

*Chapter Nine*

***Spirit-Based Problems Need Spirit-of-God Solutions***

If our malady came from an afflicting spirit, it can often only be overcome by spiritual means. For example, if bloodline curses are causing generational weaknesses, they will only be able to be eliminated through repentance, breaking the authority of those curses, declaring and receiving the healing of God.

A common medical practice is to render a diagnosis. We must realize the power that exists in pronouncing such words. In effect, a diagnosis is a prophecy. How the recipient receives such a prophetic word will determine how successfully they will apply faith in the promises of God's healing. God's Word is prophetic and true, and it is more powerful than medical prophecy. Which words you confess in any given situation determines which words dominate. The words trigger which spiritual authority will become energized.

Dealing with the spiritual roots of disease is a lot different than merely identifying its physical effects. Why? Because spirit does not respond to medical science.<sup>1</sup> I'm not knocking medical science, I'm simply highlighting the necessity to deal with spiritual causes which often generate physical conditions. Remember, Ephesians 6:12 clearly tells us that the origin of our wrestling afflictions is not physical, but spiritual:

*Ephesians 6:12*

*For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

Satan steals, kills, and destroys.<sup>2</sup> That is his primary focus. Health issues are among his frequent methods. In the medical science focus of our culture, we have largely forgotten that healing is first spiritual before it is physical. Thus while the hand of man can perhaps admirably deal with what can be seen and analyzed amid the wonderful physical creation of God, it is often poorly equipped to deal with the spiritual causes that underlie physical health.

These causes are more spiritual in origin than medical science may realize. Spiritual roots may manifest themselves in matters of the soul such as stress, emotional wounded-ness, bitterness, unforgiveness, curses, generational sins, immoral choices, disobedience to God's Word, etc. And they may also include matters of the spirit such as curses on a bloodline, soul ties, occultic curses,

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<sup>1</sup> Almost categorically, undiagnosable sickness will be sourced in an evil spirit. What is not explainable by observing natural, God-designed physical laws is most often from the spiritual realm. Deal with the spirit, and healing will occur. Understandably, until it is dealt with, little of modern health science actions can be expected to have significant positive effect when the cause is spiritual. "Unexplainable" sickness and disease is very discernable by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>2</sup> *John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*

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## *How Can I Get My Healing From God?*

etc. All of these impact human health to a far greater degree than medical science can know or quantify.

In Canada I was ministering to a man who had asked for prayer for scoliosis of the spine. He could not raise his hands above his shoulders, and most of his older family members had the same problem or worse. As I spoke what the Lord gave me to say to him, and proclaimed God's authority over his spine and shoulders, the shoulders released and he was able to raise his hands high over his head and praise God! He was so happy. But this wasn't the only miracle for this family that night.

That day I had been teaching a seminar in this man's church. The seminar was about the relationship between forgiveness and physical healing. The man who was healed of his scoliosis had a mother who was even more painfully afflicted. Her stature was curved over at the top of her shoulders and neck into a semi-humped back condition. It had been years since she could recall a night's sleep without severe back pain.

As she drove home that night thinking about what had been taught that day about forgiveness, and about her son's healing, the Lord convicted her of deeply rooted unforgiveness in her own heart. For many years she had harbored a bitterness that had lasted for years. She realized she had no choice but to forgive. Tentatively (which is sometimes all that a person who is bound by unforgiveness might be able to muster up at the time), she chose to forgive her bitterness.<sup>3</sup>

At that moment, she felt something happen in her back. When she stepped out of the car, she realized that she was taller. And she was! Her scoliosis was gone, and her back had straightened up by two inches. That night she had the best sleep she could ever remember. She told her testimony over and over the next Sunday morning, proclaiming what God did to heal her!<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> When we choose to forgive someone (or to forgive our own selves) we must remember that we are not condoning their wrong actions. We are simply deciding to operate a spiritually mandated requirement to forgive them. I call this "closing the front door on satan." But there is a back door which also must be closed. The back door is the unforgiving attitude of our own heart that we have held in the situation against the other person. In choosing to forgive, we enable the promise of healing to come to us, and we close the door to satan's authority to bring negative consequences to us from that unforgiveness. Forgiveness is not even so much about the perpetrator as it is about releasing our own selves from satanic spiritual authority. The reader is encouraged to study 2 Corinthians 2: 10-11; Ephesians 4:26-27; Hebrews 12:15; Matthew 6: 14-15 to gain a fuller understanding of this principle.

<sup>4</sup> Telling someone what God did for you is often a very important part of keeping your healing.

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