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False Obstacles to Healing

5. Reaping my Own Wrong Doings

- Some people don't dare to come to God and ask for healing because their current sickness is the consequence of their own doing, of their own sowing. Ex: Went to sky and broke your leg, went to the pool and jumped from too high and broke your back, you smoked or drank all your life and now you have cancer.

Psalm 107:17–20 (NKJV)

¹⁷Fools, **because of their transgression**, and **because of their iniquities, were afflicted**.

¹⁸Their soul abhorred all manner of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.

¹⁹Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and **He saved them out of their distresses**.

²⁰**He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions**.

- Have you ever been afflicted because you were a fool? Have you ever pushed yourself too much or did something you weren't supposed to do? Maybe you succumbed to some ungodly pressure. However, even when the fools cried out to the Lord, HE saved them out of their distresses. He sent HIS POWERFUL WORD and healed them and delivered them from destruction. So, even when you sow your own destruction, God can make it so that you don't reap what you sow.

6. I Have Sin in My Life

- "I have sin in my life, that is why I don't get healed."
- All healing is by grace through faith in Christ alone. Sin will never be an obstacle against receiving healing.
- This applies both to the person ministering healing as well as to the person being ministered to.
- If sin was a hindrance to healing, nobody would be even saved, because sin was never a hindrance to salvation, and salvation was much more difficult to acquire. It required being resurrected. But sin wasn't an obstacle to God when we were dead in our trespasses. He made us alive in Christ when we were full of sin. The sick person does not necessarily need to have faith. Jesus always healed everybody regardless. Whenever the sick persons had faith, He used their faith. Otherwise, He used His faith.
- Let's say you go out on the street and witness Jesus to a person. You tell that person that she needs to get saved, Jesus died for her, and she can get saved. And the person says: "Well, you know I've been thinking about that, but I got to get my life cleaned up first." When you hear that, you immediately tell her: "No, no, you cannot clean your life up. You come to Him and He cleans you up. Come as you are." Isn't that right? Isn't that what we would say? Maybe we convince the

person, she gets saved, then comes to church. Then someone comes and preaches that God wants to heal. If you are sick, come down in front. So, that person who got saved has an illness of some sorts and comes to front. The preacher then asks her: "Is there any known sin in your life?" The person responds: "Well, you know, I just got saved, I already got rid of a lot of stuff, but there are still some things I'm dealing with." Then the preacher says: "Then go back and sit down, because you will not get healed until you get rid of those sins." Why is it then when people are all out there, everything is by grace, but when they come to church, it's all by works?

Mark 16:9–18 (NKJV)

⁹Now when He rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons.

¹⁰She went and told those who had been with Him, **as they mourned and wept.**

¹¹And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, **they did not believe.**

¹²After that, He appeared in another form to two of them as they walked and went into the country.

¹³And they went and told it to the rest, **but they did not believe them either.**

¹⁴Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and **He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart**, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen.

¹⁵And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

¹⁶He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

¹⁷And **these signs** will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;

¹⁸they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

- First, we clearly in this the disciples' unbelief 2 times. Jesus appears in front of them and rebukes them for their unbelief. However, He doesn't say that He will search for other people, but instead He sends them to preach the gospel. Why? It's not because they were smart or talented or full of faith, but they were all Jesus had and they were there. Jesus almost punishes them for their unbelief by sending them to preach.
- Second, notice that healing is a sign and not a reward. When God heals someone irrespective of their state, that attracts people to repentance. Healing is not a reward for holiness or good works.
- Third, the faith of the sick persons is not in play here. As long as I (the minister) believe and lay my hands over the sick persons, they will recover. Their faith is not necessary. If the sick persons believed or had faith, they don't need my hands. They can get well by themselves.
- Another thing that was done in the past by ministers is that they would connect sicknesses with certain specific sins and categorize them. For example, unforgiveness is a sin. If you have lower back pains, then there is unforgiveness in your life. If you have arthritis, it is because you have a bitter spirit. So, they say you need to get that bitterness out. This is wrong. I am not saying there's never any correlation, but the problem with that type of thinking and teaching is that the moment someone comes and says: "I have this problem", instantly you (who ministers) cease being their deliverer who God called you to be and start being their judge. You judge them by their sickness.
- Then there is this saying: "If there is a physical sickness, there has to be something in the spirit." That is not true. That could only be true, if you were not born again. But the moment you got born again, all things are passed away, all things have become new (2 Corinthians 5:17). Sickness has nothing to do with your spirit. There is nothing wrong with your spirit if you're born again.

