## Healing School Syllabus for:

## Does God want you to be sick?

## NO!

Have you ever heard, "Maybe God is trying to teach you something through this illness." If you believe this, you will have a hard time receiving your healing.

Have you ever heard, "Healing is not for today, it was only for the time of Jesus and the disciples." If you believe this, you will have a hard time receiving your healing.

Have you ever thought, "I don't know how to receive my healing." The Word of God tells you how.

Are you afraid that you might die? If you know what the Word of God says it will help you to not be afraid.

If you are in a constant state of worry, will that help you receive your healing?

If you believe you are well one moment and say you are sick the next, will that help you receive your healing?

What about taking care of your physical body, is that important to your health?

Let's see what the Word of God say's about these questions.

Hosea 4:6 tells us that God's people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. People just go by what someone tells them and do not go to the Bible, the Word of God, for themselves. Let's see what you have been told about something in the Bible and then see what the Word actually says.

How many of each animal did Noah put on the ark?

You probably said two of each, male and female. Is that right? You probably think yes, I have heard that all of my life. Guess what? That is wrong.

In Genesis 7:2-3 it says, "You shall take with you seven each of every clean animal, a male and his female: two each of animals that are unclean, a male and his female; also seven each of birds of the air, male and female, to keep the species alive on the face of all the earth."

How many other things have you heard about the Word that may not be exactly right?

You may have some traditions, how you think things are, that you don't want to let go of. In Matthew 15:6, it gives us the answer that Jesus gave some scribes and Pharisees about their traditions. He said, "Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition." Don't lose out on what God has for you because of what you have always thought about healing. Believe what God's Word says, more than all the things that you have heard in the past.

I like what Psalm 119:127-130 says: Therefore, I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold. Therefore, I esteem **all** thy precepts concerning **all** things to be right; and I hate every false way. Thy testimonies are wonderful: Therefore, doth my soul keep them. The entrance of thy Words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple. In other words, anyone will be able to understand it.

Romans 10:17 tells us that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word. I hope that you will hear the Word of God in this study, that your faith will become great, even though all you need is small, about the size of a grain of mustard seed (Luke 17:6), to receive your healing.

Does God want you well?

In chapter 18 of Matthew, the last part of verse 16 says, "by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established." Lets look at three witnesses in the Bible that tell us if God wants us healed:

Isaiah 53:5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement (with blows) for our **peace** (shalom; safe, well, happy, good health, prosper) was upon Him, and by His stripes we **are healed**.

Notice that it states that we <u>are</u> healed, not that we are going to be healed.

Matthew 8:16-17 When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and <u>healed all</u> who were sick, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "<u>He Himself took</u> our infirmities and bore our sicknesses."

Jesus took your sickness for you, don't take it for yourself. When satan tries to put sickness on you tell him no, Jesus took it for you.

I Peter 2:24 Who Himself bore our sins in His own Body on the tree, that we having died to sins, might live for righteousness, by whose stripes you were healed.

Again, you <u>were</u> healed, you <u>are</u> healed. Don't let satan or anyone else tell you different. Psalm 118:17 says, "I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord." If satan tries to put something on you, declare the Word!

According to the Word of God, the Bible, sickness does not come from God. It comes from the devil.

Acts 10:38 tells us that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power and Jesus went about doing good and **healing all** that were oppressed (unjust exercise of authority) of the devil, for God was with him.

In Luke 13:11-16 it said that satan **had bound** a woman for 18 years with some kind of infirmity and Jesus laid hands on her and she was made straight. Jesus did not make her that way, but He did heal her.

John 10:10 says that the devil came to steal, kill, and destroy, that is what sickness will do to you. It then says that Jesus came so that you could have life, and that it

might be more abundant. Sickness is not part of an abundant life.

Notice the sequence of what the devil does in John 10:10. The first thing is to steal. Steal what? The devil wants to steal the Word from you, he wants to get you to doubt the Word and agree with him. Ricky Untemeyer, a friend of mine who is a pastor, said this, "The devil can't change God's image of you, so he tries to change your image of God." Don't let him do it! If he can't get you to let go of the Word, I don't believe he can do the other two. Stay with the Word of God, speak the Word over yourself, declare what the Word of God says about you.

By the way, Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil (I John 3:8). Sin and sickness are works of the devil.

So, from these verses we can say that sickness is from the devil, not from God.

