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How You Think Matters

Last week we took a look at building God's church...He does it through His power. Healing, miracles, and other gifts of the spirit.

The Lord has been speaking to me about expecting the power of God to operate in our lives...in the church services and in our daily lives.

Specifically healing!

Here is the problem...religion has explained the power out of the Christian's life.

Oh, God can do it...if He wants to...if you don't get healed or see the miracle, then apparently God wanted you to have it or go through it.

BELOVED: These mentalities have made it hard for the church to operate in His power.

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.”

NOTICE: There are three way people get fooled by the enemy:

- * Lack knowledge...or have never been taught differently.
- * Reject knowledge...heard it and thought it was too good to be true or just not true at all.
- * Forgot knowledge...heard it at one time...but life began teaching them to expect different things, so they forgot all about it.

AS YOU CAN TELL: They all end horribly.

How we think matters! What we know matters!

What you don't know, reject or forget WILL HURT YOU!

What you view as truth...or how you think will always be how you live and what you expect. You can always “cross-your-fingers-hope” but your expectation will always coincide with your thoughts/knowledge.

That is why we “talk different” or “speak the Word only”...

- * Because that changes what we think and what we know.
- * Because you can't think contrary to what is coming out of your mouth.
(think about counting to 100 in your head...now start saying the pledge of allegiance...how many lost count?)

Romans 12:2 – “And be not conformed to this world: but ***be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind***, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”

BELOVED: We absolutely cannot think like the world things...we must think according to the Word of God and how God thinks.

(PHILIPS) – “***Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mould, but let God re-mould your minds from within***, so that you may prove in practice that the plan of God for you is good, meets all his demands and moves towards the goal of true maturity.”

BELOVED: We MUST change the way we think about healing...change how we deal with sickness... change our expectations regarding them.

Proverbs 4:23 – “Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.”

QUESTION: How much life are you gonna live? A lot? A little?

ANSWER: What you allow in your heart (soul) will determine that!

YOU SAY: What am I suppose to do with thoughts that are wrong when they show up at my door?

2 Corinthians 10:5 – “Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;”

TREAT ‘EM like intruders and THROW ‘EM OUT!

TL OSBOURNE: “Many of you are waiting for me to stop preaching so you can get your healing and I am waiting for you to get your healing so I can quit preaching.”

BELOVED: Your healing is in the TRUTH of the Word of God...the TRUTH that you know (John 8:32)... until you get that TRUTH in you, you will always seem to fall short of healing.

Mark 4:24,25

24 And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given.

25 For he that hath, to him shall be given: and he that hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he hath.

(NEW LIVING TRANSLATION)

24 Then he added, “Pay close attention to what you hear. The closer you listen, the more understanding you will be given—and you will receive even more.

25 To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them.”

What you spend your time listening to WILL take over your life...so watch out what you are listening to.

POWER OF PROPEGANDA: A twisting of truths or flat out lies by one side designed to influence public opinion, beliefs, or behaviors.

Well, that is what the enemy has done!

Especially regarding healing and health!

Lies vs. Truth

James 1:17 - “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.”

John 8:44 - “Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.”

NOTICE: The Father of Lights vs. the Father of Lies!

DISCUSS: Traditions that have been handed down...cliche’s that have become part of our vocabulary... DOES NOT MAKE IT TRUTH.

Mark 7:13 – “Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.”

There are lies regarding sickness and healing that have cost countless Christians their health, finances and even their lives.

A gentleman I saw on the internet who had lost his daughter to a sickness had been searching this area of healing. God spoke this word to him on December 2005: "You were created in MY image, and I'M not sick!"

Genesis 1:26,27 – We were created in His image!

BELOVED: Every Word that comes from the MOUTH OF GOD is a Word of LIGHT! ***It is TRUTH!***

LIKEWISE: ***Every Word*** that comes from the MOUTH OF THE DEVIL is a LIE!

UNDERSTAND: When it comes to HEALING vs. sickness there are plenty of lies.

QUESTION: How do we know they are lies?

ANSWER: Because we line them up against the TRUTH of the Word.

John 17:17 – "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."

Introduction to Week #4

3 John 1:2 – "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

NOTICE: The Apostle Paul, under inspiration of the Holy Spirit, doesn't declare that he wishes them, ***above all things, to love more, speak in tongues more, give thanks more...*** please understand at other times he does note the importance of all these things...

- * Above all things...prosper
Happy, successful journey, good fortune, advance to the highest place possible.
- * Above all things...be in health
Well, be healthy!

Above all things he wants him blessed and healthy.