- Many people don't think about the logical implications of a doctrine or about the end result of something they teach or do. And here is where systematic theology is important and comes into play. They usually don't take a teaching all the way to its natural conclusion. If a specific sin is the cause of a sickness, then if you are continuing to be sick and die, then it means that sin was not removed even if you asked for forgiveness since sickness remained and you died, so you die in your sins, and you're not born again and you go to hell. So, everyone dying of sickness, goes to hell. That's not what I believe, but that would be the natural result of saying that sin is the cause of sickness (of that line of thought). Yes, sin in general is the cause of all sickness, but the sickness doesn't have a legal right to remain in your body because of some sins in your life.
- You don't counsel demons, you cast them out. A simple command: "Come out!" is better than 24 hours of counseling.

John 9:1-7 (NKJV)

¹Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth.

²And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

³Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, **but that the works of God should be revealed in him.**

⁴I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.

⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

⁶When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay.

⁷And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.

- Some Christians might say that the blind man in the passage above was born by God intentionally blind just for the day when he would meet Jesus, so that Jesus would be shown in glorious light by this healing (v.3). Or they might say that sometimes sin or a generational curse is the cause of sickness.
- First, in the Greek there is no punctuation as we have in English and the translators chose to put the punctuation. What Jesus could have actually said in verse 3 was: *"It was neither that this man sinned, nor his parents. But so that the works of God might be displayed in him, 4 we must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work."*
- There could have been no period before verse 4, but a comma. And the meaning changes completely. If it is a comma, then Jesus is not saying (as many believe) that the blind man was born intentionally blind. What Jesus is saying is that no matter the case, as long as there is day, we must work the works of Him (meaning healing people in this case) and cause the works of God to be displayed in people.
- Second, the passage states clearly that the sickness in this case was not because the blind man's sins nor of his parents.
- Third, even if we go through that line of thought that sinful actions or generational curses (as some imply or think) must have been the cause for that blind man's sickness, we can see clearly that it did not stop Jesus. In the end, Jesus left the man healed nevertheless.

Luke 5:17-26 (NKJV)

¹⁷Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who

had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was present to heal them.

¹⁸Then behold, men brought on a bed a man who was paralyzed, whom they sought to bring in and lay before Him.

¹⁹And when they could not find how they might bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the housetop and let him down with his bed through the tiling into the midst before Jesus.

²⁰When He saw their faith, He said to him, **“Man, your sins are forgiven you.”**

- This paralyzed man let down through the roof in Capernaum needed first and foremost healing. However, what is the first thing that Jesus tells him? Man, your sins are forgiven you. Even if there were sins that caused his paralysis as a consequence, Jesus forgave them all and then healed the person.
- Another thought: we are representatives of Jesus Christ. Has Jesus ever tell a person: “I tell you what. God wants you free. But you have a problem here and until you get that fixed, I cannot help you.”? Did He ever say that? We are to look more like Him every day.

Ephesians 4:11–15 (NKJV)

¹¹And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

¹²for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

¹³till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

¹⁴that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

¹⁵but, speaking the truth in love, **may grow up in all things into Him** who is the head—Christ—

- We are to grow up in ALL THINGS INTO HIM, to be like Christ. And this growing is on this side while we are on earth, not on the other side. There won't be any growing into Christ in heaven. There won't be teachers and pastors and evangelists in heaven to help us grow. They are only here with this purpose. We need to come to the unity of the faith on earth, because in heaven will be really easy to be in unity.

James 5:13–16 (NKJV)

¹³Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms.

¹⁴Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

¹⁵And **the prayer of faith will save the sick**, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

¹⁶Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

- First, here are a few distinct cases/categories with distinct remedies/prescriptions:
 - Suffering/afflicted (in the soul) => Pray
 - Cheerful => Sing praises
 - Sick => Call the elders to pray over you and anoint you with oil
 - Committed sins => will be forgiven
- Second, we can see that suffering or affliction of the soul is a separate category from physical sickness. They are not one and the same.
- Third, notice in v. 15 that it says: “IF he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.” So, the idea that sin is the cause of a sickness is disproven here, because if there was a sin, there wouldn't be an “if”. Not every sickness is caused by a sin. But even if a sickness is caused by a sin, that sin is forgiven

immediately.

- Fourth, in the same verse 15, we can observe that the person is healed physically first and then his sins are forgiven. This is the order. Even in Jesus' sacrifice, healing came first (because we were healed by His stripes when He was whipped before the cross) and forgiveness of sins came after, by His blood when He died on the cross.

