

Series: Divine Healing Series

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Introduction

- Question: which things in this world are usually counterfeited and why?
- Answer: Things of value. You will never hear of counterfeited toilet paper, but you will hear of counterfeited money, paintings, jewelry, diamonds, etc.
- Question: How are these valuable things counterfeited? What is the best fake?
- Answer: With something very similar and close to the original. The differences have to be very subtle and difficult to spot by the regular eye.
- In the same way, the devil counterfeits valuable principles from the Bible and he does that with something very similar, subtle, difficult to spot, but fake (wrong), unbiblical.
- There are 3 main areas of the gospel in which the devil has thrown so much confusion in the body of Christ, and by doing that, he managed to rob Christians of so many benefits. These areas are: divine physical healing, financial prosperity, and speaking in tongues.
- In this teaching series, I am going to talk about divine physical healing and I will always be referring to physical healing, and not to mental or spiritual healing.
- I will begin with 2 powerful statements, that we are going to prove from Bible throughout this whole teaching:
 - Divine physical healing – is freely and fully included in the Gospel, and in Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, side by side with forgiveness of sins, justification, and sanctification. The perfect will of God for those who are in Christ is to walk in continuous health both for themselves and for others, by healing anybody, anytime, anywhere. It's one of their birth rights.
 - Divine physical healing is an integral part of salvation, and of being born again. Justification and remission of sins is the salvation of the spirit, sanctification (or mind renewal) is salvation of the soul (mind, will and emotions), and physical healing is salvation of the physical body.
- Healing is what this series is all about. We are going to define divine healing, discuss about God's will on divine healing, then answer the usual objections to healing, describe false and valid obstacles to healing, and learn about how to believe, about the main law of the Kingdom, and about how to minister healing successfully.
- Why do we need to learn about this subject? The obvious reason is that almost anybody in the world seeks bodily health, and needs healing at least once in their life, and it is freely provided at

the cross for anyone who believes. Plus, there are so many sicknesses and diseases today that cannot be cured medically, but they can be cured supernaturally.

Foundational Truths & Definitions

1. The Word Is the Final Authority

- The word of God is the final authority in any area of our lives. There will always be a conflict, and a gap, between what the word of God says and what experience (what we see, what we feel) says. However, we shouldn't let experience interpret (dictate) the Bible, but let the Bible interpret experience.
- The same gap has been between Jesus and the religious people. And the same it is today. When I say religious people, I also refer to Christians. Many Christians interpret the Bible according to their experience, instead of enforcing the Bible to change the experience.

Isaiah 55:11 (NKJV)

¹¹So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; **It shall not return to Me void**, But **it shall accomplish** what I please, And **it shall prosper** in the thing for which I sent it.

- God always speaks on purpose. He never makes waste of words like us. Everything He says, He expects it to come to pass. When He said in 1 Peter 2:24 that by Jesus' stripes we were healed, He expects it to come to pass in our lives. The word of God will ALWAYS work, and accomplish everything that was sent for. It will succeed.

Numbers 23:19 (NKJV)

¹⁹"God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?"

- God NEVER says something and then changes His mind. NEVER! Once He said it, it's eternal and forever being fulfilled!

Mark 13:31 (NKJV)

³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but **My words will by no means pass away**.

- The words that God speaks at one time, remain forever in place. They don't pass away.

Psalms 119:89 (NKJV)

⁸⁹Forever, O LORD, Your word **is settled** in heaven.

- The word of God is forever settled (decided, firm, established) in the heavenly realm. There is no change or doubt about it. There is no angel or heavenly creature doubting that the words of God will not come to pass. What God said remains valid and works forever. But that word is not yet settled on earth. We need to enforce it and settle it on earth as it is in heaven.

Matthew 6:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰Your kingdom come. **Your will be done On earth** as it is in heaven.

- Jesus says: "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." God's will needs to happen on the earth

as it is in heaven.

Psalm 138:2 (NKJV)

²I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise Your name For Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For **You have magnified Your word above all Your name.**

- A person's reputation is dependent on how much that person keeps his/her word when he says something. In other words, your name is as good as how much you keep your word. Haven't you met people that said big things and promised things, but about whom you knew in that moment that their word doesn't mean anything, because they don't usually keep their word?
- God is God as much as He keeps His word. If God doesn't keep His word, He is not God anymore. He must keep His word. God doesn't get to pick or choose which words to keep or not. God had the right and the ability to pick the words that He wanted to say. But once He said them, He doesn't have the right to pick which words He will uphold. So, He chooses His words carefully and He only says that which He will do.
- Remember king Darius and Daniel in Daniel 6 how king Darius couldn't take his decree and word back to save Daniel from the lion's den. Then remember king Herod in Mark 6 when Herodias' daughter danced and he promised her with an oath anything and she asked for John the Baptist's head. The Bible says that they were both greatly distressed, but they couldn't take back their word. If earthly kings were like that, imagine how much God is like that. He can NEVER take back His word or change His mind.
- In the Old Testament, God revealed Himself and His character to people progressively. He revealed what He wanted to be to them on a regular basis, by using different names like: Elohim (God creator, mighty and strong), El Shaddai (God Almighty), Adonai (Lord), Yahweh-Jireh (The Lord will provide), Yahweh-Rapha (The Lord who heals), Yahweh-Nissi (The Lord our banner), Yahweh-Shalom (The Lord our peace), etc. To say that God doesn't heal anymore is to say that God changed His character. His word encapsulates all His names, all of His character.

Malachi 3:6 (NKJV)

⁶"For I am the LORD, **I do not change**; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob."

- The passage above says in other words: "Sons of Jacob, you are lucky I don't change. Otherwise you would be consumed by now." So, God doesn't change.

Hebrews 13:8 (NKJV)

⁸Jesus Christ **is the same** yesterday, today, and forever.

- Jesus Christ is the same all the time. There is a difference between truth and fact. Facts can be seen by anybody. Truth is truth regardless of the facts. God's word is truth. A doctor can look at your report or your x-ray, and he can give you the facts. But he might not have the truth. And if you stand on the truth, the facts will change. Now, people want to take what their body tells them as truth rather than facts, as if their body cannot change. And yet, if you took a look at a picture with you from 20 years ago, you would have to admit that facts have changed.

John 1:1-4 (NKJV)

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God.**

²He was in the beginning with God.

³**All things were made through Him**, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

⁴**In Him was life**, and the life was the light of men.

- Can you imagine that the word God has spoken about healing to us is the same word that was from the beginning, with which God created all things and the whole world? That same word has life. The word about healing has exactly the same power as the word that created the world. It's just sitting there in the atmosphere (in the spiritual world) waiting to be used to heal the sick, by being believed and spoken.

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV)

¹²For the word of God **is living and powerful (active)**, and **sharper than any two-edged sword**, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

- The word of God is a living entity, it's alive and active, ready to be used by being believed and spoken. The word of God is also a powerful weapon, it's a sharp and cutting double-edged sword. You can cut sickness and cancer with it, you can cut poverty and debt, etc.

Matthew 22:29 (NKJV)

²⁹Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God.

- You have to know both the Scriptures and the power of God in order to not go in error. If you know just the Scriptures, you will error. If you know just the power of God, but not the Scriptures, then again you might error.