

Healing in His Wings

Lesson 4 “Healing Is The Children’s Bread”

I. Introduction - Tonight we are starting a series on the healing ministry of Jesus. We are calling it “Healing in His Wings.

A. The title comes from *Malachi 4:2: But to you who fear My name The Sun of Righteousness shall arise With healing in His wings; And you shall go out And grow fat like stall-fed calves.*

1. The Sun of Righteousness speaks of Jesus. As He arises He carries healing with Him (in His wings). Birds carry things in their wings. Jesus carried healing everywhere He went.
2. Jesus’s disciples carried healing everywhere they went. We’ve seen they preached the gospel of the kingdom and healed the sick. The two go hand in hand.

B. Over the first few messages we begin to answer the question, “Is it God’s Will To Heal?” Most people don’t doubt God’s ability, they doubt His willingness. Specifically we looked at the handful of stories in the Bible where it looks like God put sickness on people. These include:

1. The story of Job (it was the devil that put the sickness on Job)
2. Paul’s thorn in the flesh (thorn was persecution, not sickness)
3. The healing of the man born blind - God didn’t make the man born blind. He would violate His nature and His redemptive plan if He did that.

II. Healing is The Children’s Bread - Tonight we are going to look at a statement Jesus made in **Matthew 15:26** where He said, “Healing is the Children’s Bread.”

A. **John 1:12** *As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God.*

1. I have children and part of their birthright is to eat the food in my house. Why? Because I am so good? No, they are my kids.
2. **Matthew 7:11** If we being evil provide good things for our kids, how much more will our Heavenly Father give good things to His kids.

B. Healing is in the Atonement - **Isaiah 53:4-5, Matthew 8:17, 1 Peter 2:24** - This means healing is a part of the redemptive package. It’s a covenant right! It’s just as much a right as those of you have a right to use your health insurance that your employer provides for you. God **cannot** forbid you to be healed any more than your employer can forbid you from using your health insurance.

C. Matthew 15:21-28 The Healing of the Syro-Phoenician Woman's Daughter

1. The Syro-Phoenician woman brings her demon possessed daughter to be healed.
2. Jesus gave her an apparent, "No" initially. Why? Because she called Him the Son of David. **Son of David was a Jewish title she didn't have a right to call Him by.**
 - a. When she called Jesus Son of David, she was trying to partake of a covenant of healing that didn't belong to her because she wasn't Jewish.
 - b. This would be similar to a woman in hear who is not my wife calling me husband in order to get to use my health insurance. **That's not legal.**
3. Jesus's refusal to heal her because she tried to partake of a covenant she wasn't apart of should strengthen our faith in the covenant of healing. Jesus wouldn't violate the covenant to bring healing.
4. How did the woman's daughter get healed then? Because of the mercy of God. Even when she didn't qualify legally, God healed her based on His mercy.
5. One more healing example based on the mercy of God - **Luke 22:49-51** The high priest's servant's name was Malchus. He was the enemy of God and Jesus healed Him. Did Malchus qualify for healing? No. Was Malchus even in faith for his healing? Apparently not. How did He get healed? **The mercy of God.**

III. Discussion Questions

1. What was your biggest takeaway or aha moment from tonight?
2. Tonight Pastor Brian taught healing is part of God's redemptive package for all believers. Do you have questions about that? If what Brian is true, how should it effect your attitude toward healing?
3. Brian said the fact that Jesus refused to heal the Syro-Phoenician woman's daughter based on a covenant she wasn't a part of should strengthen our confidence in the covenant of healing we have today. What is your reaction to that? Do you have more or less confidence in the covenant of healing now that before church started?
4. Describe a time in your life where God moved in your life based on His mercy and not your qualifications/obedience?
5. As we've been discussing this lesson, what is the Holy Spirit showing you personally?

IV. Conclusion

A. Offering Verse - **Proverbs 3:9-10**

B. Pray Closing Prayer