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Foundational Truths & Definitions

2. The New Creation Mindset

- **Clarification:** The righteousness of the Old Testament is different from the righteousness of the New Testament. In the Old Testament people were considered and called righteous depending on their response to the level of revelation of God. They were not righteous by birth or by nature like in the New Testament. For example, Abraham was called righteous because he responded with faith to the promises of God (righteousness was imputed to him, but he was still a servant by nature, under the authority of darkness). The people of Israel were righteous by works, by the level of their obedience to the Law, but their righteousness was not by nature, it was not inside of them.
- In a similar manner, the people of Israel in the Old Testament were the chosen people of God, they were called often the children of God, but they were not children by spiritual birth. They were children by election. In the New Testament, the new creation is a son or daughter of God by spiritual recreation.

John 1:12–13 (NKJV)

¹²But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right **to become children of God**, to those who believe in His name:
¹³**who were born**, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, **but of God**.

John 3:5 (NKJV)

⁵Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, **unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God**.

3. What Is Divine Physical Healing?

- Divine physical healing is not God directing the doctors' hands. Maybe he will get a word of knowledge or something, but that is not divine healing.
- Divine healing is not connected to exercise, diet and nutrition. That doesn't mean you shouldn't exercise or eat right.
- Divine healing is not immortality. Just because you were healed, it doesn't mean you will live forever. The physical body needs to be replaced sooner or later with a glorified body. Everybody that was healed by Jesus, later died.
- Divine healing in full manifestation is continuous health (immunity to sickness); less and less sicknesses can stick on you.
- Divine healing is the power of God working within a person's body to remove sickness or disease and/or to repair the part of a human body that has been affected by sickness, disease, or demonic influence.

- If people continue to do what they did to get sick the first time, the sickness may come back on them.

God's Will on Healing

1. Why Did Jesus Heal?

- Why did Jesus heal? Some say that He healed to prove that He was God, and that doesn't apply to us today. Well, if He healed to prove that He was God, then the 12 or the 70 disciples were gods too, because they also healed. **He did not heal to prove that He was God.**
- Philippians 2:7 says that Jesus emptied Himself of everything that He had which would have made Him God on the earth. He didn't use anything that any other human couldn't use. He functioned as an Old Testament man who was in right relationship with God and under the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

John 10:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. ***I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.***

- If Jesus came to give us life abundantly, then it must be God's will that we have life, and even life in abundance. If we look at the first part of the verse, then it must be God's will that we are not stolen from, and that we are not killed nor destroyed.
- The life of God that Jesus came to give to us can be used in different ways or manifestations. Example: The electric power is used by us for different purposes according to the need: lighting system in a house, hair-dryer, oven, electronic devices like computers, video cameras, etc. The same is with the life of God. It can be used for: health, peace, wisdom, prosperity, joy, etc.
- **Jesus healed because He wanted to give us life in abundance, and physical healing is included in that life.**

1 John 3:8 (NKJV)

⁸He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. ***For this purpose*** the Son of God was manifested, ***that He might destroy the works of the devil.***

- Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil. So, when He healed He destroyed sickness which was a work of the devil. **The third reason Jesus healed was to destroy the works of the devil.**

Acts 10:38 (NKJV)

³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, ***for God was with Him.***

- Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit and power and He went healing all who were oppressed by the devil. He was able to do that because the verse says GOD WAS WITH HIM. That means it must have been God's will for Him to heal. **Fourth, Jesus healed the people because it was God's will to do so.**

Matthew 9:35–10:1 (NKJV)

³⁵Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and **healing every sickness and every disease among the people.**

³⁶But **when He saw** the multitudes, **He was moved with compassion for them**, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

³⁷Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

³⁸Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”

¹And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.

- What caused Jesus to give power over unclean spirits to His disciples? It was compassion for people when He saw them. That is what moved Him to do so. It doesn't say anywhere here that God told Him to do it, or God led Him to do it, and still we know that Jesus was always led by the Holy Spirit in everything He did.

Matthew 14:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and **He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.**

- Now we see here that a multitude of people were healed by Jesus because He was moved with compassion towards them.

Matthew 20:29–34 (NKJV)

²⁹Now as they went out of Jericho, a great multitude followed Him.

³⁰And behold, two blind men sitting by the road, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying, “**Have mercy on us**, O Lord, Son of David!”

³¹Then the multitude warned them that they should be quiet; but they cried out all the more, saying, “**Have mercy on us**, O Lord, Son of David!”

³²So Jesus stood still and called them, and said, “What do you want Me to do for you?”

³³They said to Him, “Lord, that our eyes may be opened.”

³⁴So **Jesus had compassion and touched their eyes.** And immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him.

- These two blind men got healed because of compassion. I don't like the term 'pity' that ESV translation used instead of compassion, because usually pity manifests whenever you cannot do anything to help the person while compassion does something, as Jesus did. You cannot say that He was led specifically to heal them, because Jesus was going His way, and these blind men stopped Him. But He was moved with emotion, with compassion and healed them. And that was in the will of God.
- **So, the fifth big reason why Jesus healed was COMPASSION.** Let's see a few more passages about this.

