

HEALING AND FAITH

Healing Virtue

All healing comes with the power of the Holy Spirit, through the Word of God. The Word of God, when taken into the soul through simple faith, becomes the power of God in your life to make you well, a whole being, body, soul, mind, and spirit.

Proverbs 4:20-22

20 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.

21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

22 For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

Faith

Acts 3:2-7

2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

3 Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.

4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.

5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

Just note what an attitude of expectancy brought to this man! New feet and ankle bones! It does not say this man had been saved before this happened, or that he was educated in the scriptures, or had any knowledge of God. Only that at that moment he exercised a great and mighty faith. That faith was given to him on the spot without any human intervention. All he had to do was feel the wonderful power of God as it flowed out from Peter and John and that was good enough for him. He did not have to understand it. All he had to do was receive it. There was no great shaking, no rending of garments, and no beating the air. Just a look and a word! And a man's life was transformed. Faith is the greatest power in this world. Think how much more faith can be generated by those of us who are already acquainted with God's word and ways! How much faith has gone unused and remained impotent within the breast of man because someone has hesitated to release it and go out on a limb for God?

Acts 3:16

16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

Mark 2:3-5

3 And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four.

4 And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay.

5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, **Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.**

The forwardness of these men disturbed certain of the scribes sitting there. It took their utmost determination, but they loved the praise of God more than of men. As Christians, we have the perfect right at any time to walk in where God is.

Hebrews 10:19-22

19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

21 And having an high priest over the house of God;

22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

Effective faith operates not on the past, not way out in the future, but HERE and NOW. This is an important principle in letting your faith work and be at work every day. Living faith does not put God out in the vague future, or in the past of what might have been, but keeps God working for you at this very moment. When Jesus raised Lazarus in John 11, it was the Lord's opportunity to show us how this principle works.

John 11:20-27

20 Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat still in the house.

21 Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

If! If thou hadst been here! Past tense. Her faith was in the past tense.

22 But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee.

23 Jesus saith unto her, **Thy brother shall rise again.**

Jesus knew that God is the God of NOW over every circumstance and impossibility, even of death itself.

24 Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.

At the last day! Future! And there was the actual Son of God standing before her at that moment with all the powers of life in His hands. All she could see was her present disappointment and when they took Jesus to Lazarus's grave, she could only seem to reason in the natural mind.

25 Jesus said unto her, **I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:**

26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

27 She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

Expect God to work for you NOW. Thank Him for already hearing you and look for the answer as assuredly as a child waits for milk from its' mother's breast. The child does not doubt that it will have milk. It has fullest faith that it will be fed when it is hungry. Why do we not have the same faith in our Heavenly Father? Is He not much better than a mother to us? Are we not called by His Name? If we ask of Him bread, will He give us a stone? How much more then, shall your Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him.