BELOVED: That is straight from the heart of God...He wants you blessed and healthy.

HOWEVER: There is a key! The key that everyone missed.

Even as your soul prospers!

IN OTHER WORDS: You will never prosper, in any area, or walk in divine health or healing BEYOND the Truth that you know!

AGAIN: What you don't know hurts you.

The lies you believe will hurt you and keep you from enjoying God's best.

LIE #1: God sends sickness upon people.

Exodus 15:26 - "...If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, ***I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians, for I am the Lord that healeth thee.***"

Isaiah 45:7 – "I form the light and create darkness: I make peace and create evil; I the Lord do all these things,"

Micah 1:12 – "For the inhabitant of Maroth waited carefully for good: but evil came down from the Lord unto the gate of Jerusalem."

NOTE: It seems like He sends sickness...right?

OBVIOUSLY: These passages in the King James Version of the Bible do not give the true meaning of the original Hebrew, for we know that God doesn't create evil.

Evil can't come from Heaven because there's no evil in there. God only permits evil.
Nor does He create sickness- He only permits it to come as a result of man's disobedience.
(we will take a look at this more in Lie #2)

Matthew 12:22-28 (NLT)

- 22 Then a demon-possessed man, who was blind and couldn't speak, was brought to Jesus. He healed the man so that he could both speak and see.
- 23 The crowd was amazed and asked, "Could it be that Jesus is the Son of David, the Messiah?"
- 24 But when the Pharisees heard about the miracle, they said, "No wonder he can cast out demons. He gets his power from Satan, the prince of demons."
- 25 Jesus knew their thoughts and replied, "Any kingdom divided by civil war is doomed. A town or family splintered by feuding will fall apart.
- 26 And if Satan is casting out Satan, he is divided and fighting against himself. His own kingdom will not survive.
- 27 And if I am empowered by Satan, what about your own exorcists? They cast out demons, too, so they will condemn you for what you have said.
- 28 But if I am casting out demons by the Spirit of God, then the Kingdom of God has arrived among you.

UNDERSTAND: We see throughout the New Testament that **Jesus healed everyone** who came to him in Faith.

Not once did he send sickness upon someone. Jesus was the will of God in action. We see who God is by looking at His Son.

John 6:38 – "For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me."

Just as this scripture says that Satan cannot cast out Satan, Jesus cannot cast out God.

If God were putting sickness upon people, then sending Jesus to heal them, our kingdom in Heaven, as Jesus said, could not stand!

TRUTH #1: Sickness is NOT from God. It comes from the enemy, from a sinful world and from bad choices.

Lie #2: God has a purpose in permitting sickness.

PEOPLE SAY: "Well maybe God didn't cause the sickness, but He permitted it."

NOTE: As if to imply that because God permitted this, He had a purpose in it.

Or He "wrote off" on the situation! Agreed with it!

Just because God permits or allows something doesn't mean He has a purpose in it.

IMPORTANT: God allows what we allow.

The story of Job is the best picture of this. God saying, "Look how much Job loves me!"

But Job 3:25 tells us that Job was full of fear: "For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me."

God only permits sickness to come. Sickness is not His will. **God's will for us is to walk in His statutes and keep His commandments.**

Then He will take sickness away from the midst of you.

Exodus 23:25 – "And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; **and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.**"

UNDERSTAND: The KEY to understanding these different passages of Scripture lies in knowing that the active verbs in Hebrew have been translated in the causative tense when they should have been translated in the permissive tense.

QUESTION: So where does sickness and disease come from?

ANSWER: Yep, you guessed it, Satan.

Acts 10:38 - "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power, who went about doing good, and **HEALING ALL** that were OPPRESSED OF THE DEVIL; for God was with Him." Jesus didn't heal some, He healed them ALL. Why would He want anyone in bondage to Satan?

Luke 13:10-17 - The lady who was bowed in half!

Vs. 11 – Called her sickness a spirit (demonic).

Vs. 12 – He commanded her to be loosed of the infirmity.

Vs. 16 – "And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?"

How sad that God often gets the blame for sickness and disease when the Bible calls it satanic oppression and satanic bondage!

John 10:10 - "The thief (Satan) comes not but to kill and to steal and to destroy. I have come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly"

All throughout the Gospel, you'll see that Jesus healed all that came to Him in faith. And praise God, He's unchanging! What He did then, He'll still do today!

TRUTH #2: God allows what we allow...God's purpose, on our life, is blessing, increase and healing!

LIE #3: If someone is born with a disease, it must be God who did it.

