

Healing in His Wings

Lesson 1 “Is It God’s Will To Heal?”

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.
2. Living in His shadow means living in protection and healing. Ex: People healed off of Peter’s shadow.

B. One of the things I studied in the early days of our church is the ministry of Jesus and the Apostles. I found they preached the gospel of the kingdom everywhere they went and they healed the sick: **Matthew 4:23, Matthew 9:23, Matthew 10:7-8, Acts 5:16-17.**

1. In order for God’s kingdom to expand, it’s essential we learn about healing. Jesus wants us to walk in health and pray for the sick.
2. Two major words we are going to study in this study are *soteria* and *therapeúō*.
 - a. *Sozo* - save, heal, deliver - part of the atonement. Jesus paid for our wholeness spirit, soul, and body, at the cross.
 - b. *Therapeúō* - serve, heal, cure, restore to health - The word therapy unlocks an important truth. Therapy requires participation on our part to work. Most of the times when Jesus healed people, it required participation on their part. They had to believe and sometimes had to do specific actions to receive (ex: man who washed in pool of Siloam.)
3. If we want to walk in health consistently and be able to minister healing to others, we need to learn how healing words so we can participate in God’s therapy plan for ourselves and others.

II. Is It God’s Will To Heal?

A. We are going to begin this series by answering the foundational question, “Is it God’s Will to Heal?” How can we pray with boldness if we think He put the sickness on the person or if He wants them sick for some reason. ex: Me as a teenager.

B. **Mark 1:40-45** If you are willing? That’s the essential question. Many people ask this today. They know God can heal, but will He?

1. Jesus stretched out His hand and healed him (leprosy left which was a mark of sin) - Jesus will heal you in the midst of your sin if you repent.

2. It's always God's will to heal (it's part of the atonement) and it's part of God's nature. No one who ever came to Jesus in faith didn't receive their healing.
3. Jesus told the man to go to the priest because he was ceremonially unclean and couldn't be around people. Jesus wanted the priest to acknowledge he was well so he could get his life back (sickness steals our health, wealth, time, relationships).
4. When the man told what happened, people began to flock to Jesus (the kingdom began to expand).

C. This leads to an important question. What about Job? Many people have been taught that God allowed Satan to strike Job with sickness and financial destruction for a season. They have been taught God was sovereign over these events and essentially caused them to happen for some mysterious reason. This is not true, but let me explain why so we can understand Job in the proper biblical context.

1. **Job 1:5-12** - "Have you considered Job?"
 - a. Many have assumed that Satan came to God and God just randomly brought Job up to the devil and was like, "You should mess with Job." That's not what is happening. God is accusing Satan of setting his heart on Job. Satan already had the idea. Ex: Me accusing Luke of setting his heart on cookies.
 - b. The reason Satan couldn't lay a hand on Job was because Job wasn't in fear about himself. He was about his kids and possessions. **Job 3:25** - fear is like faith in reverse. It attracts the attacks of Satan just like faith attracts the blessing of God.
2. **Job 1:13-21** The Sabeans and Chaldeans came and took Job's possessions and servants. Then a great wind came and caused the house to fall on Job's family.
 - a. First, we see all of this was demonically inspired, not God inspired. We also see in **Job 2**, that some sickness is demonic, not natural.
 - b. What about **Job 1:21**? Job made that statement not God. All of the Bible is inspired by God, but not all of it has equal revelation. Job didn't know what was going on and said something wrong out of ignorance and frustration. **John 10:10 principle.**
 - c. Most theologians believe the attacks Job went through were a year of his life. This means when people say, "they are suffering like Job," it shouldn't last 20 years. They should get healed since Job got healed.
 - d. Ultimately Job was restored - **Job 42:10.**
 - e. Last principle to learn is Job lived without a covenant with God (he lived prior to God's covenant being established). We have one today!

III. Conclusion - It's always God's will to heal. I hope tonight has helped answer questions each of you may have had about an important biblical passage that may have seemed it at first glance like God brings sickness on people. We will study more answer additional questions next week!

A. Receive Offering -**Malachi 3:10-11**

B. Invite Prayer Team Up and Pray Closing Prayer