

Divine Healing and Faith Dynamics

Lecture Notes

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PREFACE

It was my privilege to serve as a teacher and administrator at the Assemblies of God School of Theology in Lilongwe, Malawi, from 1993-2007. It was during my early years at the school that the faculty and administration began to recognize the need for a course dealing extensively with the subject of divine healing.

In our Assemblies of God churches throughout the country prayer for the sick was, and is, an integral part of the church's ministry. Every Sunday almost every church had of prayer for the sick. In addition to this, out pastors and church leaders were often called upon to visit in homes and offer prayer for the sick and afflicted. It was felt that a course on divine healing would not only increase our pastors' understanding of the subject, it would also contribute to their greater effectiveness in the field.

I was thus asked to develop a course on "Divine Healing and Faith Dynamics." The following ten lessons are my personal lecture notes that I used in teaching the inaugural course on the subject. Unfortunately, I was unable to teach the course again, and was, therefore, unable to edit and amend the lessons as I would have liked to have done.

Nevertheless, I offer these lecture notes to you. Please feel free to use them and adapt them to your unique ministry situations. I trust that they will be a blessing to Christ's church.

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COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Title: **Divine Healing and Faith Dynamics**

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Course Texts:

1. *Healing from the Inside Out* by Tom Marshall
2. *Full Life Study Bible*

Course Description: *Divine Healing and Faith Dynamics* is a 10 weeks, two credit (20 class periods) study aimed at helping pastors, prospective pastors, and church leaders understand the doctrine of divine healing as taught in Scripture, and then to help them know how to minister divine healing to the sick and hurting with whom they come into contact.

Course Goals:

1. That the student will come to understand the biblical doctrine of divine healing.
2. That the student will understand the essential role of active faith in ministering divine healing.
3. That the student may be given a practical “how to” model for effective ministry to the sick and hurting.
4. That the student will put into actual practice in the field the things he learns in class.

Course Outline: **Divine Healing and Faith Dynamics**

Unit I Biblical Basis for Divine Healing

1. Divine Healing Defined
2. The Basis for Faith
3. Healing under the Old and New Covenants
4. Healing and the Atonement
5. Healing and the Kingdom of God

Unit II Divine Healing in Practice

6. The Holy Spirit and Healing
7. The Role of Faith in Divine Healing
8. How to Receive Divine Healing
9. How to Minister Divine Healing
10. Healing from the Demonic—Deliverance

Assignments and Grading: The students final grade will be based on a combination of possible factors, including tests, outside work assignments, class participation, etc. Details will be discussed in class.

Lesson 1
DIVINE HEALING DEFINED

Introduction:

I. WHY STUDY DIVINE HEALING

A. Divine Healing is one of the fundamental doctrines of the Assemblies of God

1. 12th Fundamental Truth: “Divine Healing: Divine healing is an integral part of the gospel. Deliverances from sickness is provided for in the atonement, and is the privilege of all believers (Isa.53:4-5; Matt.8:16-17; James 5:14-16).”
2. If it is one of our cardinal doctrines, we must understand it.

B. Divine Healing, an integral part of the gospel

1. Part of the Atonement (Isa.53:5)
2. The Great Commission (Mk.16:15-20)
3. The "Full Gospel"
4. Points to a greater healing--the healing of sin.

C. Divine Healing demonstrates the compassion of God

1. Jesus healed out of compassion.
 - a. “He was moved with compassion...” (Mt.9:36, Mk.6:34)
 - b. Does Jesus still care?
2. "He who has seen me, seen the father" (Jn.14:9)

II. DIVINE HEALING DEFINED

A. Divine Healing is Not...

1. ***It is not medical healing:*** i.e.: It is not healing that comes through natural means or as the result of the work of a medical doctor.
2. ***It is not mind over matter:*** It is not causing healing to take place as the result of some kind of “mind power.”
3. ***It is not "faith" healing per se:*** Although divine healing often comes as a result of faith it is not “faith healing” per se. Remember, it is not faith that heals the sick, but the God in whom we put our faith does the healing.
4. ***It is not "spiritual" healing per se:*** Although divine healing is a work of the Spirit of God, it is not spiritual healing per se. Remember, even the witch doctor uses spiritual healing.

B. Divine Healing is...

1. ***It is healing from the hand of God***
 - a. It is spiritual, and it comes through faith, but it is more that “faith” healing or “spiritual” healing.
 - b. It is God reaching down and healing the sick person by His mighty power.
2. ***It is healing provided by Jesus' death on the cross***
 - a. Isa.53:5 “by His stripes we are healed”
 - b. More later in Lesson #4

C. More Facts About Divine Healing:

1. ***It may or may not be miraculous:*** God may work a great miracle or he may cause healing through natural means.
2. ***It may or may not be sensational***
 - a. By sensational we mean that which creates excitement.
 - b. Some of Jesus’s healings were sensational, some were not.
 - 1) **EXAMPLE 1** (Sensational): Lazarus is raised from the dead. Caused much excitement!
 - 2) **EXAMPLE 2** (Not sensational): The Syrophonecian woman’s daughter is healed. No excitement followed. (Mt.15:22; Mk.7:24)
 - 3) **NOTE:** Both healings were supernatural (i.e. caused by God), but only one was sensational (i.e. creating great excitement)
3. ***It may or may not be immediate.***
 - a. Most of Jesus’ healings were immediate
 - b. Others happened over a period of time.
4. ***It always from the hand of God***
 - a. "I am the Lord that healeth thee."

III. TERMS RELATING TO DIVINE HEALING**A. Covenant healing vs. Power Healing** (See *Power Encounter* textbook)

1. ***Covenant healing:***
 - a. Healing as provided through Christ’s atoning work on the Cross (Isa.53:4,5)
 - b. A provision for all of God’s covenant people, that is, those who have been born again.
 - c. Jesus called it “the children’s bread” (Mt.15:25).
2. ***Power healing:***
 - a. Healing that is used as a demonstration of the presence of God’s kingdom.
 - b. Here God often heals unbelievers.
 - c. Used in conjunction with the preaching of the gospel.

B. Signs and Wonders

1. Often used of healings in the Book of Acts (2:22, 43)
2. **SIGNS:** Miraculous happenings that point to the fact that the kingdom of God has come and the message of the gospel is true.
3. **WONDERS:** A miraculous work that causes the beholder to marvel or be amazed (Lk.9:43)

C. Miracles

1. Gk: "dunamis"
2. Miracles in the biblical sense are demonstrations of God's mighty working power!

Conclusion:

Assignment for next lesson: Read Chapter 1 in the textbook, entitled "The Basis of Faith"

Lesson 2

THE BASIS FOR FAITH

Ref: *Healing from the Inside Out*, Chapter 1

Introduction

I. WHAT IS OUR BASIS FOR FAITH IN HEALING?

(See Text pp.8-16)

A. We are commanded to heal the sick (p.7)

1. Just as we have been commanded to preach the gospel, we have been commanded to heal the sick. (Mt.10:8; Lk.9:2; 10:9)
2. As we go preaching we are also to heal the sick.(Mk.15:15-20)

B. On what authority should we base our faith for a healing ministry?

1. The basis of our faith is the Word of God (pp.7-8)
 - a. Therefore, before we can exercise faith, we need to know what the Bible teaches on the subject.
 - b. This is the purpose of this course of study.
2. Faith is never a "leap in the dark."
 - a. It is rather a "leap into the light."
 - b. Always rests on knowledge.
 - 1) Of who God is
 - 2) And what God says (i.e. the knowledge of God's Word.
 - c. **TEXTBOOK QUOTE:** "It is the knowledge of the will and purposes of God that comes to us by the revelation of the Holy Spirit through the Word of God." (p.7).
3. In the next several lessons we are going to lay a foundation for your faith.