We've already learned where sickness and disease comes from, but how do we explain why these sweet, innocent children are born with sickness and disease?

BELOVED: It's still Satan.

It is simply a "Generational Curses".

John Alexander Dowie: "Sickness and disease are the foul offspring of his father Satan and his mother sin."

THOUGHT: To say sickness is the will of God is equal to saying sin is the will of God, because sickness is the product of sin.

John 9:2-4

2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?

NOTE: This is a different question, but it still answers if God gave it to the man before he was born.

3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.

4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

FIRST: Jesus will NOT work against God. So if God gave this blindness to this man...Jesus would have been wrong to remove it from him.

SECONDLY: No punctuation in the Greek...so people put it where they thought it went...
(YOUNGS LITERAL)

- 3 Jesus answered, 'Neither did this one sin nor his parents, but that the works of God may be manifested in him;
4 it behoveth me to be working the works of Him who sent me while it is day; night doth come, when no one is able to work:
5 when I am in the world, I am a light of the world.'

JESUS' ANSWER: Neither of them sinned.

HOWEVER: But that the works of God may be manifested in him, it is important that I do the works of Him who sent me.

NOTE: It behoves us to do the work of God while we are able to do it.

1 Peter 2:9 – “But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; **that ye should shew forth the praises of him** who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.”

We are a chosen generation! A new generation! A generation of blessing!

TRUTH #3: God simply does NOT give sickness.

LIE #4: Some people just aren't 'meant' to live as long as others.

Psalms 90:10 - “The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.”

Throughout the Bible it tells us that if we keep God's statutes and commandment he will prolong the days of our lives.

We are not supposed to die prematurely.

Proverbs, the book of wisdom, tells us that if we follow the Word and obey it:

Proverbs 3:2 – “For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.”

Psalms tells us that if we find our place abiding in Him:

Psalms 91:16 – “With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.”

THERE IS NO EXPIRATION DATE on the promises of God.

Genesis 6:3 - “And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.”

Exodus 23:25-26 - “So you shall serve the Lord your God and He will bless your bread and your water And I will take sickness away from the midst of you. No one shall suffer miscarriage or be barren in your land; I will fulfill the number of your days.”

Proverbs 4:10 - “Hear, my son, and receive my saying, And the years of your life will be many.”

Proverbs 9:10-11 - “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. For by me your days will be multiplied, and years of life will be added to you.”

TRUTH #4: There is no expiration date on the promises of God. Long life is a blessing and a promise of God for those that walk with Him.

LIE #5: Sickness is just God's way of “taking people home”.

Ugh! *It really breaks my heart when His people think this.* I'm sure it breaks God's heart too!

Psalms 91:16 - “With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.”

If people would only get into the Word, they would know the truth. Sickness is a symptom of the curse (Deuteronomy 28:15-end of chapter).

Again, that is Satan attacking us- not God calling us home.

If you look in the Old Testament, God's people lived to be an old age, blessed their family, then went to sleep and died peacefully. That's how we're suppose to go home. Not in accidents or by sickness, but peacefully at a ripe old age!

The world has people convinced that they cannot die without some sort of physical decline.

God has NOT put an AGE LIMIT on any of His healing promises, so you don't have to die sick!

May saints of the Bible just died without ANY RECORD of sickness. They just finished their course!

Deuteronomy 34:7 – “And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated.”

Joshua 14:11 (Joshua at 85) – “As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in.”

Proverbs 4:22 – “For they [Word of God] are life to those that find them, and health [medicine] to their flesh.”

The Word of God is medicine to our flesh...to heal us.

UNDERSTAND: In the world's system all medicine gets weaker over time...losing its potency. But the Word of God is the same yesterday, today and forever...it never loses its power!

BIG MISCONCEPTION: God doesn't need any more cooks, servers or singers in heaven.

BELOVED: No matter how old you may be...you are still a child of God...therefore, healing is still your bread (Matthew 15:25; Mark 7:27).

TRUTH #5: God's promises reach to all ages and He desires us to finish our course. So healing and health doesn't go away simply because of you getting older.

Hebrews 13:8

“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.”

Malachi 3:6

“For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.”

Psalms 119:89

“For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.”

Matthew 24:35

“Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.”

Psalms 138:2

“I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: **for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.**”

GOD IS NOT CHANGING HIS MIND...IF HE SAID IT THEN IT IS SETTLED...HEALING IS STILL FOR TODAY.

LIE #6: "I'm suffering for the glory of God."

Now think about it- how does God's people suffering- in satanic bondage-bring glory to God?