Mark 1:40–42 (NKJV)

⁴⁰Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, “If You are willing, You can make me clean.”

⁴¹Then Jesus, **moved with compassion**, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, “I am willing; be cleansed.”

⁴²As soon as He had spoken, immediately the leprosy left him, and **he was cleansed.**

Mark 5:18–20 (NKJV)

¹⁸And when He got into the boat, he who had been demon-possessed begged Him that he might be with Him.

¹⁹However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, “Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and **how He has had compassion on you.**”

²⁰And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all marveled.

Luke 7:11–15 (NKJV)

¹¹Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd.

¹²And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her.

¹³When the Lord saw her, **He had compassion on her** and said to her, "Do not weep."

¹⁴Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise."

¹⁵So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother.

- Jesus didn't have compassion on the dead boy, but on the mother. Then He said to the young man to rise. Here we see that compassion on a third party, got this young man risen.
- What I am trying to help you see here is that Jesus' mode of operation goes completely against how we think we have to operate.

2. Healing in the Old Testament

- Healing has been God's will from the beginning, it's not something new in the New Testament. And if healing was God's will in the Old Covenant, all the more it will be in the New Covenant, because the New Covenant is a better covenant and was established on better promises.

Hebrews 8:6 (NKJV)

⁶But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of **a better covenant**, which was established on **better promises**.

Exodus 23:25 (NKJV)

²⁵"So you shall serve the LORD your God, and **He will bless your bread and your water**. And **I will take sickness away** from the midst of you.

- Even when you eat processed food, God blesses your bread and your water. Moreover, right in the middle of the verse, God changes persons from 'He' to 'I' and says that if something that you ate caused sickness to come, I will take it away from the midst of you.
- Does this verse say that God might do it? Or that He does it sometimes, but He doesn't do it other times? Or that He might do it for some people that serve the Lord, but He won't do it for other people that serve the Lord? No, He says it for everybody: **I WILL TAKE SICKNESS AWAY** from you. Don't you love those 2 words: **I WILL**?
- Somebody might say: I know God can heal me, I just don't know if He will. Now, that's something that we have a struggle with in the body of Christ believing, and because we have a struggle believing, that word is ripped out of our hearts, and we're constantly in the body of Christ in a state of unbelief, not believing the promises. And the Bible teaches that when you're in unbelief, you don't get to cross the Jordan. It will not happen to you. Only the people that can refrain and keep their heart with all diligence are going to be able to see this.
- Did anyone twist God's arm when He said that (**I WILL**)? No. You know why He said that? Because He loves us. That's His heart, His will.

Exodus 15:26 (NKJV)

²⁶and said, "If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, **I will put none of the diseases** on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For **I am the LORD who heals you.**"

- Even though in the Old Testament, health and healing were conditioned by people's obedience to God commandments, we can still see God's heart and willingness to always heal His people. In the New Testament, all the conditions have been met by Christ and all the commandments of the Law have been obeyed by Him, so that the new creation has free access to healing.

Deuteronomy 8:4 (NKJV)

⁴Your garments did not wear out on you, nor **did your foot swell these forty years.**

Nehemiah 9:21 (NKJV)

²¹Forty years **You sustained them** in the wilderness; they lacked nothing; their clothes did not wear out and **their feet did not swell.**

- For forty years in the wilderness, God provided health to His people and their feet didn't swell, neither they got infected from so much walking.

Psalms 91:1-11 (NKJV)

¹He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

²**I will say** of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust."

³**Surely He shall deliver you** from the snare of the fowler and from the **perilous pestilence.**

⁴He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; **His truth shall be your shield** and buckler.

⁵**You shall not be afraid** of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day,

⁶Nor of **the pestilence** that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.

⁷A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but **it shall not come near you.**

⁸Only with your eyes shall you look, and see the reward of the wicked.

⁹Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge, even the Most High, your dwelling place,

¹⁰**No evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;**

¹¹For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in **all your ways.**

- What do you say of the Lord? Just that You will trust Him to do whatever He thinks best? No, His truth is your shield. No evil or pestilence (sickness) or plague will come near your dwelling and He will keep you in ALL your ways.

Psalms 105:37 (NKJV)

³⁷He also brought them out with silver and gold, and **there was none feeble among His tribes.**

- When God brought the people of Israel out of Egypt, they were all healthy and strong because of God. There was none feeble or weak among them.

Psalms 107:20 (NKJV)

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

- Whenever the people of Israel cried to the Lord, He sent His word and healed them.

Psalms 103:2-3 (NKJV)

²Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:

³Who forgives all your iniquities, **who heals all your diseases,**

- All His benefits include remission of all sins and healing of all diseases. Even from the Old Testament we can see that forgiveness of sins and healing of sicknesses are on the same place and God is more than willing to grant them both all the time.
- There are no sins too big to not be forgiven by God. He forgives ALL our sins. In the same way, He heals ALL our diseases. If He doesn't heal ALL our diseases, then He also doesn't forgive ALL our sins.