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FORGET NOT ALL HIS BENEFITS

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Over the past several weeks we have been looking at the area of healing. It is God's will for you to be healed!

Hebrews 11:6 – “But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”

“**Cometh to God**” for healing...

QUESTION: Why wouldn't you go to the eye doctor for a heart issue? Or an ear, nose and throat doctor for a broken leg?

ANSWER: Because they are not trained to deal with your issue. You don't have confidence that they would be able to help you.

THEREFORE: You wouldn't come to them.

UNDERSTAND: That is why many Christians don't come to God...they don't think he is able or willing to heal them...so they don't come.

HOWEVER: If you do come to Him...you **MUST** believe that He is able and He is willing to heal you.

John 8:31,32

31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, ***If ye continue in my word***, then are ye my disciples indeed;

32 And ***ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free***.

UNDERSTAND: The Truth that you know will make you free.

The Truth that you don't know **WILL** hurt you!

If you don't know that God is able or willing...If you are still trying to figure out the will of God towards healing...you will be very hard to receive the healing that you need.

RELIGION has rooted us in questions of God's will.

Healing begins when the question marks leave.

FAMILY genetics have increased our expectations for certain infirmities.

God's Word tells us different.

MEDIA pushes sicknesses, symptoms, etc.

Because of those things (and more) we have tendency to be more aware of sicknesses...they could come at any moment...watch out.

That is why we must **CONTINUE** in His Word (John 8:31)...because the contending thoughts will certainly continue if you don't.

I believe that this is described best in Hosea:

Hosea 4:6 – “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.”

NO KNOWLEDGE – will be destroyed (hurt).

REJECT KNOWLEDGE – be rejected

Who needs that when we “come to Him”...James 1 – receive nothing.

FORGET KNOWLEDGE – again this is not just lacking knowledge, it is once knowing it and then getting so accustomed to the world, to family traits, and sickness that you forget what the Word says.

This says that you did NOT continue in the Word.

What you don't continue in will not be handed down to your children.

HONESTLY, when I read this passage the third part is the most heartbreaking. Because, you have been confronted with Truth...but didn't continue in it...therefore, lost it.

UNDERSTAND: When you lack knowledge, reject knowledge or forget it...you CANNOT come to God know He is able and willing! AGAIN: James 1 – don't let that man think he will receive anything from God.

All of His Benefits

Psalm 103:1-5 brings it further along.

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, **and forget not all his benefits:**
- 3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;
- 4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;
- 5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

“**Bless**” – to kneel, adore, praise, thank.

(NLT) – “**Let all that I am praise the LORD;** with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name.”

(MSG) – “O my soul, bless GOD. **From head to toe,** I'll bless his holy name!”

From head to toe I will praise Him. My whole makeup will praise Him.

BELOVED: We are to praise the Lord with all that we are from head to toe. **When we praise the Lord... our whole body praises the Lord.**

- * Our organs
- * Our nerves
- * Our bones
- * Our heart
- * Our eyes
- * Our ears
- * All of it, from head to toe.

THEREFORE: We need to spend more time praising Him...declaring His goodness...His Word...etc.

WHY? Because when we are praising the Lord...we won't be FORGETTING all of His benefits!

Vs. 2 – “**Benefits**” – His treatment, His acts of goodness, His services to us.

BELOVED: The most detrimental thing you can do is to forget His benefits.

That is why we are called to praise Him...

stay in His Word...

focus on Him...

meditate on Him...

whatever you do, don't FORGET His benefits.

UNDERSTAND: When you forget, you'll quit praising. When you quit praising, you'll forget.

The good news is that David THEN shares with us all of His benefits.

- 1.) Forgives ALL your iniquities.
- 2.) Heals ALL of your diseases.
- 3.) Redeems your life from destruction.
- 4.) Crowns you with loving kindness
- 5.) Crowns you with tender mercies.
- 6.) Satisfies your mouth with good things.
- 7.) Youth is renewed like the eagles.

DOESN'T it seem like most Christians have the list memorized through point number one? After that they have forgotten it.

ILLUSTRATION: Have you ever done that on a test? Had a list to memorize and you had the first one WELL MEMORIZED, but you FORGOT the rest? What did that get you on the test?

HE HAS HEALED ALL YOUR DISEASES: He is able and willing!

HE HAS FILLED YOUR LIFE WITH GOOD (TOBE) THINGS!

RENEWED YOUTH!

Does this sound like God wants you sick? Hurting? Wobbling? Weak?
NOOOOOOOOOOOOO!

NOW...Although we probably can quote verse 4...we need to be more acquainted with verse 4...

If we want to be confident of God's goodness and His will to heal...verse 4 needs to be at the front of our MIND...one of those things we wake up thinking about.

Redeems Life from Destruction

"Redeemed" – paid the price

THEREFORE: You were headed for destruction...He paid your way out of it.