II. TO UNDERSTAND HEALING WE MUST FIRST UNDERSTAND THE ORIGIN AND NATURE OF SICKNESS.

A. The Origin of Sickness

1. Sin is spiritual in origin:
 - a. Man's life is spiritual in origin. (Gen.2:7; Ja.2:26)
 - b. Man was created in the image of God, without sin or sickness.
2. Sickness is also spiritual in origin (p.10)
 - a. Sin had its source in Satan's rebellion against God, and in mankind's following him in that rebellion.
 - b. Sickness also has its source in sin and Satan (Heb.2:14; Acts 10:38).

- 1) The fall brought sickness upon humanity.
- 2) Satan and demons inflict with illness.
3. Sin provided an opening for sickness.
 - a. The fall brought ruin to man
 - b. Man's human spirit was cut off from God.
 - c. It became open to satanic invasion. (Eph.2:1-2; 2Cor.4:4; Jn. 8:44; 1Jn.3:10).
 - b. Now demons are able to tempt man to sin and afflict him with sickness.

C. Sickness and Personal Sin.

1. **QUESTION:** Can a person get sick as a result of personal sin?
2. **ANSWER:**
 - a. Yes, personal sin can provide an opening for sin.
 - 1) Sometimes sickness is a direct consequence of sin on the part of the sick person.
 - 2) **ILLUS:** Jn.5:14; Lk.5:18-24; 1Cor.11:29-30).
 - b. However, this is not always the case.
 - 1) Not every sick person has sinned. (Jn.9:1-3, "Who sinned, this man or his father?")
 - 2) Although sickness sometimes has its origin in spiritual problems (Ja.5:14-15)...
 - 3) ...this is not always the case (Jn.9:1-3; 11:4).

D. Does God Use Sickness?

1. Yes, sometimes God in his providential dealings with Christians allows them to get sick.
2. He allows sickness for the following reasons:
 - a. As a temporal judgment against sin
 - b. to call men to repentance
 - c. to teach men to exercise faith
 - d. to accomplish His own high purposes in the lives of individual Christians. Such as...
 - 1) maturing the believer
 - 2) to demonstrate his glory and power (Jn.11:3-4)
 - 3) that we might identify with the plight of others
3. Once God's purposes are accomplished He is always ready to heal His children.

TEXTBOOK QUOTE: "There seems to be no biblical warrant for expecting these experiences by God's people to be other than for a limited term, and for a purpose that God can be expected to make abundantly clear to the person concerned. (p.15)

Conclusion

1. Next Lesson: "God's Concern for the Whole Man"
2. Read Chapter 2 in textbook.

Lesson 3

HEALING UNDER THE OLD AND NEW COVENANTS

(Ref: *Healing from the Inside Out*, Chapter 2, "God's Concern for the Whole Man")

Introduction

1. We need to understand God's will regarding healing and health.
 - a. This is necessary in order that we may pray the prayer of faith concerning healing.
 - b. How can we know God's will concerning healing?
2. Both Old and New Covenants express God's will concerning His people their and healing.

I. HEALING UNDER THE OLD COVENANT

A. Under the Old Covenant God provided healing for His covenant people.

1. If Israel would be faithful, God promised to remove all sickness from their midst (*Dt.7:15*).
2. When coming out of Egypt, there was not one feeble one among them (*Ps.105:37*).
3. The covenant blessing of health was from birth to old age (*Ex.23:25-26*).
4. As they obeyed, God's people were protected from disease and epidemics (*Ex.15:26; Ps.91:3*).
5. God's covenant name *Jehovah-rapha* (the Lord who heals) expresses his nature and Purposes. (*Ex.15:26*).
6. Many examples of God's healing provision are found in the Old Testament. Here are three:
 - a. Miriam (*Nu.12*)
 - b. Hezekiah (*2Kg.20*)
 - c. Shunammite's son (*2Kg.4*)
 - d. Naaman (*2Kg.5*)

B. The Old Testament prophets spoke of a day when God would show healing on his people:

(Here are some examples:)

1. *Isa.35:5-6* "Then will the eyes of the blind..."
2. *Mal.4:2* "The sun of righteousness will rise..."
3. *Isa.42:6-7* "I will make you a covenant..."
4. *Isa.61:1; Lk.4:18-19*

II. HEALING UNDER THE NEW COVENANT

A. The New Covenant is a superior covenant with superior promises!

1. *Heb.8:6*
2. **TEXTBOOK QUOTE:** "If healing is included in the promises of the Old Covenant, how much more is it part of the better promises of the New Covenant" (p.24)

B. The ministry of Jesus was marked by miracles of healing.

1. Nearly 20% of the gospel record is devoted to the healing ministry of Jesus.
 - a. This is far more than that devoted to any other topic or experience.
 - b. 26 individual miracles of healing
 - c. 14 instances of large numbers being healed
2. Jesus demonstrated God's will concerning healing the sick.
 - a. Answers the question, "Is it God's will to heal the sick?"
 - b. ILLUS: If thou will..(Mk.1:40)
 - c. Jesus said, "He who has seen me, has seen the Father." (Jn.14:9). He showed us the will of the Father concerning healing.
 - d. Mt.8:16, "He...healed all who were sick."
 - e. CONCLUSION: It is God's will that his people be healed and whole.
3. Jesus ministry was summed up by Peter in *Acts 10:38*.

C. The Church and the Healing Ministry

1. Jesus left His disciples no doubt that they were to continue His ministry of healing
 - a. Lk.9:1-2
 - b. Lk.10:8-9
 - c. Mk.16:15-17
2. He promised that those who believed would do the works that He did: (*Jn.14:12*)
3. From Pentecost on, healing marked the entire ministry of the New Testament Church.
 - a) IN ACTS: *Acts 2:43; 3:11; 5:12-16; 6:8; 8:5-8; 9:10-19; 14:3; 8:18; 16:16-18; 19:11-12; 20:9-12; 28:3,6-9*
 - b) IN THE EPISTLES: *Ro.15:19; 1Cor.2:4-5*

III. HEALING TODAY (Implications for the Church Today:)

- A. If Jesus is "the same yesterday, today, and forever (Heb.13:8)," then his works are the same and He still heals today.**
- B. The church as the Body of Christ is to continue the ministry of Christ. This includes healing.**
- C. There is no Scriptural reason for expecting the "days of miracles" will pass away before Jesus returns.**

Conclusion

Next Lesson: Healing in the Atonement
 Read: Chapter 3 in textbook

Lesson 4

HEALING AND THE ATONEMENT

(Ref: Healing from the Inside Out, Chapter 3)

Introduction

1. A Complete Fall Necessitates a Complete Salvation.
2. ***The Fall Was Complete*** (When man sinned in the Garden and fell the whole man reaped the consequences -- spirit, soul, and body:
 - a. **Spirit:** He was separated from God. He became sinful and depraved.
 - b. **Soul:** Frustration and struggle entered into his daily labor. Man filled with guilt
 - c. **Body:** He became subject to sickness and death.
2. ***Salvation is also Complete*** (When Jesus died on the cross He paid the price for our complete salvation:
 - a. **Spirit:** We can be united with God. We can be made holy in Christ.
 - b. **Soul:** emotions can be controlled by the Spirit. We can be forgiven (Col.1:13-14). We can have joy and peace. (Ga.5:22-23).
 - c. **Body:** We have healing for our bodies.
3. All of this was provided by the Atonement of Christ
 - a. "Atonement" defined:
 - 1) Refers to Christ's work on the cross of Calvary
 - 2) Literally means "a covering."
 - b. The blood of Jesus covered our sin and eradicated its effects on us.
 - c. This Lesson: "Healing and the Atonement"

I. IS HEALING IN THE ATONEMENT?

A. An important question.

1. Some say "yes" others say "no."
2. But who is right?

B. AG Statement of Fundamental Truths: "Divine Healing"

Divine healing is an integral part of the gospel. Deliverance from sickness is provided for in the atonement, and is the privilege of all believers (Isa.53:4-5; Matt.8:16-17; James 5:14-16)."