God healed in the old testament, Exodus 15:26 states that if God's people would harken to the Lord their God that He would not permit any of the diseases, that He permitted on the Egyptians, to be on them. And, that He was the Lord that healed them.

In Exodus 23, He said that He would take sickness away from among them. He said, in Deuteronomy chapter 7, that He would take away **all** sickness and bless them above all people, if they would obey Him.

Psalm 107 says that He sent His Word and healed them. This was after they rebelled, had all kinds of problems and then cried out to God.

Psalm 103 says that He heals all your diseases, also forgives your iniquities, redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth will be renewed like the eagle's.

These are examples from the old testament, now let's look at some from the new testament.

In the New Testament we start with the 4 gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. They tell about the life of Jesus. They tell us that He is the only begotten son of God, that He was born a man, lived a sinless life, and then laid His life down for us so that we could be born again into the family of God. He lived during the old covenant, not the new covenant, because He had not gone to the cross and died for our sins. He went about

doing good and healing people. He did not make one individual sick.

He never told anyone that He needed them to stay sick and die for any reason. In Luke 4:18-19 He said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me. Because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." That comes from Isaiah 61, verses 1 and 2, and it does not sound like He wants to put sickness on you.

In Matthew 9:18-30 and Mark 5:24-34 it tells the story of Jairus and his daughter, and the woman with the issue of blood, and in the verses in Matthew it tells about the two blind men. He told them that their faith had made them well. What faith was that? Their faith in the Word, Jesus. Your faith in the Word of God can make you well.

In Mark 5:35-36, Jairus got some bad news, his daughter had died. Jesus heard it, and as soon as He had heard it, He told Jairus, "**Do not be afraid; only believe**." Evidently Jairus did what Jesus said and got his daughter raised from the dead. You don't need to be afraid; but

you do need to believe. Romans 10:17, "So then, faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word."

Speak the Word over yourself every day. Read the scriptures that pertain to your need and then declare them over yourself.

Jude, verse 20 says, "But you beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit." Pray what the Word says about you, that will build up your faith.

When Jesus healed some people, there was an instant manifestation of the healing. At other times the manifestation of the healing was not that way. There were times it took the person doing something to receive their healing.

In Matthew 21:21 Jesus said, "Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' it will be done. And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."

To receive, whatever it is that you need from God, you need to **believe** you have it **before** you see it.

In Matthew 12:13 Jesus told the man with the withered hand to stretch forth his hand, the man did, and his hand was made whole. If he had not stretched his hand out, it would not have been made whole. He must have had faith in Jesus to follow His command.

Let's look at Acts 10:38, it says, "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and **healing all** who were **oppressed of the devil**, for God was with Him."

I John 3:8 tells us that Jesus was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

What are the works of the devil?

When Adam sinned, it opened the door for satan to bring in sin, sickness, disease, and death. Jesus came and provided us a way to be born again into the family of God and to allow us to walk in the covenant that He and God the Father made for us. In that covenant, the new testament, was forgiveness of sin, healing, prosperity, and so much more.

Now let's look at some of the ways you can hinder yourself from receiving your healing.

If you are doing things that you know that God does not want you to do, or you are not doing something that God wants you to do, it could stop you from receiving your healing.

In John 3:18-23 it says this: My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. And by this we know that we are of the truth and shall assure our hearts before Him. For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.

If you are in a situation that makes you have less confidence toward God, ask Him to forgive you of those things, that you know you've been doing, that He is not pleased with. Ask, out of a sincere heart, and He will forgive you. Then the devil will not be able to use that lack of confidence to persuade you to do something else that will keep you from receiving your healing, like **doubt and fear**.

In James 1:6-8 it says to ask in faith, with no doubting. That doubting will cause you to be like a wave tossed by the wind and that man should not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord, that he is a double-minded man and is unstable in all his ways.

Find all the verses in the Bible that concern what you need, read them and confess them over yourself. Don't do it just once, take it like medicine, 2, 3, maybe 4 times a day. Then give God the praise for what He has done for you.

There is another verse that works well here; Proverbs 17:22 says, "A merry heart (gleeful, joyful, rejoicing) does good like a medicine." Take a few good laughs every day even if you just have to say ha ha a few times, it will help brighten your day. In Proverbs 12:25 it says, "Anxiety in the heart of a man causes depression, but a good word makes it glad." God's Word is a good word, better than any other.

