

## Remnant Life Church

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### Healing Power

2 Kings 5:1-14

Before I share this with you remember: we must speak of God in an anthropomorphic sense

- That word means to assign human physical characteristics to objects that do not possess them
  - Neck of a guitar; hands of a clock; the legs of a chair
- We do this with God as well although He is not bound by the restrictions we are
- God does not have a heart in the terms of what we understand
  - But we talk about the heart of God
  - The same with His hands, eyes, mind, etc...
- We do this so that we can in some very small way grasp the infinite nature of our Great and Awesome God

**Truth #1** – God desires all of His creation to walk in perfect health.

- How do we know this given what we see around us?
- He created us that way at the beginning (**Gen 1:26**)

**Truth #2** – Because of sin we will not walk in perfect health again until we are with Jesus in heaven.

- Sickness and disease, because they were initiated by sin, will not be in heaven and the presence of God
- Aging, the deterioration of the body, will also be absent in heaven (**2 Cor 5:1-5**)

**Truth #3** – God still moves today to heal miraculously in accordance with His divine will.

- The miracles of healing did not cease when Jesus returned to heaven
- Nor did it end with the death of the last disciple (John – c. 100 AD on the island of Patmos; exiled by Roman emperor Domitian)

**Truth #4** – God will perform those miraculous acts today in the way He chooses meaning in a variety of ways

- The ministry or gift of healing can be found operating all around the world often through Christians just like you and me (**1 Cor 12:11**)
- Can this church become a place of healing?

God wants us to have such faith in Him and His presence that it is normal and natural to pray for the sick and see them healed.

#### Healing in the Scriptures

- The first account of healing is in **Gen 20** when King Abimelek and all the women of his household are stuck with impotency because of Abraham and Sarah. (**20:17-18**)
  - The use of prayer to bring healing

- **II Kings 5** Naaman is healed of leprosy through Elisha
  - God uses an action or activity to heal
  - God can heal in ways that do not require our involvement but most often He does
  - God also does not require man's theatrics to accomplish His will
    - Most often the hysterics of man's efforts are his own desires to be seen and noticed
    - Volume has absolutely nothing to do with anointing!
- Throughout the NT Jesus heals the sick and diseased – 23 of 35 recorded miracles involved healing
  - He would at times ask the person if they had faith and believed
    - **Matt. 20** – 2 blind men asked Jesus to be healed
    - **Mark 10** – blind Bartimaeus
    - **Luke 18** – blind man outside of Jericho
      - He asks them what they wanted Him to do
      - They answered in faith
  - There was often some sort of physical contact (**John 9** – touched the mud to the blind man's eyes)
    - God is a God of physicality
    - Laying on of hands by Jesus – (**Luke 4:40**)
    - Our culture's insistence on personal space is yet another way that we continue to separate ourselves from who God created us to be
- Disease and sickness are inseparably united with sin
  - Sin brought sickness and disease into our bodies
  - Was even pain introduced at this time? (**Gen 3:16**)
  - Moses warns the people of Israel of the consequence of sin and what it has brought to man (**Deut 28:21-22**)
    - We have a choice to obey God or live in disobedience according to the ways of the world which are contrary to God
    - Within that are all the afflictions of our bodies are brought by sin
  - While willful sin can certainly result in a physical affliction, disease or sickness does not always mean it was a result of sin in a person's life
    - **John 9:1-5** – The disciples asked Jesus this question
- The great importance of discernment by natural causes or demonic affliction
  - How did the demonic suddenly become a part of this?
  - Because embracing sin into our lives opens the door for the demonic to enter in
- Demonic activity is a very real cause of physical illness and disease
  - Look at what Jesus did and what He confronted
    - **Luke 4:40-41** - *At sunset, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed*

them. <sup>41</sup> Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Messiah.

- **Matt 9:32-33; 12:22; Luke 11:14** – all speak to Jesus healing a man that was dumb and deaf associated with a demonic presence
  
- **READ – Luke 13:11-16**
  - Jesus identifies Satan (demonic presence) that kept her bent over and crooked (scoliosis)
  
- Jesus paid the price for the curse and the price of sin!
  - **Rom 6:23** - *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*
  - **Gal. 3:13** - *Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us...*
  - **Col. 2:14** - *having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.*
  
- Jesus commissioned people to heal the sick in His name -
  - 12 Disciples – **Matt. 10:1**
  - 70 other followers – **Luke 10:9**
  - All believers (that's us!) – **Mark 16:17-18**

We cannot ignore, as Christians, the spiritual aspect of the physical condition.

**Next week** – the two cornerstones of healing – Faith and the Will of God