7. The Sick Person's Lack of Faith

- We are talking here about a sick person being ministered by someone else. Christians and non-Christians without faith for healing can be healed when Christians exercise kingdom authority. Every time a dead person is raised, it proves that the person being ministered to doesn't need to have faith.
- In Acts 3:1-16 (the healing of the man at the gate of the temple), who had faith in the name of Jesus? Peter, of course, and not the lame man.

8. The Lack of Prayer and Fasting

- While praying in tongues is important for being refreshed, and for releasing more faith, it is not necessary and it is not a direct requirement for you to heal the sick. Prayer helps you indirectly at being more confident, but it's not required for you to be able to heal the sick or cast out devils.
- There are 2 accounts in the gospel of the same situation that Christians sometimes use as an excuse that they didn't fast or prayed enough when they don't get results. These accounts are: Matthew 17:14-21 and Mark 9:14-29.

Matthew 17:14–21 (NKJV)

¹⁴And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying,

¹⁵“Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water.

¹⁶So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him.”

¹⁷Then Jesus answered and said, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me.”

¹⁸And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour.

¹⁹Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?”

²⁰So Jesus said to them, “Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.

²¹**However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.”**

Mark 9:14–29 (NKJV)

¹⁴And when He came to the disciples, He saw a great multitude around them, and scribes disputing with them.

¹⁵Immediately, when they saw Him, all the people were greatly amazed, and running to Him, greeted Him.

¹⁶And He asked the scribes, “What are you discussing with them?”

¹⁷Then one of the crowd answered and said, “Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit.

¹⁸And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not.”

¹⁹He answered him and said, “O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me.”

²⁰Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth.

²¹So He asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood.

²²And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.”

²³Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.”

²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!”

²⁵When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!”

²⁶Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, “He is dead.”

²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

²⁸And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?”

²⁹So He said to them, **“This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting.”**

- V.21,29 – This is one verse that people built a doctrine on all around. “Yep, in order to get all those demons out, you have to do prayer and fasting.” What other verse in the Bible says that in order to cast out demons, you need to pray and fast? Jesus said in My name, cast them out. And all of a sudden, they won’t go out unless you stop eating? “I will pass by the refrigerator today 14 times and then the demon will go out. “Is that the key? You don’t eat and the demons comes out? “Oh, no, he’s not eating!!! says the demon? I got to come out.”
- When Jesus said that that kind cannot go without fasting and prayer, He was referring to unbelief and not to the demons. This kind of unbelief cannot be overcome except through fasting and prayer. The direct cause was natural unbelief that comes through the five senses.
- If you read the same story in other gospels you will notice that even after Jesus spoke on the boy, he started manifesting and foaming, showing to be worse than before. That does harm on your faith, and can produce unbelief. You start acting in the natural and shouting louder. However, Jesus didn’t do that. He acted normal and didn’t repeat Himself. He said it only once and then stood on His command. In order to maintain that kind of firm faith, you need prayer and fasting.
- Prayer and fasting doesn’t give you more power or growth in faith, it just releases more of the power and faith that is already in you (in your spirit), by peeling off the layers and blockages of the mind stopping it. If you put your faith in prayer and fasting, then there will never be a time when you feel that you prayed or fasted enough, to be able to minister to the sick. It will always cause doubt in your mind.
- In Acts 3:1-16 (the healing of the lame man at the temple gate), Peter and John were going to the temple to pray. They knew the power and need of prayer and they were going regularly to pray. However, here they met the lame man before they prayed. There weren’t prayed up yet and they were still capable of healing the lame man.

9. The Lack of Financial Contribution

- You hear Christians say: “If you don’t tithe, God will take the tithe some other ways: hospital, doctors, car breakdowns, etc.” Are you serious? Do you see God that pitiful? That makes God like the mafia and the tithe becomes blackmail money to keep you healthy, extortion.

- Other ministers say that you need to sow money in order to receive healing. However, you cannot sow money for healing, because each seed produces after its own kind. Orange seeds produce oranges. Apple seeds produce apples. If you sow money, you will reap money. If you sow healing (by healing others) you will yourself reap healing. Actually this is another way of seeing healing results faster. Example: In Genesis 20:17, Abraham prayed to God for Abimelech, and he was healed together with his wife and female slaves and they bore children. God healed other hidden women of barrenness while his own wife was still barren. So, don't think that if you are barren you cannot pray for other barren women to conceive. Later on, Sarah also bore a child.
- The only 2 contexts in which the law of sowing and reaping is used in the New Testament is: finances and the word of God.