II. FOUR BIBLICAL EVIDENCES THAT HEALING IS IN THE ATONEMENT:

A. ISAIAH CHAPTER 53 prophesies that Jesus will provide healing in the atonement.

1. **READ vv.3 and 4.** COMMENT: The words translated "grief" (Heb. Choli) and "sorrow" (Heb. Makob) are better translated "sickness" and "pain"

2. **READ v.10.** QUOTE TEXTBOOK: "Isa.53:10 says that not only was Jesus made guilty with our guilt (i.e. He makes his soul "a guilt offering for sin") but he was also made sick with our sicknesses (literally means "*He made him sick*")." p.37
3. **NOW READ Matthew 8:16-17.** COMMENT: This is proof that this verse was talking about physical healing.
4. **NOW READ 1Peter 2:24.** COMMENT: The Gk word used for healed here is "*iaomai*." It is used 26 times in the NT. Every time it refers to physical healing.

B. In His incarnation JESUS BECAME A WHOLE HUMAN BEING that he might redeem the whole man.

1. He was completely human--spirit, soul, and body.
2. He experienced life as a complete human.
3. He did this in order that he might redeem the whole man -- spirit, soul, and body.

C. In Galatians 3:13 the Bible says that CHRIST "REDEEMED US FROM THE CURSE OF THE LAW by becoming a curse for us."

1. The penalties for breaking the Law of Moses included sickness and disease (Dt.28:27-28; 35, 60-61, 65)
2. Christ redeemed us from these penalties.

D. THE NEW TESTAMENT WORD "SOZO" is used both for "to save" and "to restore or to make well."

1. Lk.19:10: "to seek and to save" (sozo)
2. James 5:15: "make the sick person well" (sozo)
3. Ro.10:9: "you will be saved" (sozo)
4. Lk.18:42: "your faith has healed (sozo) you"

III. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF HEALING IN THE ATONEMENT

A. Because healing is provided in the atonement, the healing ministry of Jesus must continue today.

B. We can know that it is God's will to heal His children.

1. It is God's nature to heal.
 - a. He is "Jehovah Rapha," the God who heals.
 - b. God is by His very nature a healing God.
2. Jesus showed us the will of the Father concerning healing.
 - a. He came to do the Father's will.
 - b. Jesus was the will of God in action!
 - c. Everything He did was a demonstration of the will of God.
 - d. Time after time Jesus demonstrated the will of God to heal the sick (Mt.8:2-3,16; 9:35).
3. Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil.
 - a. 1Jn.3:8
 - b. One of Satan's works is to inflict with illness.
 - c. Jesus came to destroy this work of the devil.
4. Therefore we can boldly ask for healing!

Lesson 5

HEALING AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD

(Reading Assignment: *Healing from the Inside Out*, Chapter 4)

Introduction

1. A proper understanding of the Kingdom of God is essential to a Pentecostal ministry.
2. The doctrines of divine healing and the Kingdom of God go hand in hand.
3. This lesson will answer two questions:
 - a. What is the Kingdom of God?
 - b. How does the Kingdom of God come to this earth?

I. WHAT IS THE KINGDOM?

A. The Kingdom Defined.

1. The word "kingdom"
 - a. Does not primarily refer to a place or region
 - b. Refers primarily to the sovereignty or right to rule which belongs to a king.
2. The Kingdom of God therefore refers to God's sovereignty, government, or rule.

B. It is God's will to establish His kingdom rule on the earth.

1. In the Kingdom of God it is the Father's will that Christ the Son should reign as king.
2. God wants to give man a place in His kingdom.

C. But Satan also has plans to establish his kingdom on the earth.

1. Satan has a kingdom too.
 - a. Lk.11:19, Note: "his kingdom"
 - b. Jn.14:30 "the ruler of this world"
 - c. Eph.2:2 "the prince and power of the air."
 - d. 1Jn.5:19 "the whole world lies under..."
2. Satan usurped control over the earth by causing men to sin against God.
 - a. Began with Adam in the Garden of Eden.
 - b. Man through sin takes part in Satan's rebellion. As a result man becomes a part of Satan's kingdom
 - c. Sickness and disease are part of his bondage.
3. **DISCUSSION QUESTION:** Since God is all powerful, why doesn't he just destroy Satan and set up his kingdom on earth?
 - a. **ANSWER: TEXTBOOK QUOTE:** "God's problem has never been lack of power to establish his Kingdom on earth. He could do that any time he chose. His problem was to get us into the Kingdom. He has to find a way to deal with our sin so that we could be received into the Kingdom and not be destroyed by its coming" (p.48)
 - b. Jesus broke the power of Satan over mankind and made a way for us to enter into God's kingdom.

- c. We enter the kingdom through the new birth (Jn.3:3,5)

II. HOW DOES THE KINGDOM OF GOD COME TO THIS EARTH?

___A. Jesus taught us to pray “Thy Kingdom Come.”

1. The Lord’s Prayer (Mt.6:10)
2. But how does God’s kingdom to come to this earth?

B. John the Baptist announced the coming kingdom.

1. Mt.3:2 "Repent for the kingdom of God is at hand"
2. At hand = imminent. i.e., close enough to be touched!
3. **TEXTBOOK QUOTE:** "In fact, the Kingdom is so near that the King, yet unrecognized, is already amongst them." (p.49)

C. The Kingdom of God is now invading the kingdom of darkness

1. Because Satan opposes the coming of God’s kingdom, conflict results.
2. Christ’s Kingdom must therefore come in power!

D. Christ and His kingdom breaks the tyranny of Satan in the following ways:

1. By healing the sick. (Lk.13:16, Lk.9:1-2)
2. By casting our demons. (Mt.12:28)
3. By raising the dead. (Mt.9:24-25; Lk.7:12-15; Jn.11:10-11)
4. By forgiving sin and freeing men from guilt (Mt.9:2; Jn.8:10-11)
5. By totally defeating Satan at the cross! (Hb.2:14; Jn.12:31; Col.2:15 "having spoiled principalities....")

D. Now it is the job of the Church to carry our Christ's agenda of establishing His kingdom in all the earth.

1. This is to be done in the power of the Spirit (Acts 1:3,8).
2. The church has been commissioned and empowered to preach the gospel of the kingdom in all the world.
 - a. Commissioned: (Mt.28:19-20; Mk.16:15-18; Mt.24:14)
 - b. Empowered: (Acts 1:8)
3. We are to expect miraculous signs to follow as we preach the gospel of the kingdom. (Mk.16:15-17)
4. Works of healing and deliverance are evidences of the coming Kingdom (Mt.12:28; Lk.11:20).

