

THE JOY OF HEALING

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 A Purpose Fulfilled

- a. Joy is a peculiarly Christian word.
 - i. *Joy is something which is totally unique to a Christian because it is something that you can only experience when you have been born again.*
- b. God has a purpose for you and it is in the fulfilment of the purpose that God made you that you are going to know the greatest joy.
- c. Healing is about getting into that place where God can equip you to be the person that He wants you to be so that you can fulfil His kingdom purpose for your life
- d. The greatest joy anyone can experience is to walk in our destiny, to become the person God intended us to be. Then the joy of the Lord will be our strength.
 - i. *Why was it that Nehemiah was able to say that the joy of the Lord was his strength? Because he was fulfilling the purpose for which God made Him. Neh 8:10*
 - ii. *Irrespective of what the past has been we have a future in God which has the potential to be full of joy because the Lord is going to be our strength in fulfilling destiny.*

1.2 What is Healing?

- a. Healing is often misunderstood as dealing with physical symptoms.
- b. We define healing as the restoration of God's order in a person's life.

1.3 Why do I need healing?

- a. We all have been born into a fallen world and none of us has escaped.
 - i. *We do all need healing, because we all have sinned.*
 - ii. *We need to be healed of the consequences of the sin. 1Joh 1:9*
 - iii. *The Apostle Paul was under no illusion that unresolved sin issues in anyone's life have a way of manifesting themselves in sickness, and even in death 1Cor 11:30*

- b. Salvation restores our relationship with God but healing is necessary to set us free from the wounding of the past and bondages of the enemy.
- c. The Biblical understanding of healing is much broader than is often understood since it involves the whole of our being.
 - i. *The Greek word sozo was often used in reference to physical healing.* Mar5:34
 - ii. *Sometimes the Greek word sozo was used in reference to being delivered from evil spirits* Luk 8:36.
 - iii. *Frequently the Greek word sozo was used in reference to salvation.* Joh 10:9

2. UNDERSTANDING CREATED ORDER

2.1 The Nature of Man

- a. We are made in the image and likeness of God. Gen 1:27
- b. God created us as a spiritual being with a soul that exists within a body.
 - i. *God breathed into you His breath of life (your human spirit) and you became a living soul.* Gen 2:7
- c. The spirit God gave to each man and woman is the source of life and the driving force of every human being.
 - i. *Our spirit was given at conception and has had to grow, be nurtured and develop as we mature.*
 - ii. *Without godly nurture our spirit may be crushed or broken (or damaged in other ways) and so unable to fulfil its function.*
 - iii. *Our gender is also contained within our spirits, and thus the expression of our sexuality is not just physical but spiritual.*
 - iv. *The conscience is part of our human spirit.*
 - v. *Our spirit has a will which God intended to be in line with His will.*

- d. The soul is the person that you are - the living expression of your humanity that defines your existence in time and eternity.
 - i. *The primary motivating influences within the soul are the mind, with which we think, the emotions with which we react and the will with which we make decisions.*
- e. The body is a machine which is very complex.
- f. In any ministry of healing, we must be aware that the root cause of a person's condition could lie in any of the three areas of his being.
 - i. *What is happening in our soul is reflected in the body.*
 - ii. *The body is often a reflection of what is in the spirit. If one has gone on into spiritual deafness and refusing to hear what God is saying the body may exhibit what is in the spirit in deafness as physical deafness.*

2.2 Healing and the Law of God

- a. We need to understand that there are different meanings for the word "law" and there are different aspects of it.
- b. Jesus said that law is not going to pass away until all is fulfilled. Mat 5:18
 - i. *If it is not going to pass away we need to understand that which doesn't pass away is relevant to us.*
 - ii. *The "statutes of the Lord" are one of the aspects of law that we sometimes refer to as the law of God, but the statutes or commandments are not the law.* Psa 19:8
 - iii. *The law of gravity will not change until the end of all things, so any instruction that warns you of potential danger of walking off a cliff is grace rather than law.*
 - iv. *If you keep on walking, ignoring the statute or instruction, you will discover the law, the law of gravity.*
- c. In the same way, just as physical law doesn't discontinue the moment you become a Christian spiritual law doesn't just discontinue either.
 - i. *Spiritual law is higher than physical or material law because the physical comes out of the spiritual. God the Creator is Spirit.*
 - ii. *You and I are unique in that we are at the interface of the physical and the spiritual. Therefore, we are subject to both physical law and spiritual law.*

- iii. *The Ten Commandments are not the actual law. The commandments are the grace of God.*
- iv. *When Adam and Eve fell through disobedience to instruction they discovered law. They discovered the hard way the fundamental law that if you choose to obey another spiritual power, then that spiritual power has authority over you and will control you.*
- d. It is through what man gave away at The Fall that Satan is able to exercise his legal rights.
 - i. *If we give Satan authority in our lives, then one of the areas he will begin to influence us is with infirmity and sickness. Pro 3:7-8*
 - ii. *Many of the deep inner healing needs that people have are a direct result of them disobeying the statutes of God*
 - iii. *The instructions God has put in His Word are right and they give joy to the heart. Psa 19:8*
 - iv. *By divine law what happens in the spirit affects the soul, and what happens in the soul affects the body.*
 - v. *Like love, joy is not the product of the natural mind but the product of the supernatural presence of God the Holy Spirit indwelling our spirit.*
- e. If you are ministering to people are choosing not to walk in the commands of God they are actually going to undermine their healing.
 - i. *It is for this reason that healing and discipleship go hand in hand.*

2.3 The New Covenant

- a. As history has demonstrated our problem is that we are unable to keep the statutes we have been given through our own means.
 - i. *There is only One who has lived the Christian life perfectly. Heb 4:15*
- b. Jesus came so that we could be incorporated in Him. Joh 17: 23
- c. The solution is that you must die that Christ can live in you. Gal 2:20
- d. Reference book: *The Power of the Blood Covenant* by Malcolm Smith