

Chapter Eleven

No Temptation Is Beyond Jesus

If you are experiencing a serious, perhaps even crippling health problem, and it seems that time is running out, that there is no hope, or that you have lost the will to keep fighting, cheer up. Jesus has been there! If you are condemning yourself for having inadequate faith to receive healing, Jesus has been there too. He is willing to take the time to teach you how to be an overcomer if you have the will to persevere. And even if you no longer have the will to keep fighting, He can give you even the will to will to keep going if you ask Him. He loves you. He wants you to have all the blessings which He died in order to give to you. You are so precious to Him! All He waits for is for you to humble yourself and ask Him.

God knows all about working in the middle of crises. He knows all about how to help His people receive His blessings, and He's not doing it in vain, racing against the clock. He established the principles of His Word and He doesn't violate them. When we learn how to receive from Him, we get the results. It's not mere mechanics. It is not law, and it's not simply knowledge. Receiving our covenant healing hinges on developing faith as a child, and doing what He says precisely. When it comes to gaining our healing, we must learn to build a relationship with the Master Physician, Jesus Christ. And that is all about grace. Where we lack faith, we can always ask Him for help with our faith! After all, He is the Author and Finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2).

Getting mad or angry at God, and frustrated with our circumstances, is as counterproductive to faith as believing that God wants a person to remain crippled and chooses to heal some and not others. This is not God's way for any of His people! This is why relationship with Jesus Christ is so necessary -- He meets us at the dinner table when we open the door to His knock.

Jesus, the Son of God, has no favorites, and God has no favorites. He'll give us the battle plan as Captain of the Host, as He did for Joshua, in order for us to take down the Jericho walls in our Promised Land of all spiritual blessings (Ephesians 1:3). Hosea 4:6 tells us that "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." Jesus is still the Master Teacher, and He will gently teach the revelation *rhema* knowledge needed for the way of escape if we draw near and let Him.¹

Learning To Live By Every Word

God won't let us graduate from our wilderness wandering until we learn to live by every word (*rhema*) which proceeds out of His mouth (Matthew 4:4). This is clear from Deuteronomy 8:1-3. Not learning to hear, we stay in the wilderness and die there (Joshua 5:6). There is no magic spiritual bullet. There is only relationship with Jesus Christ, and that takes time, humility, and

¹ *I Corinthians 10:13-14 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it. Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.*

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How Can I Get My Healing From God?

hunger to develop. It starts on our knees with praise and worship, repentance and stillness to listen.

Have we gotten to the place of being thankful to the Lord, and have we learned to praise God for our condition even in the midst of our trial? Psalm 8:2 speaks to this. If not, there are awesome principles to be learned from a little book by Merlin Carothers called "Prison to Praise," and Charles Caps' book "The Tongue: A Creative Force." These books are easily found on the internet or in a good Christian bookstore.²

Psalm 8:2

Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

Matthew 21:16

*And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings **thou hast perfected praise?***

Notice what these two verses are saying as we compare them together. Perfect praise is a weapon to still our enemy! Can a person choose to praise God, even when they are in pain? Yes, and when they do so from the heart, God stills their enemy. Make no mistake – sickness, disease and infirmity are always our enemy.

John G. Lake discovered the truth that sickness is a device of satan one day when, in anguish over his wife's terminal sickness, he threw his Bible against the mantle of his fireplace. He walked over to it's pages that had flopped open on the floor, and the following verse leaped off the page and into His heart:

Acts 10:38

*How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and **healing all that were oppressed of the devil;** for God was with him.*

It was this verse that spoke to John Lake's heart, and helped him gain a powerful new understanding – that all sickness is oppression, and all oppression is of the devil. This helped him get out of the commonly heard "Lord if it be Thy will" doctrine of devils. We already know what God's will is regarding healing from His many Scriptural promises.

From this verse, Lake's passion was stirred against the devil. He repented of his ignorance and spiritual complacency. It fired up his spiritual authority and praise. The next day before family and friends, he declared the words that the Lord gave him at that moment for his wife's healing, and she arose for the first time in many months, and danced on her bed! They both became

² Many readers might be tempted to pass over this suggestion, but if they would stop and actually order these books now from any convenient place of their choice, they will enable tremendously important learning. Most readers will be tempted not to bother pursuing this suggestion, and this is precisely why so many people fail to gain the promises of God in other areas of their lives. Line upon line, precept upon precept.....these recommended books contain vital precepts upon which greater faith and understanding can be enhanced for receiving one's healing.

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powerful healing evangelists in the early decades of the 1900's in both South Africa and the United States.

God has marvelously moved, and is already bringing deliverance as we move in faith toward Jesus. For those in pain, it can be an excruciating challenge. So let's look at how to walk in faith even in the midst of pain.

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