

Healing Truths

Luke 13:10-17

I. Many truths concerning divine healing are taught throughout the Bible are revealed to us in this one passage of Scripture.

1. Jesus identified the sickness as SPIRITUAL (vv. 10-11).

A. This woman was bound for EIGHTEEN years. They did have doctors in her day. She must have visited some. Surely these doctors tried many treatments. But like many doctors in our day, they do not know the ROOT of the sickness.

B. Sickness in most cases is SPIRITUAL. It was a spirit of infirmity that caused her to be in this condition. In order to get others delivered we must identify their TRUE problem.

2. Jesus spoke words of faith to her (v. 12).

A. Notice the past tense of His words "you are LOOSED from your infirmity." He did not say that she is GOING TO BE loosed. God's Word has already been accomplished. We must receive as true right now regardless of physical ailments (Heb. 11:1; Rom. 4:19-22; 1 Pet. 2:24).

B. When ministering healing to the sick we must build their faith and encourage them by letting them know that God has ALREADY made the provision for their healing (Rom. 10:17).

C. There is authority in faith. When we speak in faith we must speak with confident authority. Faith is not wimpy or squeamish. Notice that this woman's healing was declared by faith BEFORE the actual manifestation occurred.

3. Jesus laid hands on her (v. 13).

A. After speaking words of faith to her she was ready to receive. Jesus laid hands and she was instantly healed.

B. We are told to lay hands on the sick. God has promised that when we do this that they SHALL recover (Mark 16:15-20; John 14:12; Acts 28:7-10).

4. Jesus did not allow Himself to be deterred by critics but instead confronted them (vv. 14, 15).

A. We should not be surprised when we who believe in the FULL gospel are attacked by churches who do not believe as we do. Jesus had them in His day and we still

have them today. Some people would rather stick to tradition and religion than experience the power of God. Religion is cold and dead and has no sympathy for those who are in true need.

B. Those who follow in this way are "hypocrites". They will practice their religion as it is convenient for them. They will even twist Scripture for their selfish purposes just as the ruler of the synagogue did in appealing to the Sabbath laws.

C. There are some today who say "God can heal today if it's His will" and when they see a true manifestation of God's power they still deny it and try to explain it away with by using cessationist or dispensational theology.

5. Jesus reveals the author of sickness (v. 16).

A. Jesus is not hesitant to let them (and us) know that Satan is behind the problem of sickness. Sickness is the work of the devil and as all his other works it must be dealt with (Job 2:7; Acts 10:38; 1 John 3:8).

B. Notice that Jesus declared her sickness as a BONDAGE and not a blessing. No where do we find the Bible teaching that sickness is a good thing.

C. Too many have the mistaken idea that God is going around putting sickness on people. This does not line up with neither His nature nor what He has revealed in Scripture (3 John 2).

D. Reasons Why Satan attacks our bodies

(1) You are the temple of the Holy Spirit. He hates God and wants to destroy His temple (1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19)

(2) Your body was created in God's image and likeness (Gen. 1:26-28)

(3) Your body is God's instrument to do His work (Rom. 6:13)

(4) Your body is used to glorify God (1 Cor. 6:20)

6. Jesus reveals our covenant provision for healing (v. 16).

A. Jesus told them that this woman had a legal right to be healed because she was a daughter of Abraham. Those of us who are born again are of the seed of Abraham and therefore we have these same covenant rights (Gal. 3:9, 13-16, 29).

B. Study your covenant rights. As you can see, the proclaiming of covenant rights will always shut the mouth of the enemy (v. 17).

7. Jesus Reveals to us that healing GLORIFIES God (vv. 13, 17)

A. We notice from these verses that HEALING, not sickness always brings rejoicing and glory to God. People TRULY want to believe in a God that heals today.

B. Never accept it when someone tells you that God gave you a sickness for His glory. Nothing in the Bible teaches that God gives sickness for the purpose of glorifying Himself. Healing brings Him the glory.

II. We see that God's will is healing for all. We are to both walk in health according to the Word and minister it to others as our Lord did.

Questions for Study and Meditation:

1. Has God ever performed a miraculous healing in your body or mind (emotions)? Give a brief testimony on how God brought this miracle about.
2. Are you sick in your body or mind and in need of a healing touch from God? Do you have a loved one in need of this? What actions do you plan to take in order to appropriate healing for your present need?
3. How do you plan to use this truth to evangelize your neighbors and loved ones in leading them to Christ?
4. In all honesty, are you having difficulty believing that God desires to heal your body and/or emotions in answer to prayer? Give an honest explanation as to what is hindering you from truly believing and accepting this truth? What do you think could help you to truly believe and appropriate this provision?