - I. *When He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary (distressed/harassed) and scattered (downcast), like sheep having no shepherd. **Matthew 9:36 NKJV***
- B. The phrase moved with compassion (*spagchnizomai*) expresses emotion at the deepest place.
 - I. It literally means to be moved in one's bowels or inward parts; in other words, to feel it in your guts.
 - II. At its core, compassion is experiencing the Father's heart for others in their time of need.
 - III. Healing was an expression of God's love and compassion for hurting humanity.
 - IV. The foundation for healing and releasing the kingdom is the love (compassion) of God
- C. Jesus didn't simply feel pity, he felt people's pain and it compelled him to do something.
 - I. Compassion is not just a feeling, true compassion, the compassion of the Jesus, will always leads to action.
 - II. When Jesus was moved (motivated) by compassion, he healed.
 - III. *When Jesus went out, He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them and healed their sick. **Matthew 14:14 NKJV***
 - IV. Compassion takes the initiative and responds. Biblical compassion always leads to involvement.
- D. When Jesus saw the funeral procession in Nain, he wasn't motivated to demonstrate the amazing power of God.
 - I. He was compelled by gut-wrenching compassion.
 - II. *When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." **Luke 7:13 NKJV***
- E. Many wonderful things happened as a result of Jesus being moved with compassion.
 - I. One of things you'll notice about compassion is that it changes the atmosphere.
 - II. Just as we depend on him for power and authority, be aware of when we are moved with compassion.
 - III. There will often be times when we are moved by the same compassion as given to Jesus.
 - IV. *Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." **John 20:21 NKJV***
 - V. If things changed wherever Jesus went, it should be the same for us too.

6. WHAT DO YOU WANT?

- A. As Jesus was walking on the outskirts of Jericho, Blind Bartimaeus called out after him.
 - I. *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." 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. Mark 10:51-52 NKJV*
- B. In this passage, we see Jesus saying to the person needing healing, "*What do you want Me to do for you?*"
 - I. It's not like Jesus can't see that the man is blind, but the man needed to ask.
 - II. It appears that Jesus limits himself in part to the desire or prayer of the person needing healing.
 - III. So, here's a kingdom principle: There is a "What do You Want?" in the kingdom.
- C. This applies to healing.

7. I AM WILLING

- A. Jesus' interaction with a leper, gives us an incredible picture into the heart of God and the kingdom.
 - I. *When He had come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him. And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean." Then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." Immediately his leprosy was cleansed. Matt 8:1-3 NKJV*
 - II. Jesus said He was willing.
 - III. The Living Bible translation says, "I want to".
 - IV. Many Jewish people during this time believed that if you were sick, it was because of sin.
 - V. Jesus' willingness to heal was probably a revolution to religious paradigms of the day.
 - VI. That God 'wants to' is probably a revolution for today's worldviews also.
- B. Let's consider God's willingness for a moment.
 - I. One of Jesus' primary ministries was healing.
 - II. If it weren't God's will to heal, Jesus would not have healed the sick.
 - III. Jesus said he came for the sick not those who were well.
 - IV. The healthy do not need a physician. He was sent for the sick.
 - V. He was compelled to heal the sick. He loves to repair what is broken.
- C. Healing in the will of God is revealed in Luke 11.
 - I. *Your Kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Luke 11:2b NKJV*
 - II. From Scripture, we know there is no sickness or pain in heaven.
 - III. So it seems logical that if we are praying for his will as it is in heaven, then it's his will to heal.
- D. Another aspect of God is willing, is that it is the nature of God to heal.
 - I. In biblical times, names were a representation of a person's nature.
 - II. *I am the Lord who heals you. Exodus 15:26b NIV*
 - III. God revealed himself as YHWH Rapha – it's not only God's desire to heal, but also his nature to heal!

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