

Healing in His Wings

Lesson 3 “The Healing of the Man Born Blind”

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. Review - We started the series by dealing with the foundational question - “Is it God’s Will to Heal?” Most people don’t doubt God’s ability, but they doubt His willingness.

1. We established that healing was part of the atonement - *1 Peter 2:24, Isaiah 53:5, Matthew 8:17.*
2. We have also talked about Jesus never put sickness on anyone and never refused to heal anyone. Healing is His nature.
3. We’ve also looked at a couple of the examples that seem to contradict the idea that God always heals. These are the story of Job and Paul’s thorn in the flesh.
 - a. After taking a deeper look we discovered God didn’t put Satan up to attacking Job; Satan had already set his heart on Job and was able to attack because Job was in fear.
 - b. We saw that Paul’s thorn in the flesh wasn’t a disease, but was persecution based on numerous Old and New Testament scriptures.

II. The Healing of the Man Born Blind - Tonight we are going to finish looking at the handful of scriptures that might make it appear that God puts sickness on people as we study the man born blind. We are also going to begin to talk about how to receive physical healing in our bodies.

A. **John 9:1-3 Did God Cause The Man To Be Born Blind?**

1. The disciples asked whose sin caused the man to be born blind and Jesus’s response was that it wasn’t anyone’s sin, but so the works of God could be revealed has caused many to conclude God caused this man to be born blind so God could come back and heal him later and show His glory.
2. Here’s the problem with that logic:

- a. **Exodus 15:26** One of the 7 redemptive names of God is Jehovah Rapha “I’m the Lord Your Healer.” For God to put sickness on someone means He would have to violate His nature and thereby change His name.
- b. Jesus also answered the question, by saying neither had this man or his parents sinned. Did Jesus mean they had never sinned? No. that’s ridiculous. What He meant was their sin hadn’t led to this condition. God did not purposely create this man blind so that He could heal him later on. Jesus was simply saying the blindness wasn’t the result of an individual’s sin, but He would redeem the situation and bring glory to God by healing this man.

B. John 9:6-11 The Man Receives His Sight

1. Jesus ministered healing in a variety of ways. He always healed, but He used a variety of methods including speaking words of faith, laying hands on the sick, casting out demons, giving instructions to the recipients (pick up your mat and walk), etc. **One of the things we need to learn from this story is to hear and be healed - Luke 6:17. He knows what we need in order to receive. We need to listen and obey His instructions (ex: Joseph Prince story).**
2. Why did Jesus spit on the dirt and rub it in the man’s eyes? In that culture, spitting on someone was a curse. Jesus spit in the dirt and rubbed it in the man’s eyes (essentially cursing the condition.) This was not just a random act.
3. He then ordered the man to go to the pool of Siloam. This took faith on the man’s part. It was a long journey. **Most of the healings of Jesus required faith on the part of the recipient.**
 - a. In week 1, we said one of the Greek words for healing is *Therapeúō*, which is where we get our word therapy from.
 - b. How do therapists minister healing. They give instructions to the patient and the patient then has to do their part (bend, stretch, exercise), etc. If the patient doesn’t do their part, will they be healed? No. Whose fault is that?
 - c. The word Siloam means sent. The idea we need to take from this is we need to go where we are sent in order to receive our healing. ex: words of knowledge - sometimes God will heal you through a word of knowledge (we must respond). Other examples include taking communion, taking authority of the demonic, and changing our diet.

III. Discussion Questions

1. What was your biggest takeaway or aha moment from this teaching?
2. What are some things you can do in order to focus more on “hearing the instructions of God” to be healed?

3. What are some different ways the Lord has helped you receive physical healing in your life? If you don't have a personal example, give an example from scripture.
4. What is one principle from this teaching you can take and apply to your life in order to receive from God?

IV. Conclusion

A. Offering Verse - **Mark 10:29-30**

B. Pray Closing Prayer