Conclusion

Lesson 6

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND HEALING

(Reading Assignment: *Healing from the Inside Out*, Chapter 5)

Introduction

1. Christ's death on the cross was an all-sufficient sacrifice.
2. This lesson we will learn how God applies the provision of the cross to our daily lives.
 - a. Knowledge must be translated into personal experience
 - b. This application is primarily the work of the Holy Spirit

I. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE AGENT OF HEALING

A. The Holy Spirit was the agent of healing in the ministry of Jesus.

1. DEF: Agent: A person empowered to act for another.
2. All that Jesus did in His public ministry, He did through the power and anointing of the Holy Spirit.
3. Note the following:
 - a. He was **baptized in the Holy Spirit** at the River Jordan (Mt.3:13-17; Jn.1:32-33)
 - b. He was **led by the Holy Spirit** into the wilderness (Lk.4:1; Mk.1:12)
 - c. He **returned in the power of the Holy Spirit** (Lk.4:14).
 - d. He was **anointed to preach** by the Holy Spirit (Lk.4:18).
 - e. He **healed** by the power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:38).
 - f. He **cast out demons** by the power of the Holy Spirit (Mt.12:28; Lk.11:20).
3. **QUESTION:** Why did Jesus choose to minister in the power of the Holy Spirit rather than His own power as the eternal Son of God?
 - a. Class Discussion...
 - b. ANSWER:
 - 1) Jesus was modeling a ministry that his disciples would be able to follow.
 - 2) READ: Jn.14:12 (Note, "because I go to the Father")
 - 3) Jn.16:7 (Note what Jesus would do when he went "away," to the Father)
4. Note also the following:
 - a. The Holy Spirit was **the power (dunamis) of the Lord who was present to heal** in Jesus' ministry. (Mk.5:30; Lk.5:17; 6:19; 8:46)
 - b. He was the **"finger of God" who expelled demons** (Mt.12:28; Lk.11:20).
 - c. We have the **promise of the same power** through the infilling with the Holy Spirit (Lk.24:49; Acts 1:8)

B. The Holy Spirit is the Agent of Healing in the Church

1. The experience of Pentecost released the power of the Spirit in the church.
2. Once the disciples were baptized in the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, they immediately began to do the works of Jesus.

- a. The sick are healed, the dead raised, demons are expelled, and the gospel is preached in power.
- b. i.e. Acts 2:43, 5:12-16, 6:8,9-17, 8:4-8, 9:32-41; 10:1ff, etc.
3. We can expect the same results today if we will experience the same Pentecostal power.

C. If we are going to experience the same results we must be filled with the same Holy Spirit in the same way as Jesus and the apostles.

II. THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND HEALING

A. The gifts of the Spirit are the primary way that the Holy Spirit releases His grace and power to and through the church.

1. It was true in the Ministry of Jesus
2. It is true today

B. Nine "manifestation gifts" of the Holy Spirit are found in 1Cor.12:8-10.

1. **Defined:** Supernatural anointings given by the Holy Spirit to Spirit-filled believers to accomplish the will of the Father.
2. We will now simply define these gifts. Later in our lesson on "Ministering Divine Healing" we will see how these gifts are used in healing the sick
3. **These nine gifts are as follows:**
 - a. **Three revelation gifts — given to know the mind of God**
 - 1) **Word of knowledge:** a supernatural revelation of God's knowledge
 - 2) **Word of wisdom:** a supernatural revelation of God's wisdom
 - 3) **Discerning of spirits:** a supernatural revelation of what spirit is being manifested or what spirit is motivating an action.
 - b. **Three vocal gifts — given to speak the words of God**
 - 1) **Gift of prophecy:** to supernaturally speak forth a message from God in a language known to the speaker.
 - 2) **Gift of tongues:** to supernaturally speak forth a message from God or a prayer to God in a language not understood by the speaker
 - 3) **Interpretation of tongues:** to supernaturally speak forth the meaning (interpretation) of a message given in tongues.
 - c. **Three power gifts — given to do the works of God**
 - 1) **Gifts of healing:** the supernatural healing of diseases and infirmities
 - 2) **Gift of faith:** a supernatural surge of faith to accomplish a God-given task
 - 3) **Works of power:** ("miraculous powers" in NIV), A supernatural release of power to accomplish the work of God
4. All of these manifestation gifts play a role in healing the sick as we will note in the lesson, "How to Minister Divine Healing"

C. How to release spiritual gifts in your own ministry.

1. Desire to be used
2. Be filled with Spirit
3. Walk and minister in the Spirit

4. Respond to the Spirit's prompting
5. Act in faith
6. Evaluate and learn from both mistakes and successes

III. THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT AND HEALING

A. It is essential that every person who wants to be involved in a healing ministry be baptized in the Holy Spirit

1. Jesus was...
2. New Testament believers were...
3. We must be...

B. An essential prerequisite for ministering in the gifts of the Holy Spirit is the experience of the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

___ C. Be filled with the Spirit today!

Lesson 7

THE ROLE OF FAITH IN DIVINE HEALING

Introduction

1. There can be no discussion of divine healing without a discussion of faith.
2. In this lesson we will discuss faith and its role in the ministry of healing the sick

I. FAITH DEFINED

A. Faith is... (Five Biblical Definitions of Faith)

1. FAITH...is being sure of what we hope for, and certain of things we do not see” (Hb.11:1, NIV).
2. FAITH...judging God to be faithful to do what He has promised (Hb.11:11).
3. FAITH...is the ability to “see Him who is invisible” (Hb. 11.27).
4. FAITH ...”not waver[ing] at the promise[s] of God” (Ro.4:20).
5. FAITH...”being fully convinced that what He [has] promised He [is] also able to perform” (Ro.4:21).

B. Five Kinds of Faith

1. Ordinary (or natural) faith
 - a. ...is the innate ability that God gives every human being to trust in things and people.
 - b. Ro.12:3 “...God has dealt to each man a measure of faith.”
 - c. Life would be impossible without it.
2. Saving faith
 - a. ...is the faith given to us by God in order that we might trust in Jesus Christ for salvation.
 - b. Eph.2:9: Note the phrase “faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God...”
 - c. This faith comes from hearing the message of Christ, the gospel (Ro.10:17, NIV).
3. Persevering Faith
 - a. ...is the faith that gives the Christian the strength to endure the trials and hardships of life.
 - b. It is one of the “fruit of the Spirit” listed in Ga.5:22-23). (Called “faithfulness.”)
 - c. As a fruit of the Spirit it has the potential to grow and mature as one walks in the Spirit (Ga.5:16).
4. Gift Faith
 - a. ... is one of the nine “manifestation gifts” spoken of in 1Cor.12:8-10
 - b. the gift of faith is a supernatural surge of faith comes upon a Spirit-filled believer as an anointing (GK: charis) of the Holy Spirit in order to accomplish a God-given task.
5. Miracle-working Faith
 - a. ...is faith to believe God to perform miraculous signs and wonders.
 - b. It includes, but is not limited to, the gift of faith mentioned above.
 - c. It is often evidenced by bold action on the part of the person exercising it.
 - d. This and gift faith are the two kinds of faith that will be present in a healing

ministry.

C. The Law of Faith

1. God created a universe of law
 - a. Natural laws govern the natural realm
EXAMPLE: Law of gravity, laws of motion, laws of thermodynamics
 - b. Spiritual laws govern the spiritual realm
EXAMPLES: The law of sowing and reaping (Ga.6:7), The law of sin and death
Gen.2:17; Eze.18:4,20)
2. There is a spiritual Law of Faith
 - a. It says, God always responds to faith!

B. Faith is an Action

1. Faith is not so much an attribute which we possess as it is an action which we take.
2. Like love, faith is more aptly described as a verb rather than a noun.

