

Chapter Seven

Two Parts To Healing

Now concerning healing, there are two parts. Part one is learning to exercise our spiritual authority over darkness (and infirmity is darkness!). But the second part is in knowing how to apply that authority. Knowing how to apply that authority requires learning how to receive revelation from the Lord. It involves learning to hear His voice and standing on what He tells us regardless of what the experts are telling us, or what we see with our eyes. We must learn to insist on the truth of the *rhema* revelation we have received. That is the mechanism behind Luke 1:36-37 wherein Mary is told by the angel that no "thing" (*rhema* revelation) is impossible with God.

Combine spiritual authority with faith in the *rhema* revelation word that one has received about their situation, and we have a miracle performed by the Holy Spirit (Who is still brooding upon the revelation waters as in Genesis 1:2, waiting to carry out the *rhema* Word when it is spoken). Mary's response to her revelation from the angel Gabriel was, "Be it unto me according to thy *rhema*".

So the question is not, "Why doesn't God heal me in a holy zap of spiritual power?" The question is, "When will I get to the place of believing the written Word that guarantees that the healing has already been made available (I Peter 2:24), **and** the *rhema* Word that God will speak into every heart which has learned to dwell in the healing and the protection afforded in secret place of the Most High?"

Psalm 91:1-2, 5-9

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation.

As noted at the end of the previous chapter, Jeremiah 33:3 and James 1:5 both declare that the Lord will answer us and give us the wisdom we need when we call out to Him. Proverbs 3:5 and 6 promise that He will direct our steps when we do not lean on our own understanding. The problem with a complaining, frustrated, or anxious heart is that it is incapable of leaning on the Lord at that moment. The peace that passes all understanding has given way to self-focus and problem preoccupation, and their noise deafens the Master's still small voice.

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How Can I Get My Healing From God?

In this place of frustration, we can learn a lesson from Cain. Cain found himself in a place of being too proud to access God's blessings by coming to Him on His terms.¹ Put another way, He was too self-reliant to seek or take God's advice on how to accomplish his assignment correctly. Stubbornness didn't end with Cain. It occurs each time a believer chooses their own path to healing instead of God's path.

Worriers, blame-shifters, and self-pity'ers all have the same problem as Cain with their pride. This is because all self-focus, self-consciousness, self-reliance, and self-pity reduces down to a single common denominator. Satan uses "self" to defeat ourselves. It is his most effective weapon. Fellowship with Jesus Christ and with the Father through the magnificent connection of the Holy Spirit is the greatest antidote to the idol of self. *He that dwells in the secret place of the most High...*this is the starting place for faith-gathering manna. "Self" never can get into this place.

Once again, I must emphasize that God's path for your healing might be through a medicine or a medical doctor.² But idolatry and stubborn self-reliance to go to the hand of man before going to

¹ *Genesis 4:5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect, And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? And why is thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? And if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.*

² However, we do well to question the value of alternative therapies and eastern medical practice such as "muscle testing," Reikki therapy, aroma therapy, yoga meditation, transcendental meditation, acupuncture, and any other practice which relies upon balancing good and evil, energy auras and forces, etc. These are all forms of spiritualism, and have the same spiritual origin as tarot cards, ouija boards, palm lines, fortune telling, etc. How so?

Two principles must be kept in mind when discerning what healing is from God our Father, and what is from the god of this world, satan. First, all humanly **non**-reproducible effects and powers come from spiritual (rather than physical) sources. God established physical laws which work each and every time. So something that violates such a physical law is automatically not of the physical, it is of the spiritual, and will therefore involve spiritual, i.e. a supernatural, power.

Second, not all spiritual power is from God our Father. Therefore scientifically reproducible causes and effects of God's design and function of the human body as studied by modern western medical practice is a generally legitimate extension of human dominion given to mankind by God. This is not to say that reliance upon these methods at the hand of man is automatically good (unless directed by the counsel of God), but it is to say that such practices at least do not require a demonic supernatural power to operate. Dabbling (even inadvertently without spiritual understanding) with spiritual power inherent in alternative spiritualistic therapies that are not scientifically reproducible according to Godly laws of form and function, will always be reliant upon evil spirits for their effects. Spiritual power can only come from one of two sources, God or the devil. That they may actually have a seemingly positive effect is why such spiritual powers become accepted. But the truth is, influences of demonic power is not from God and it always comes with the price of shortened life, sometimes very quickly.

Psychic surgery (from the Philippines) is obvious in this category, but the growing acceptance of other equally demonic alternative healing therapies is often because their true source is not so obvious. Many times, a pseudo scientific explanation is offered to explain a demonic effect. This happens in kinesiology or "muscle testing" when certain herbs are brought into contact with a patient, and an effect is observed. The theoretical explanation given by practitioners of this therapy is that a micro-electrical balance is disturbed, causing an effect that is different for each herb. However, as any scientific mind would know,

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God will produce spiritual consequences. God is always **for** your healing, but He has a plan for you to get it, and you can access this plan according to your willingness to first ask Him in faith, and hear His solution into your spirit. Failure to go to God and get His specific revelation for your healing, and instead seeking your own healing, will never enable God's perfect plan for your healing to occur. It is like Cain doing his own plan of sacrifice.

Be aware that God is always speaking (Hebrews 12:25; Psalm 29; Deuteronomy 8:3; Matthew 4:4) to you. His constant stream of speaking *rhema* words is how the universe stays in operation, according to Hebrews 1:3. It is delivered to us by the Holy Spirit anytime we choose to connect to His still, small voice. In hearing, believing, and obeying His voice is healing. When we dwell in the secret place of the Most High, the place of rest that Hebrews declares we must labor to enter, we will learn to hear Him well. Let Him lead you beside the still waters, because that is the place where He will restore your soul (Psalm 23: 2-3). Our response to His revelation manna should always be as Mary's, "Be it unto me, according to your *rhema*, Lord."

Get Over Being a Dull Hearer

Dullness in learning how to exercise our spiritual authority and dullness in hearing and obeying the voice of the Lord precisely in a crisis is one reason why some people get their healing in layers instead of immediately. Sins such as unforgiveness toward others, resentment and bitterness -- these also play a big part in preventing healing. But then, they also play a big part in keeping hearts hard, thus preventing hearing Jesus speaking to us.³ Hence the hearing and obeying part of the relationship with the Lord is undermined. With no revelation, Jericho's walls will remain standing against the healing in a person's life.

no electrical transmission can jump across insulating plastic pill bottles. So what is the true source of the muscle testing phenomena? Demonic spirits which exercise a supernatural effect. They are not from God, and operating through them comes at a great price. To dabble in such demonic arts is to fall into the same sorcery that King Saul encountered with the witch of Endor. It cost him a dear price -- his life.

³ *Hebrews 3: 7-8 Wherefore as the Holy Ghost saith, Today if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your hearts as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness:*

See also Hebrews 3:19-4:11 and Palm 95:7-11 where this verse is repeated a total of three more times. Can God possibly emphasize this truth any more than He already has?

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