2Thess #81

The counterfeit system of healing and miracles.

We can open today in 1Corinthians chapter 11 RF.

Most Christians including many teachers and leaders, do not understand or want to really study the accuracy of supernatural signs, wonders or miracles. Which include prophecy, tongues, healing and miraculous power.

All the same type of category.

/**Believers often try to use God and are not being truly used by GOD**. Therefore, they kick against this type of teaching which is simply, correctly interpreting the WORD under the ICE principle.

**I** – isagogics; historical setting and context.

**C** – categorical; scripture must interpret scripture, line upon line – category upon category.

**E** – exegesis; focus upon grammar, syntax and etymology from original languages.\

If this is not the driving force behind studying the Bible along with the guidance of God the HS, you are not accurately handling the mind of CHRIST.

Much like our prayer life the category of healings, signs and wonders; whether it is prophecy, tongues or any supernatural event – is usually approached by what we desire… what we create in our own mind and not the mind of CHRIST.

 REPEAT

/Mat 26:42 He went away again a second time and prayed, saying, “My Father, if this *cup* cannot pass awayunless I drink *from* it, **Your** **will** **be** **done**.”

The whole concept of miracles and healings or supernatural events are seen in the accuracy of prayer by the humanity of Jesus Christ.\

That is the most basic yet powerful example of why Christians are so confused and walking in a counterfeit lifestyle outside GOD’s grace plan.

They do not want the WILL of God but the will of self.

Miraculous healing is often a sticking point for Unbels and those who do not stay inside the plan of GOD.

Meaning - Bels who peel away from a true relationship with God.

Their own arrogance gets in the way and once GOD appears to fail them in the arena of miraculous healing, they now have cannon fodder to direct at Christianity.

God didn’t heal my wife or my son…therefore HE doesn’t listen to prayers!

Or, they claim…HE doesn’t exist!

HE is a GOD of wrath and that’s not my God! That is one of the most arrogant statements……….as if they created themselves.

Rom 9:20 On the contrary, who are you, you *foolish* person, who answers back to God? The thing molded will not say to the molder, “Why did you make me like this,” will it?

/During the First Advent, healing was used to verify and establish the fact that the Messiah had come to Israel. Healing was not used to alleviate suffering, but to present the Messiah. God’s plan which means God’s will, was not to come and physically heal the whole world – it was a spiritual healing offered to anyone who would believe. Jesus Christ came to crush the barrier between GOD and mankind. Christ became the healer for the everlasting diagnosis of spiritual death (separation from God).\

The other end of the spectrum, are the people who teach, or believe all illness is a sign of evil in a person’s life. As if - sin is the end all, be all of illness.

Truth of scripture teaches us illness can be a root of evil or sin but certainly not the only cause – the Apostle Paul had many medica problems in his life.

Most of his illness were simply his body breaking down from the way he pushed himself. Some of Paul’s physical issues were from the abuse he suffered in his Christian walk.

Although I agree with the fact that the majority of mental illness and criminal insanity is the presence of evil in a person’s life.

I believe about 70% of mental illness or criminal insanity is possibly a form of demonic possession. I believe a small percentage of people are born with a chemical or mental imbalance.

/A sick Christian would be a lost Christian with no eternal security, if the marker in our human life was sin or evil being the root of all illness. God does deliver illness as a means of divine discipline, yet it is not always the case. Good health is not a sign of spirituality or salvation. “*Healing in the atonement”* would suggest a lack of eternal security, that is taught by some folks and is a false doctrine! \

Be careful how you judge another person’s health and equate that to their spiritual life.

The Apostle Paul teaches a deep principle about this in relation to the one ritual we are called to partake habitually – The Lord’s Supper;

/1Cor 11:28 But **a person must examine himself,** and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

The warning is to never partake of the Lord’s supper with the stain of unconfessed sin in your life.\

[1Co 11:29](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/11/29/s_1073029) For the one who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not properly recognize the body.