II. THE NECESSITY OF FAITH

A. Faith is necessary to please God

1. Hb.11:6: "For without faith it is impossible to please [God]."
2. Ro.14:23: "For whatever is not of faith is sin."

B. Faith is the key to receiving from God

III. THE POWER OF FAITH

A. What Jesus said about the power of faith

1. Faith can move mountains (Mt.17:20; Lk.17:6)
(*NOTE: Context of Mt.17 is casting out of demons)
2. With faith all things are possible (Mk.9.23).
3. We should have faith in God (i.e. we should believe when we pray, Mk.11:22-24)
4. Faith can bring personal healing:
 - a. Woman with issue of blood: ("your faith has healed you," Mt.9:22, Mk.5:34, Lk.8:48)
 - b. Blind Bartimaeus: ("your faith has made you whole," Mk.10:52)
 - c. Ten lepers: ("your faith has made you whole," Lk.17:19)
5. Faith can bring healing to others:
 - a. Centurion servant: (Mt.8:13, "as you have believed, so let it be," Mt.8:13)
6. By faith we receive the Spirit and minister in the Spirit (Jn.7.37-39)
7. Through faith we can see God manifest His glory (Jn.11:40).

B. Our faith is not to be faith itself, but in the One who responds to faith

1. "Have faith in God" not "Have faith in faith."
2. Our focus must be on God and His unlimited ability, and not on our own limited faith.
3. Remember, even faith "as a grain of mustard seed" (Mt.17:20) is enough to move God--and God can move the universe if need be.

C. Faith releases the anointing

1. Why is it that although some people seem anointed when they minister, they still do not see miracles in their ministries?
2. Applies to the operation and release of spiritual gifts.

IV. EXERCISING FAITH (See Text: pp.63-65)

(Three things we must do to act in faith)

A. Believe the Word

1. Esteem God faithful
2. Considering not circumstances

B. Obey the voice of the Spirit

1. Cho: "I pray, and I obey!"

C. Act in Faith

Lesson 8

HOW TO RECEIVE DIVINE HEALING

(Reading Assignment: *Healing from the Inside Out*, chapters 6 and 11)

Introduction

1. Thus far we have talked about...
 - a. ...the provision of divine healing.
 - b. ...the role of the Holy Spirit in divine healing.
 - c. ...the role of faith in divine healing.
2. But when I am sick I need more than just a doctrine, I need to receive divine healing.
3. This Lesson: How to receive divine healing in your own life.

I. STEPS TO HEALING (Ref: Textbook, chap. 6)

A. Have a genuine desire to get well

1. Jesus looked for the desire to get well in the man at the Pool of Bethesda: “Do you want to get well?” (Jn.5:1-8).
2. Reasons why some people don’t really want to get well:
 - a. Sickness can be a means of evading responsibility.
 - b. Sickness can be a means of manipulating or controlling others.
 - c. Sickness can be a means of self-punishment because of self hatred.
 - d. Where sickness is chronic “it can become part of the familiar furniture of our life.”
 - e. Some fear divine healing because they fear the risk of failure and the loss of hope.
3. Sickness encourages self-centeredness.
 - a. Focuses attention inward.
 - b. Can lead to self-pity
4. Desire played a part in the healing of...
 - a. Nobleman’s son: (Jn.4:47; “implored him...”)
 - b. Syrophonecian woman: (Mt.15:21-28)
 - c. Man led down thru roof: (Mk.2:1-12)
 - d. Centurion’s servant (Lk.7:2-10; vv.3-4 “pleading with him,” & “they begged him earnestly”)

B. Be willing to deal with the hindrances.

1. Often a person remains sick because of hindrances to the healing.
2. Things that may be hindering your healing:
 - a. ***Unconfessed sin***
 - 1) SEE: Ps.31:10, 32:5
 - 2) With the paralytic in Mt.9:1-8 Jesus first dealt with the sin problem, then he healed the sickness.
 - b. ***Anger and resentment***
 - 1) SEE: Job 5:2 & 18:4
 - 2) These attitudes can both cause illness and stand in the way of healing

- 3) If we are bitter against God we need to repent.
 - 4) If we are bitter at people we need to repent and ask forgiveness.
 - 5) Sometimes the removing of bitterness will itself result in healing. At other times it opens the door for the prayer of faith to be prayed.
- c. **Wrong attitudes**
- 1) These can inhibit faith and hinder prayer for healing.
 - 2) Wrong attitudes include:
 - a) Jealousy (Ja.3:16)
 - b) An unforgiving spirit (2Cor.2:10)
 - c) Marital discord (1Pet.1-9)
- d. **Occult healing involvement**
- 1) SEE: Mt.24:24, 1Thes.2:9-10
 - 2) God will not work hand in hand with evil.
 - a) African doctors
 - b) Witches and sorcerers
 - b) Charms
 - 3) Those involved in witchcraft before salvation may need deliverance after they are saved.
- e. **Unbelief**
- 1) SEE: Heb.3:12
 - 2) Sources of unbelief:
 - a) Demonic influence
 - b) Unbelieving friends and relatives
 - c) Unbelieving “Christians”
 - d) Lack of prayer
 - e) Neglecting church services
 - 3) Overcoming unbelief:
 - a) Reading the Word
 - b) Prayer in the Spirit (Jude 20)
 - c) Fellowshiping with “faith-filled” believers
- f. **An unexamined life**
- 1) 1Cor.11:28-30
 - 2) We need to constantly examine the “worthiness” of our walk with God.

C. Seek the keys to the situation.

1. Sometimes healing comes instantly and miraculously.
2. At other times the situation may be more complex.
 - a. The “key” to “locking” the healing must be found.
 - b. ILLUS: Jesus sometimes sought the key to the situation: in Mk.9:14-29
 - 1) The demonized boy...
 - 2) By asking questions.
3. The key may be found by...
 - a. Interviewing
 - b. Spirit-guided reflection
 - c. Prayer
 - d. The revelation gifts

- e. Or any combination of the above
- 4. One or more of the following may be the key to unlocking the healing
 - a. **Faith**
 - 1) If the answer to prayer tarries, we must examine our faith
 - 2) Discussed at length in last lesson
 - b. **Confession**
 - 1) Remember confession must be an act of faith, not a substitute for faith.
 - c. **Obedience**
 - 1) There may be some act of obedience that is required of us in order for the healing to come.
 - 2) OT Example: Naaman
 - 3) NT Example: 10 Lepers (Lk.17:12-14)
 - d. **The power of the Holy Spirit**
 - 1) Some healings and deliverances come as a direct result of the manifest presence and power of the Holy Spirit
 - 2) SEE: Lk.5: “Power of the Lord was present to heal” (Lk.5:17)
 - 3) Gifts operate in the manifest presence of God.
 - e. **The word of authority**
 - 1) Sometimes the Holy Spirit will prompt someone to speak a word of authority to the person or to the disease, commanding healing.
 - 2) Jesus and the apostles often healed the sick through such words of authority.
 - 3) This will be discussed more in the next lesson on “How to Minister to the Sick.”
 - f. **Instant healing or process healing**
 - 1) Jesus healings were usually instantaneous
 - 2) Sometimes they took time. “From that moment...”
 - 3) Sometimes they took more than one act of faith. (Mk.8:22-26)
 - 4) Sometimes the healing comes more slowly, over a matter of minutes or even hours. We must learn to continue praying and waiting in expectant faith.
 - g. **The fight of faith**
 - 1) Healing and deliverance does not always come easy. Sometimes it involves a fight of faith.
 - 2) Eph. “We struggle against powers...”
 - 3) Mk.5:8 (Literal trans): “He kept saying to him, ‘Come out of him...’”
 - h. **Casting out of demons**
 - 1) Sometimes the sickness is the result of a demonic attack.
 - 2) Demons are not prayed out, or anointed out, they are cast out in the name of Jesus and in the power of the Holy Spirit.
 - I. **Compassion**
 - 1) Jesus often moved with compassion to heal the sick. (Mk.1:41, Mt.9:36)
 - 2) Faith works by love.
 - 3) Ministry to the sick should always be done out of a heart of compassion toward the sick and suffering.

