



Morning Life Ministries / What God is Saying

**“Get yourself up on a high mountain, O Zion, bearer of good news,
Lift up your voice mightily, O Jerusalem, bearer of good news;
Lift it up, do not fear. Say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!”
Behold, the Lord God will come with might, With His arm ruling for Him.
Behold, His reward is with Him And His recompense before Him.
~ Isaiah 40:9-10 NASB95 ~**

Hello partners and friends! Greetings and God Bless you in the Great Name of our Lord Jesus!

Back in early 2024, The Lord spoke to my heart in a time of prayer these words: *Month of Healing*. I thought to myself, Wow! That is great. And I was about to go on about my business, but realized that was not quite enough to go on. So I asked, "When, Lord?" He said, "August."

So each year we take the whole month of August to minister the Word on Healing from the Scripture. This year we will be focusing on how the Biblical words for Savior, Save and Salvation directly include Healer, Heal and Healing / Health.

No Christian would argue against Jesus being our Savior who saves and gives us salvation—but did you know the very words themselves also mean that Jesus is our Healer who Heals us and gives Health and Healing to our physical bodies.

I am so looking forward to what The Lord will do for you and all who will join us for our August Healing messages! They are all free—no cost means no excuse not to.

The physical body has been neglected, even *devalued*, by many believers in most circles. We, myself included at times, have made a mistake to emphasize the *spiritual* to the neglect of the *physical*. God cares about the condition of our physical bodies!

Jesus did not just go to the Cross spiritually—but *spirit* and *soul* and *body*! Therefore salvation occurs and redemption was paid for *spirit* and *soul* and *body*! We do not all have to have Olympian physiques or be in readiness to run a marathon tomorrow—but our bodies ought to be in good working order.

Below is an excerpt from one of our books on Divine Healing called 'Removing Paul's Thorn' that I want to share with you as we begin our Month of Healing.

Chapter 1

REMOVING THE STUMBLING BLOCKS

Remove, Believe, Receive

**And it will be said,
“Build up, build up, prepare the way,
Remove every obstacle out of the way of My people.”**
- Isaiah 57:14 NASB95

In the first half of this verse, we have the building up of and preparing for something good – *the way*. On the other hand, we have the removing of something bad, namely, *obstacles* in or on the way. The first is the building and preparing accomplished by the ministry of the Word to let us know what God has promised His people in His Word, the Bible. Secondly, there is the removal of obstacles, hindrances and blockages from the way, so people can boldly come to receive what God has promised them.

Another translation reads,

**And it will be said,
"Build up, build up, clear the way.
Remove the stumbling block out of the way [of the spiritual return] of My people."**
- Isaiah 57:14 The Amplified Bible

Along the proverbial way with God, there can be things in our hearts and minds that slow or even stop our forward progress. That is why God wants **"every obstacle"** and **"stumbling block"** removed, so His people's path to receive healing and every other provision from Heaven is unhindered.

Isaiah continues,

For thus says the high and exalted One
Who lives forever, whose name is Holy,
“I dwell on a high and holy place,
And also with the contrite [repentant] and lowly of spirit [humble]
In order to revive the spirit of the lowly [humble]
And to revive the heart of the contrite [repentant].
- Isaiah 57:15 NASB95 [brackets author's add]

Is it not amazing how **"our Father, who is in Heaven,"** a high and holy place, seeks to live intimately with mankind who dwell on the earth (see Matthew 6:9). However, He will not dwell with the proud or self-righteous. God dwells where He is allowed to be known as who He really is and only the humble and repentant will be able to see God as He is.

God will not force Himself upon us, no matter how much we need Him, no matter how much He has the answers to our situations. The more we let God be who He is in our lives, the more God will reveal Himself as He is in our lives. My father in the faith, Brother Greg Mullins, says it this way, "God does not respond to desperation. All the promises of God come through faith and patience." We read that in Scripture,

[11] "And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end, [12] so that you will not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises."

- Hebrews 6:11-12 NASB95

Understand, *desperation* comes from the Word *despair*, which is the opposite or perversion of Bible *hope*. Hope, as the Bible uses the word, is not a wish. It can involve desire, for the things we ought to be hoping for are desirable – but hope is greater than just what we want. Biblical Hope is a confident, joyful *expectation of good* from God. The Hebrew word for hope paints the picture of leaning forward in anticipation, looking for something that is coming.

Hope is different than faith, but they are connected. Faith is the confidence, the assurance of what we hope for (see Hebrews 11:1). That is why Hebrew 6:11 we just read says that we would, **"realize the full assurance of hope."** If we are in faith we have Bible hope. If we have faith and hope, there is nothing to despair about. Hallelujah! The promises of God's Word give us a sure hope on which to rest our faith.

Our faith in God allows Him to do what He wants to do in our lives. According to Isaiah 57:15, what God wants to do for us in dwelling with us – is Revive us! Hallelujah! **"In order to revive the spirit of the lowly, And to revive the heart of the contrite."** God wants to revive and quicken, He wants to heal, restore, resurrect and bring back to life!

Repentance and Humility

But there are two things specifically mentioned here we must have : *a contrite or repentant heart* and *a lowly, humble spirit*. Both of these are essential to the removal of hindrances to receiving from God. Removing these obstacles causes our faith to become effective and fruitful. Both of repentance and humility come together in a *teachable, childlike spirit*.

Repentance is not condemnation or being ashamed because of sin. It is a willingness to change when you see you have missed it or when improvements should be made. *Humility* here includes honesty and the attitude of submission to the truth. (We will talk more about the mighty Blessings of humility in a later chapter.) If we were incorrect about a thing, if we were believing lies about a thing – humility is honest enough to admit it and line up with the truth.

What is the incentive to repentance and humility? One benefit is that we can remove what is in the way of us receiving our healing.

You can see how complimentary repentance and humility are to each other. God does not change; He does not need to. Men have much changing to do. I have found over my few years of ministry and walking with God that making changes is 'the name of the game' so to speak. Heart changes, mind changes, mouth changes. *Change : it is the essence of repentance and we will only change according to our degree of our humility.*

So the building up of our faith and the preparing work of the Word opens the way for us to receive God's promises. But it requires, as early stages especially, repentant and humble hearts to allow God to remove the hindrances inside our heart and mind. Wrong believing and wrong thinking can get in the way of right receiving. Even if we have heard what God has promised from the Word, we can believe something else we have heard that contradicts the Word – if we choose to.

Just as Your Soul

Scripture reveals that most of the things men desire God to change on the outside actually begins first by our changing on the inside.

"Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

- 3 John 1:2 NKJV

Godly prosperity and physical health are a result of prospering in the soul. *A prosperous soul transforms our lives by the freedom that comes from abiding in the truth.* God's Word is truth (see John 17:17b).

When we understand God's ways, we see every time we have a breakthrough outside it comes back to a breakthrough inside. A very valuable lesson to learn is not to focus on the flow of good that you need or want on the outside, but to focus on the flow of Truth on the inside. The truth of His Word will set you free if you discipline yourself by it.

Every time I have allowed God to take me higher, it was because I corrected something somewhere according to His Word. Hallelujah! When I made an adjustment, there was a greater flow of God's help in whatever area that change was related to – health, marriage, finances, peace, ministry, etc. Many believers go their whole lives shocked and offended by correction, when we should be embracing it.

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Claire and I are still preparing for our 3 week trip to Kenya in September. The brothers and sisters in Africa are so excited about what The Lord is going to do! Oh the joys of faith and expectation we all share! We love you! Follow us on our website and facebook for updates.

Be Blessed!

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