/[1Co 11:30](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/11/30/s_1073030) For this reason **many** among you are **weak and sick**, and **a number** are **asleep**.

*Polys –* many or large percentage, *Hikanos –* again, meaning not all but a large amount*.* Many get sick and even die when they remain in sin and continue to partake of the Lords’ Supper.\

POLE-LOOSE - is a Kione Greek word for a large portion, not all but most.

HIC-AH-NOS – meaning a majority but not all.

The Apostle Paul is making a strong statement, that unconfessed sin especially repetitively, in the life of a Bel who partakes habitually in the Lord’s Supper can lead to illness or worst-case scenario - the sin unto death.

[1Co 11:31](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/11/31/s_1073031) But if we judged ourselves rightly, we would not be judged.

*IF* - is written in the Greek 2nd class condition because the Bels at Corinth had a huge issue with living lifestyles outside of God’s plan.

The 2nd class condition means that many were probably not adjusting to the justice of GOD habitually.

/[1Co 11:32](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/11/32/s_1073032) But when **we are judged, we are disciplined by the Lord**so that we **will not be condemned** along with the world.

Only Unbels face the Great White Thorne Judgment. Bels are disciplined and corrected under our heavenly FATHER (Gal 3:26, Heb 12:6, Rom 8:1)\

The fact is, many Bels do bring misery or discipline into their lives because they live in sin. Our God is long suffering but eventually that which what we sow, we will reap! A good father loves and disciplines in equal balance.

Discipline and tough love are sometimes the best teaching tools for a stubborn child.

 REPEAT

 /In the pre-Canon period of the Church Age, God the Holy Spirit sovereignly bestowed temporary gifts on certain men to establish their credentials as apostles and other communicators of doctrine. A supernatural healing would establish the man was from God. All temporary spiritual gifts were designed to establish the Church Age until the completed Canon of scripture began to circulate.\

Once the Bible was completed, all temporary gifts were withdrawn to be replaced by Bible doctrine (the mind of Christ).

Certain spiritual gifts, such as miracles, tongues or prophecy and healing, were no longer necessary to establish the authority of church leaders. The gift of pastor-teacher or evangelist became the staple and standard for the future church of Jesus Christ.

Go to the OT - Isaiah chapter 28.

/Temporary spiritual gifts such as prophecy, miracles, apostleship, healing, tongues, and interpretation of tongues were all pre-canon gifts. Tongues ended after 70 AD, since it was a sign to warn the Jews of the coming fifth cycle of discipline (Isa 28). Within that prophecy you see the importance of the completed canon of scripture and the discipline to fall upon the Jews because the majority rejected Christ as well as the accuracy of the word already given t them.\

Tongues worked for a short period of time as an evangelism tool for foreigners but it was predominately a warning sign.

God used the prophet Isaiah to speak prophecy to both tribes of Israel – the northern and southern tribes were at odds and animosity developed between them after they were physically divided.

We have a warning of judgment in Isaiah chapter 28 - to the northern kingdom, and Isaiah is a prophet of the southern kingdom of Judah.

He warns the northern kingdom of their impending doom and the warning was given some forty years before it actually occurred. The northern kingdom is about to go into captivity and so Isaiah is commissioned from the Lord to warn them.

/Isa 28:9 “To whom would **He teach knowledge, And to whom would He interpret the message**? Those just weaned from milk? Those just taken from the breast?

This points to a level of immaturity and lack of understanding of the written doctrines. Isaiah was around before and during the Babylonian captivity. \

He witnessed all the falling away prior to the Babylonian captivity. The captivity period escalated all the false doctrines and evil that got injected into Israel over the years.

Isaiah began this chapter warning EPHRAIM - meaning the foolishness of the northern tribe – Isaiah references their drunkenness.

The first 8 verses point to the warning about the northern tribe of Israel, their repeated stumbling into false idolatry and their fondness for drunkenness and counterfeit teachings.

There were all kinds of shady deals and acceptance of the Assyrian culture and then the Egyptian culture.