D. Persist in faith until the answer comes

1. Don't give up to soon.
2. Expect the answer to come--and it will!

II. WHAT HAPPENS AFTER HEALING? (Ref: Textbook, chap. 11)

Once a person has received divine healing, then what should he do?

A. Establishing the Healing

1. Everything God does for us requires our human cooperation and response.
 - a. A faith response is always required...both to receive from God, and to retain what He has given us.
 - b. We are told to "Stand firm" in the liberty we have in Christ. (Ga.5:1)
2. Two factors are important in establishing healing:
 - a. OBEDIENCE
 - 1) God promises blessing and health for obedience
 - 2) Ex.15:26,
 - b. CONFESSION
 - 1) We confess the promises in God's Word
 - 2) God's Word...
 - a) ...is spirit and life (Jn.6:63)
 - b) ...creates faith (Ro.10:17)
 - c) ...has healing power (Ps.107:20)
 - 3) Confession is agreeing with what God says in His Word.
 - 4) Confession actualizes faith (SEE: Ro.10:9-10)
 - 5) One way we can use the Word of God, and confession of that word, to establish our healing:
 - a) Choose a Scripture promise that relates to your need for healing.
 - I. Meditate and pray over it.
 - ii. Memorize it.
 - iii. Allow the Holy Spirit to make it alive in your heart.
 - b) Confess the Scripture promise aloud from time to time.
 - I. It will create faith in your heart.
 - ii. It will become a shield against the attack of the enemy.
 - c) Now, hold on to your confession.
 - I. Believe it because it is God's Word.
 - ii. Use it when you become discouraged.

B. How Healing May Be Lost (Four ways healing may be lost:)

1. By continuing in known sin
 - a. "Go and sin no more lest..." (Jn.5:14)
 - b. The sin must be repented of and forsaken
2. By exposing yourself to unbelief and negativity
 - a. Sometimes Jesus took steps to separate the needy person for the surrounding of unbelief (Mk.5:40)
3. By listening to deceptive symptoms
 - a. Satan will seek to rob you of the victory.

- b. We must stand firm in what God does for us (Ga.5:1)
- c. Do not focus on your body but on the power and promises of God.
4. By neglecting the laws of health
 - a. i.e. rest, diet, care for the body.

C. How Healing is Retained (Ten ways to retain your healing:)

1. Don't make provision to stay sick.
2. Understand the basis of your healing.
3. Be thankful
4. See the healing as a means to go on to know Christ better.
5. Sometimes you can get medical confirmation.
6. Testify to others about your healing.
7. Nourish the restored health.
8. Get rid of the graveclothes.
9. Use your restored health to serve God and others better.
10. Where there has been deliverance from demonic domination, fill the vacancy with the Spirit of God (Lk.11:14-28).

Conclusion

Lesson 9

HOW TO MINISTER DIVINE HEALING

(Reading Assignment: *Healing from the Inside Out*, Chapter 6, pp.67-70)

Introduction

I. THE SCOPE OF THE HEALING MINISTRY

By studying the Gospels, Acts, and N.T. Epistles we can draw the following conclusions concerning the scope of the healing ministry

A. According to Mt.4:23, and 10:1 the healing ministry of Jesus applied to all manner of complaints (including the following:)

1. ***Infectious diseases***
 - a. Such as malaria, typhus, etc.
 - b. Healing of Peter's mother-in-law (Mt.8:14-15)
2. ***Chronic illnesses***
 - a. Woman with 12 year illness (Mk.5:33-34)
 - b. Man who had been crippled 38 years (Jn.5:1-14)
3. ***Disease in its advanced stages***
 - a. Man "covered with leprosy" (Lk.5:12).
4. ***Congenital diseases and illnesses***
 - a. i.e. Illnesses from birth
 - b. Blind man (Jn.9:1-4)
 - c. Crippled man at gate beautiful (Acts 3:1-2)
5. ***Terminal conditions***
 - a. Those at the point of death
 - b. The nobleman's son (Jn.4:47).
6. ***The results of accidents and assaults***
 - a. Eutychus (Acts 20:9-10)
 - b. Jesus heals the man's ear (Lk.22:50-51).
7. ***Demonically caused affliction*** (Acts 10:38)
 - a. The mute and deaf man (Mt.9:32-34)
 - b. The Gadarene demoniac (Lk.8:27-35)

B. Healings included not only individual healings but group and mass healings.

1. Ten lepers (Lk.17:11-19)
2. Peter's mother-in-law and many others (Mt.8:14-17)
3. The apostles heal many (Acts 5:16).

II. JESUS AND THE APOSTLES ARE OUR MODELS FOR HEALING THE SICK

A. Jesus showed us how to heal the sick.

1. One reason for the many details given of Jesus healing the sick was to provide a pattern for us to follow.
2. Jesus said that we would follow his pattern (Jn.14:12, Jn.20:21).
3. We must study and learn from His healing ministry.

B. The Apostles followed Jesus' pattern.

1. They followed Jesus, watched Him heal the sick, and learned from Him.
2. Almost every miracle of healing performed by the apostles and the believers in the book of Acts has its counterpart in the healing ministry of Jesus.

C. We are to follow the pattern established by Jesus and the Apostles.

1. Just as his 12 disciples learned from Jesus, we must learn to heal the sick by watching and imitating Jesus and the apostles.
2. We can learn much by carefully reading and analyzing their healing miracles.

III. HOW JESUS AND THE APOSTLES HEALED THE SICK

NOTE: A careful observation of the healing ministry of Jesus reveals that Jesus did not use some pat formula to heal the sick. In fact, He never seemed to healed the sick twice in the same way. He did, however, use a limited number of methods to heal the sick. But he used them in an unlimited variety of combinations. We will now discuss eight of these methods that Jesus used to heal the sick.

Jesus and the apostles healed the sick in the following ways:**A. By Speaking a Word. (Ps.107:20)**

1. This was the most common healing method used by Jesus. his healing method of Jesus and the apostles took several forms as follows:
2. **Jesus:**
 - a. ***A command to do something*** (sometimes called a command of faith)
 - 1) "Pick up your bed and walk." (Jn.5:8)
 - 2) "Stretch out your hand." (Mk.3:5)
 - 3) "Young man I say unto you, 'Get up.'" (Lk.7:14)
 - b. ***Speaking directly to the illness or condition***
 - 1) "Be clean!" (Mt.8:3, Mk.8:41), leprosy
 - 2) "Receive your sight." (Lk.18:24), eyes
 - 3) "Be opened." (Mk.7:34)
 - c. ***Acknowledging the faith of the recipient***
 - 1) "Your faith has healed you." (Mt.9:22; Mk.5:34)
 - d. ***A simple statement of the fact that the healing had taken place.***
 - 1) "Woman you are set free from your infirmity." (Lk.13:12)
 - 2) "Your son shall live." (Jn.4:50)
 - e. ***A command for demons to leave.***
 - 1) "Be quiet...Come out of him!" (Mk.1:25)
 - 2) "Come out of this man you evil spirit." (Mk.5:8)
 - 3) "You deaf and mute spirit...I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." (Mk.9:25)