John 11:4 - "When Jesus heard that, He said, "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

(MSG) – "When Jesus got the message, he said, "This sickness is not fatal. It will become an occasion to show God's glory by glorifying God's Son."

John 11:40 (to Martha) - "Jesus said to her "Did I not say to you **that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?**"

BELOVED: Sickness and disease doesn't bring glory to God.

When we have faith and receive healing, that brings glory to God!

Luke 13:10-13

- 10 And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.
 - 11 And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.
 - 12 And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.
 - 13 And he laid his hands on her: and immediately **she was made straight, and glorified God.**
- NOTE:** She doesn't seem to be glorifying God before her healing!

Luke 17:11-15 (the 10 lepers)

- 11 And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.
- 12 And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:
- 13 And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.
- 14 And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.
- 15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and **with a loud voice glorified God,**
- 16 And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.
- 17 And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?
- 18 **There are not found that returned to give glory to God,** save this stranger.
- 19 And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

2 Corinthians 12:9 – "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. **Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities,** that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

You can praise him in the middle of your sickness...but He receives glory with healing!

TRUTH #6: Healing brings God glory, not suffering.

LIE #7: I prayed to God, begged and pleaded for Him to heal me, and I'm still sick. It must not be His will to heal me.

Imagine you give your child an amazing gift. It's sitting right there in front of him or her, but they don't see it. Instead they come to you, pulling on your clothes, begging for this gift that they want so desperately. Must be how God feels when we pray to Him, and beg and plead to be healed.

Matthew 8:17 – “That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.”

1 Peter 2:24 – “By His stripes, we were healed.”

NOTICE: Not going to be healed, not some will be healed. We were healed.

Psalms 37:25,26 (David...Old Testament)

25 I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, ***nor his seed begging bread.***

26 He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed.

UNDERSTAND: Begging is NOT where healing resides.

James 5:15 – “And ***the prayer of faith shall save the sick***, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.”

“Save” - complete wholeness!

Begging and pleading is NOT FAITH! Faith speaks the Word only!

Matthew 8:5-13 – Story of the Centurion and sick servant.

TRUTH #7: God wants us healed, but FAITH is the key to healing, not begging long and hard enough.

LIE #8: When Paul asked God to take the “thorn from his side”, God said NO, therefore, that must mean that God keeps some of His kids sick.

Ugh- another one that has kept so many from receiving their healing!

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

7 And lest I should be exalted above measure ***through the abundance of the revelations***, there was ***given to me a thorn in the flesh***, the ***messenger of Satan to buffet me***, lest I should be exalted above measure.

1 Peter 5:6 – “Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.”

8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

“besought” – brings out the concept of asking a lot and even begging.

9 And he said unto me, ***My grace is sufficient for thee***: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

UNDERSTAND: ***God NEVER said no***...God had already given Paul the authority over the enemy.

ALSO: Have you ever said that someone was a 'Pain in your neck' or a 'Thorn in your side'?

Paul was saying the same thing here. Everywhere he went, he was bombarded with resistance, and persecution.

OLD TESTAMENT LAW:

Numbers 33:55 - "But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then it shall be that those whom you let remain shall be irritants in your eyes and thorns in your sides, and they shall harass you in the land where you dwell."

Hmmm, sound just like what Paul was going through.

Satan loves to twist scriptures to keep you in bondage. Just look what he did with them while tempting Jesus in Matthew 4.

TRUTH #8: God doesn't want ANY of His kids being sick...He has given us authority over sickness, disease and pain, and it is up to us to tell them where to go!

LIE #9: God must be teaching me something!

LIKE I SAID THIS MORNING: If you go through something hard...you better learn, or you are destined to repeat it!

REMEMBER: God doesn't have sickness to work with! It is not from heaven or in heaven's supply...at all!

Hebrews 12:6,7

- 6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom receiveth.
- 7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

"Chaseneth" – educate

John 15:1-3

- 1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.
- 2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he **purgeth** it, that it may bring forth more fruit.
- 3 Now ye are **clean through the word** which I have spoken unto you.
"Purge" - to prune
"Clean" - exact same Greek word, to prune!

We are not pruned, by God, through Him making us sick and weak...but through His Word teaching us.

When you are NOT producing what God wants you to produce...He will put His Word in your heart, so you CAN produce those things!

TRUTH #9: God teaches us through His Word. When we listen and do...we enjoy all of his benefits. (Psalm 103 and Deuteronomy 28)

Conclusion

BELOVED: Don't fall for the lies. Know His Word, because the Word you know will make you free!

John 8:32 – "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."