/False doctrine and doctrines of demons always counterfeit closely to some aspects of truth (BD). Yet they are always exposed by the Bel who can separate emotions and critical thought. The Lord Jesus Christ and HIS mind (BD) are at the center, not emotional appeasement and cosmic system logic. The WORD is Christ and Christ is the WORD, therefore the deeper study of the WORD is the only avenue of truth.\

Keeping in mind prophecy speaks to the day it was written in.

Also pointing far ahead and many biblical prophecies like this one touched into another dispensation as well.

[Isa 28:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/isa/28/10/s_707010) “For *He says,*‘Order on order, order on order,Line on line, line on line,A little here, a little there.’”

 /Isa 28:10 - *“line upon line”* — is exegetical analysis of scripture. It means one verse, and then the next verse, and then the next verse. This speaks to what we call today the ICE principle. God is giving Bible study instruction; “*here a little, there a little*” — one portion of the Word and another portion of the Word. Repetition in proper category and context, different portions are pertinent to different situations.\

Then you see the coming prophecy as the fifth cycle of discipline for Israel is highlighted. It is written in a future tense it had not happened yet;

[/Isa 28:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/isa/28/11/s_707011) Indeed, He will speak to this peopleThrough stammering lips and a foreign tongue,

This is pointing to the beginning of the Church Age as tongues lit up the upper room on the day of Pentecost. It served two purposes; temporarily to evangelize and also the warning of the 5th cycle of discipline was in its final phase.\

Both the Southern and Northern tribes suffered the beginning stage of the 5th cycle of discipline under Babylonian captivity. The northern tribe was first to go.

The Dispensation of Israel was interrupted and the population of the nation of Israel was scattered after 70 A.D.

Actually, the virgin birth of TLJC was a warning that this last cycle of discipline would come to completion as well.

The prophetic sign of tongues was directed at the nation of Israel.

[/Isa 28:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/isa/28/12/s_707012) He who said to them, “**This is the place of quiet, give rest** to the weary,”And, “**This is the resting place**,” but **they would not listen.**

God had offered HIS people rest in HIS word and the WORD became flesh and offered them rest again (1st Advent), they refused to listen.\

The original Hebrew has it written like this;

/Isa 28:12 – *here is* ***rest give rest*** *to the weary and here is* ***repose***

*mᵊnûḥâ-* peaceful dwelling, safety.

*nûaḥ-* to be set into comfort or laid down in a position of peace.

*margēʿâ –* repose or true tranquility, salvation, refreshing beginning.\

MEN-WHO-HAH, a safe abode or a peaceful dwelling place.

NEW-HAH, to be set down or placed into comfort or rest.

MAG-AY-YA, points to a refreshing place like beginning anew.

It is used in three different ways to point to the past, present and future of Israel.

It emphatically states – they did not listen. The WORD – the Messiah was not upheld.

The very word of GOD was their responsibility and yet they blew it!

By the time the Nation of Israel reached the birth of the MESSIAH, they had fully allowed satanic counterfeits and demonic influence into their culture.

This occurred on such a grand scale, that even today at the teaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ, most of them reject it.

They accept the counterfeit and attack the truth of TLJC – they still cry out, ‘free Barabbas and crucify Christ!’

[/Isa 28:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/isa/28/13/s_707013) So the word of the LORD to them will be,“Order on order, order on order,Line on line, line on line,A little here, a little there,”That they may go and **stumble backward**, be **broken**, **snared**, and **taken captive**.

The true study of the WORD, is the only place we find the truth of salvation. The truth of the person and work of Jesus Christ and the truth of what the plan of GOD is all about.\

In essence GOD is telling all HIS people past, present and future, there is only one avenue to the truth – that is accurately handling the word.

Everything else is a counterfeit and stumbling block design to confuse and captivate those who do not want to diligently seek a serious relationship with HIM. REPEAT

We will continue next lesson with the most important question you have to ask yourself about the word of GOD after salvation.