3. **Apostles:**

- a. ***At Gate Beautiful***
“In the name of Jesus...rise up and walk...” (Acts 3:6)
- b. ***Peter heals Aeneas***
“Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed.” (Acts 9:34).
- c. ***Peter raises Tabitha***
“Tabitha, arise...” (Acts 9:40)
- d. ***Paul in Lystra***
“Stand up straight on your feet!” (Acts 9:40)

B. By Touching or Laying on of Hands1. **Jesus:**

- a. ***Touching***
 - 1) “He touched her hand and the fever left her.” (Mt.8:15)
 - 2) “Jesus...touched their eyes, and immediately they received their sight...” (Mt.20:34)
 - 3) “Jesus put his fingers into the man’s ears...and touched the man’s tongue. At this, the man’s ears were opened , his tongue was loosened...” (Mk.7:33-35)
- b. ***Laying on of Hands***
“Laying hands on each one, he healed them.” (Lk.4:40)

2. **Apostles:**

- a. ***At Gate Beautiful***
“Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up” (Acts 3:7)
- b. ***Saul healed by Ananias***
“Placing his hands on Saul...” (Acts 9:17)
- c. ***Paul heals Eutychus***
 - 1) “Paul fell on him and embracing him...” (Acts 20:10)
 - 2) Phillips: “holding him gently in his arms”
- d. ***Paul heals Publius’ father***
“He laid his hands on him and healed him.” (Acts 28:8)

C. Through Faith1. **Jesus:**

- a. ***The Faith of the Recipient***
“Go, said Jesus, your faith has healed you.” (Mk.10:52)
- b. ***The Faith of Others***
 - 1) “When he saw *their faith*, he said to the paralytic, ‘Son, your sins are forgiven...take up your mat and walk home.’” (Mk.2:5,11)
 - 2) “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” (Mt.15:28)

2. **Apostles:**

- a. ***Peter raises Tabitha***
“Peter put them all out.” (Acts 9:40)

D. Through Driving Out Demons1. **Jesus:**

- a. "Come out of him!...The evil spirit came out..." (Mk.1:25, 26)
 - b. "Come out of him you evil spirit (Mk.5:8)
 - c. "You deaf and dumb spirit...come out!" (Mk.9:25)
2. **Apostles:**
The demonized girl (Acts 16:16-18)

E. Through Compassion

1. **Jesus:**
- a. "When Jesus...saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick" (Mt.14:14)
 - b. "Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man...the leprosy left." (Mk.1:41-42)
 - c. Raising of the widows son: "When the Lord saw her his heart with out to her..." (Lk.7:13-15)
2. **Apostles:**
- a. "Faith works by love." (Ga.5:6)

F. Through Anointing with Oil and Faith-filled Prayer

- 1 "They were casting out many demons, and were anointing with oil many sick people and healing them." (Mk.6:13)
- 2. "Anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord...and the prayer of faith will save the sick..." (Ja.5:14,15)

G. Through a Release of Power or Anointing

- 1. "How God anointed Jesus...with the Holy Spirit and with power..." (Acts 10:38)
- 2. "The Spirit of the Lord...he has anointed me to...release the captives..." (Lk.4:17-18)
- 3. "The power of the Lord was present for him to heal the sick." (Lk.5:17)
- 4. "Power was coming from him hand healing them all" (Lk.6:19)
- 5. "Jesus realized that power had gone out from him..." (Mk.5:29-30)
- 6. "I drive out demons by the Spirit of God" (Mt.12:28; Lk.11:20)

H. Through Extraordinary Acts

- 1. **Jesus heals the blind:**
 - a. "He spit on the man's eyes..." (Mk.8:23)
 - b. "He spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva and put it on the man's eyes..." (Jn.9:1-7)
- 2. **Peter's shadow:** "And the people brought the sick...so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them...all of them were healed." (Acts 5:15-16)
- 3. **Paul's handkerchiefs:** "God did extraordinary miracles by Paul..." (Acts 19:11,12)

IV. THE IMPORTANCE OF A HEALING ENVIRONMENT.

A. In the healing ministries of Jesus and the Apostles

1. **Jesus:**
 - a. Lk.5:17 “The power of the Lord was present...
 - b. Mk.5:40: It the raising of Jairus’ daughter we see Jesus controlling the healing environment. He “put the all out” of the room.
 - c. Mt.13:58: Even Jesus’ healing ministry was affected by a spirit of unbelief.
2. **Apostles:**
 - a. Acts 9:40: Peter puts the unbelievers out before raising Tabitha

B. The Characteristics of a Healing Environment

1. The manifest presence of the Holy Spirit (Lk.5:17)
2. Expectant faith

C. Fostering a healing environment (A healing environment can fostered in the following ways:)

1. Through prayer
2. Through worship
3. Through faith-filled preaching and teaching
4. Through speaking words of faith

V. HOW THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT OPERATE IN HEALING THE SICK

A. The Nine “Manifestation Gifts” of 1Cor.12:8-10 are a Primary Means that God Uses to Heal the Sick.

1. This was true in the ministries of Jesus and the Apostles.
Note: Almost all of the above mentioned healing methods are faith-actions taken in the release of spiritual gifts.
2. What was true for Jesus and the apostles is also true for us today.
3. The various kinds of gifts (i.e. revelation, power, and prophetic) often operate hand-in-hand to accomplish the Divine purpose.
 - a. In the healings in the Gospels and Acts we seldom see just one gift in operation.
 - b. Each of the gifts has a role to play.
 - c. This will be illustrated later in this lesson.

B. How the various manifestation gifts relate to a healing ministry

1. **Revelation gifts and the healing ministry.**
(i.e. Word of knowledge, word of wisdom, discerning of spirits. Given to know the mind of God)
 - a. The **revelation gifts** are essential to a power ministry.
 - b. In Acts, a **word of knowledge** or the **discerning of spirits** often led to the release of a power gift.
 - 1) **ILLUS:** Lame man in Lystra (Acts 14:8-10) A **word of knowledge** leads to the operation of the **gift of faith**.
 - 2) **ILLUS:** Slave girl in Philippi (Acts 16:16-18). A **discerning of spirits** opens the way for the operation of **works of power**.