John 10:10 – "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.:"

Who brings destruction? The thief.

Who redeemed you from destruction? Jesus!

"Destruction" – the pit, destruction

You were in the PIT...He paid your way out of the pit.

Luke 14:1-6

- 1 And it came to pass, as he went into the house of one of the chief Pharisees to eat bread on the sabbath day, that they watched him.
- 2 And, behold, there was a certain man before him which had the dropsy.
In Matthew 12 Jesus says this same thing while healing a man with the withered hand...but dropsy is more fun to say.

NOTE: It was at the house of the chief Pharisee...so this man was invited to see what Jesus would do.

"Dropsy" - A disease produced by the accumulation of water in various parts of the body; very distressing, and commonly incurable...causes a person to be very bloated and swollen (especially in the face).

- 3 And Jesus answering spake unto the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath day?

NOTICE: Jesus answered a question that hadn't been asked out loud.

- 4 And they held their peace. **And he took him, and healed him, and let him go;**

- 5 And answered them, saying, ***Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fallen into a pit, and will not straightway pull him out on the sabbath day?***
- 6 And they could not answer him again to these things.
ANSWER: They all had done it...they couldn't answer it.

THE POINT? Sickness is the pits! Its purpose is to destroy you. But Jesus came to lift you out of the PIT...

OTHER POINT: It is nothing more than getting an animal out of a pit.

Crowns You with Loving Kindness

“Crowns” – to encircle you; encompass you

Literally a fortress...strong tower...a mother hen protecting chicks.

“Loving kindness” – chesed

“chesed” – covenant love, God’s covenant mercy...sealed in blood
 It is goodness, kindness and faithfulness.

BELOVED: Chesed is best defined by covenant!

We are connected to God and ALL OF HIS BENEFITS because of the blood covenant.

Ephesians 2:11-13

- 11 Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;
- 12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:
- 13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

Chesed is a connection made in blood. Because of the blood we have access to everything the other has.

SO, WHY PRAISE? Blood covenant love with Almighty God!

Mark 10:46-52

- 46 And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging.
- 47 And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, ***Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me.***
- 48 And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the ***more a great deal, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me.***
- 49 And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee.
- 50 And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus.
- 51 And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? ***The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight.***
- 52 And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. ***And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.***

Bartimaeus HEARD of the Word.

Bartimaeus CALLED on the blood covenant he had with God.

Bartimaeus RECEIVED his healing.

Matthew 15:21-28 (Syrophenician woman)

- 21 Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon.
 22 And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, **Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David;** my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.
 23 But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us.
 24 But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
 25 Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.
 26 But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs.
 27 And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.
 28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

INTERESTING FACT: She was not a Jew...she didn't walk in the covenant with God...but she had heard of Jesus...she had heard about the covenant between God and man!

Syrophenician woman heard about Jesus (Word).
 Syrophenician woman CALLED on chesed...that covenant!
 Syrophenician woman WOULDN'T quit.
 Her daughter walked away healed.

Jehoshaphat's armies (2 Chronicles 20) went to battle with PRAISE!

Guess what they sang?

Vs. 21 – “And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the LORD, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, **and to say, Praise the LORD; for his mercy endureth for ever.**”

Praise the LORD for His chesed...blood covenant with man!
 We get to partake of ALL HE HAS...ALL OF HIS BENEFITS.

Isaiah 53:5

1 Peter 2:24

1 Corinthians 11:23-30

It is all covenant...healing is covenant.

If He promised it...it is settled FOREVER.

If He SPOKE it...He is held to His Word FOREVER.

Crowned with Tender Mercies

“Tender mercies” – racham

“Racham” – womb, compassion, DEEP mercies

ALSO heard it described as the PERFECT LOVE OF GOD.

REMEMBER: We are praising the Lord...not forgetting WHY we are and WHO He is and WHAT He is all about.

THIS LOVE is associated with parental love.

It is a mother's love for her newborn.

Think about it...that infant just caused that mom SO MUCH pain, yet the love that mother has for that baby is UNMEASURABLE.

No rhyme or reason...just love!

It is a love that is sacrificial, nurturing, full of mercy and compassion.

Hosea 2:23 – “And I will sow her unto me in the earth; **and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy**; and I will say to them which were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall say, Thou art my God.”

“**Mercy**” – racham

UNDERSTAND: This love is not earned or deserved.

MOST LOVE: I love you, because...

Racham love is I LOVE YOU...no reason at all. You are mine! You are MY BABY!

REMEMBER: The Syrophenician woman?

JESUS SAID: vs, 26 – “But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs.”

Healing is JUST BECAUSE we are His babies!

So, PRAISE THE LORD!

While you are continually PRAISING THE LORD, you will remember:

- You have been bought out of destruction
- You have a blood covenant with Almighty God
- You are His kid...healing is yours JUST BECAUSE