- c. We must know the *mind* of God before we can do the *works* of God.
 - 1) This means we must know for certain what the will of God is in a given matter before we proceed with ministry.
 - 2) Even Jesus himself did not travel around healing the sick at random.
 - a) On each occasion, He first heard from His Heavenly Father.
 - b) **ILLUS:** Healing the man at the Pool of Bethesda. (Jn.5:1-8)
 - i. Many there were sick (Jn.5:3), but only one received healing.
 - ii. Jesus answers the question: *“Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner”* (Jn 5:19).
 - iii. Jesus first had to determine His Father’s will in the matter, then he proceeded with ministry.
 - 3) In a healing encounter God often reveals His will to us through a **word of knowledge**.
 - d. The gift of **discerning of spirits** must often operate before we know how to approach a sick person.
 - 1) It is important to know *how* a person is sick
 - 2) But we must also know *why* a person is sick. Does the sickness come from natural or demonic causes?
 - 3) **ILLUS:** Smith Wigglesworth, a great man of faith, once prayed for two deaf men. He said, “Be healed!” to the first man. And the man was immediately healed. Wigglesworth spoke to the second man: “Come out of this man you spirit of deafness.” This man’s ears were also immediately opened. Later, Wigglesworth was asked why he dealt with each man differently he replied, “You don’t heal demons; you cast them out!” Mr. Wigglesworth needed the gift of the discerning of spirits. Without it, he would not have known how to minister to each person. Often, we try to “heal” demons and “cast out” illnesses—when we should be doing just the opposite!
 - e. The release of **revelation gifts** often prepares the way for the release of **power gifts**.
3. **Power gifts and a healing ministry.** (i.e. Gifts of healing, gift of faith, and works of power. Given to do the works of God)
- a. **Power gifts** are naturally the most obvious use of spiritual gifts in a healing ministry.
 - b. People are healed through the release of the **gifts of healing, faith, and works of power**.
 - c. Focusing on the gift of **works of power:**
 - 1) Called “miraculous powers” in NIV.
 - 2) Lit. translation: “operations of works of power”
 - 3) This gift seems to include a general divine release of power.
 - 4) This power results in divine healing and other miraculous results:
 - 5) Four examples of this gift in operation:
 - a) Woman with the issue of blood (Mk 5:30)
 - b) “The power of the Lord was present..”(Lk 5:17)
 - c) “Power was coming from him..” (Lk 6:19)
 - d) “I by the finger of God drive out demons...” (Lk 11:14,20).
 - 6) Don Stamps (FLSB-NT, p. 350) stated the following about this gift:
These are deeds of supernatural power which alter the normal course of nature. They include divine acts in which God’s kingdom is manifested against Satan and evil spirits . . . including the casting out of demons.
 - d. **SPECIAL NOTE:** The power of the Spirit of God is essential to any power ministry. This power is given when one is baptised in the Holy Spirit. It is released through the gifts of the Spirit. Therefore, any believer who desires to be used by God in a power

ministry must be baptised in the Holy Spirit. He must also learn to walk in the Spirit. Only then will the gifts be released in his ministry as the need arises, and as the Spirit wills.

2. **Prophetic gifts and the healing ministry.** (i.e. Prophecy, tongues, and the interpretation of tongues. (Given to speak the words of God)
 - a. The **prophetic gifts** are important to power evangelism.
 - b. A prophetic gift is often needed before or after a demonstration of God's power through divine healing. In an evangelistic setting, it is never enough that the sick are healed. **The gospel must be preached in power** in order that people may be saved and delivered from sin and its penalty.
 - c. Prophetic gifts can also **prepare the way** for the operation of the power gifts by alerting the people to God's will in a given service and by building the faith of the people to receive healing.

C. Biblical Examples of How the Gifts of the Holy Spirit Worked Together in the Healing Ministries of Jesus and the Apostles:

1. Two biblical illustrations already cited:
 - a. Jesus heals the lame man at the **Pool of Bethesda** (Jn.5:1-9):
 - 1) A word of knowledge opens up the way for a gift of healing.
 - 2) **DISCUSS:** Which method(s) did Jesus use?
 - b. Paul heals the **lame man at Lystra** (Acts 14:8-10):
 - 1) A **word of knowledge** leads to the release of the **gift of faith**.
 - 2) **DISCUSS:** Which methods(s) did Paul use?
2. Three more illustrations:
 - a. Jesus heals the **man let down through the roof** (Mt.9:1-8)
 - 1) Word of knowledge: "your sins are forgiven" (v.2)
 - 2) Word of knowledge: "knowing their tho'ts" (v.4)
 - 3) Gift of healing: "Get up...and walk..." (v.6)
 - 4) **DISCUSS:** Which method(s) did Jesus use?
 - b. Peter heals the **man at the Beautiful Gate** (Acts 3:1-10)
 - 1) Revelation gift:
 - a) Why this man, this day? Jesus and apostles had passed by many times.
 - b) Peter "fixed his gaze" upon him." (v.2; note also: Acts 13:9, 14:9)
 - 2) Power gift:
 - a) vv.6-7 "In the name...taking him by the hand..
 - b) Which gift? Peter, "such as I have..."
 - 3) Proclamation of the gospel
 - 4) **DISCUSS:** Which method(s) did Peter use?
 - c. Peter raises **Tabitha** from the dead (Acts 9:39-42)
 - 1) Revelation:
 - a) See v.40: "Peter knelt and prayed."
 - b) Why? He needed to know His Father's will.
 - 2) Power:
 - a) "Tabitha, get up!" (V.40)
 - 3) **DISCUSS:** Which method(s) did Peter use?

HEALING FROM THE DEMONIC: DELIVERANCE

(Reading Assignment: *Healing from the Inside Out*, Chapter 9, pp.114-132)

Introduction:

I. THE DEVIL AND HIS ANGELS

NOTE: Since this is a 3rd year course, it is assumed that the student has a basic understanding of the biblical doctrines of demonology. However, in review we will say the following things:

A. Who is the devil, and who are the demons?

1. The devil
2. Demons

B. What are the characteristics of demons?

1. Their being
2. Their abilities
3. Their nature
4. Their organization
5. Their limitations

II. DEMONIC OBJECTIVES

A. To strike out at God

1. A hatred for God
2. Cannot strike at God directly
3. Seeks to hurt God by hurting the ones whom God loves

B. To steal, kill and destroy man

1. John 10:10

III. FORMS OF DEMONIC DOMINATION

A. Demonic possession

1. The NT Greek word for demon possession

B. Two forms of “demonic possession”

1. *Internal, called “possession”*
 - a. Define:
 - b. Example:

2. **External, called “bondage” or “affliction”**

- a. Define:
- b. Example:

C. Effects of demonic possession

1. Three arena’s of attack
 - a. On man’s spirit
 - b. On man’s soul (intellect, emotions, and will)
 - c. On man’s body
2. Can a Christian be demon possessed?
 - a. Cannot be internally possessed
 - b. Can be externally afflicted

D. Demonic bondage and affliction

1. Causes of demonic bondages

IV. THE DEFEAT OF THE DEVIL AND HIS ANGELS

A. Satan was totally defeated at Calvary

1. Jesus canceled the devil’s hold over the new creation (Jn.12:31; 16:11)
2. He disarmed death by His death (Heb.2:14).
3. He disarmed and triumphed over Satan and the ruling spirits at the cross(Col.2:15; 1Pet.3:2; 1Cor.2:6)

B. We have been delegated authority to defeat Satan

1. Christ now has all authority in heaven and in earth (Mt.28:18).
2. He has given His authority to be exercised through the church (Lk.10:19; 1Cor.2:8; Ro.16:20).

C. Conditions for the use of authority (Two conditions:)

1. Obedience (Jn.5:30)
2. Revelation (Jn.:519-20)

V. THE PROCESS OF DELIVERANCE

A. Casting out evil spirits

1. Being filled with the Spirit
2. Binding demons
3. Commanding the demons to come out
4. Commanding the demons not to reenter
5. Expect occasional resistance on the part of the demons
6. Sometimes there will be a physical struggle

7. Further ministry is often needed after the deliverance
 - a. Salvation

- b. Healing
 - c. Baptism in the Holy Spirit
 - d. Follow-up Counseling
8. There may be special keys in each situation

B. The breaking of bondages and afflictions (A combination of all or some of the following may be necessary:)

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- 1. Repentance and confession
 - 2. Renouncing
 - 3. Recognition of the demonic source of the problem
 - 4. Holy Spirit infilling
 - 5. A prophetic or revelation gift
 - 6. Renewing the mind through the Word, prayer in the Spirit, and fellowship.

VI. THE DELIVERANCE MINISTER (Qualities needed in:)

Conclusion