Most faith people know Mark 11:22-24, have the faith of God, say unto the mountain be removed and cast into the sea, **don't doubt** in your heart, believe that it will be done, and you will have what you say. Therefore, when

you ask in prayer, believe that you receive, and you will have it.

We say wow! That's great, and don't look at verse 25 and 26. Let's see what it says; when you are praying and you have something against someone, forgive them, so God can forgive you your trespasses. It then tells us that God will not forgive us of our trespasses if we don't forgive those who trespass against us. In John 15:7 it says, "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done." In verses 8-12 it talks about love and keeping His commandments. In verse 12 it says, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." Notice, not as we love, but as He loves. Walking in love, as He loves, will take care of a lot of your problems in receiving what God has for you, including healing.

On the physical side of this we need to look at I Corinthians 3:16-17 and I Corinthians 6:19-20. Both talk about our bodies being the temple of God. We are not to defile (spoil by any process) the temple (our body). We are not our own and are bought with a price. We need to take care of our body in the natural as well as the spiritual.

How do we receive? A well-known minister said there are six I's in receiving by faith: I believe, I will (I want it), I take it, I have it, I praise you Lord, I forgive. I agree that if you do these six things you will receive what you need from God.

Everyone does not have the same level of faith, we are all at different stages of spiritual development or growth.

I believe God will work on your level of faith. He may tell you to go to a doctor, then you believe that He will give the doctor the wisdom and understanding to help you. God has a way of getting healing to you.

Romans 4:16-24 Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the **faith** of Abraham, who is the father of us all (as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations") in the presence of Him whom he believed—**God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;** who, contrary to hope, **in hope believed**, so that he became the father of many nations, **according to what was spoken**, "so shall your descendants be." And not being

weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

It takes faith to receive from God. It says that God calls those things that do not exist as though they did. It says He gives life to the dead. It says that Abraham did not consider what was going on in his body, or in Sarah's body, he did not waver, he stayed away from unbelief, and was strengthened in his faith, giving glory to God. He was fully convinced that God was **well able** to perform what He had told him.

The Bible is God's Word to you, it is full of the promises of God to you, will you believe it, not waver, stay away from unbelief, strengthen yourself in faith (Romans 10:17, faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word), give glory to God (**before you ever see any change**). You can be fully convinced that God is well able to do what you need, if, He told you in His Word that it is yours.

Let's look at the timeframe of Abram being told Sarai would have a male child and the time Isaac was born:

Genesis 12:4 Abram was 75 years old

Genesis 15:4 Promise of a child

Genesis 16:16 Hagar bore him a son – 86 years old

Genesis 17:17 Abraham 100 years old

Name change; father of many nations

Sarah 90 years old

Name change; Princess

God tells Abraham again about the child

being born to them

Genesis 18:12 Sarah laughed at the thought of having a Child

Genesis 18:14 The Lord said, "Is anything too hard for the Lord?"

Genesis 21:6 Sarah laughed a different laugh, Isaac was born

Isaac was not born the next day. It was years between the time that God told Abram that he would have a son, with Sarai, and the time that Isaac was born to Abraham and Sarah, but it did happen. Don't place a time limit on God, just believe that it will come to pass if He said it. God promised His son would be born. He, Jesus, was born about 4000 years later, but He was born. If God says it, it will happen. The only things that will stop you, from receiving what God says you can have, are doubt and unbelief.

I have already told you about the I's in walking in faith (page 14), now this is what another minister said about the law of faith (Romans 3:27). He said there were 5 steps in receiving by faith; believe and speak, call things that be not as though they were, forgive, stand, and corresponding action. If you believe it, you will say it. You will say you are well even if the symptom is still there. You will forgive people because you know God said you had to do it. You will not waver in your faith no matter what it looks like or feels like, and you will begin to act like you are well the best that you can.

When I was a teenager, I was in a bad car accident. My left arm was broken, and my left hand would not

respond to me trying to move it, it just hung there. They told me there was nerve damage in my arm.

As I left the doctor's office, I asked the Lord to heal my arm so that I could use my hand. I just believed, I laughed and played as well as I could, notice, I said laughed. In the natural it was no laughing matter; my hand did not work. I just kept believing God that I could use my hand and kept trying to use it. About 6 months after the day that the doctor told me about the nerve damage, I was able to use my hand. I believe that not getting down and depressed and believing that every time that I tried to use my hand, that this was going to be the time that it moved, helped me keep my faith up to receive what I needed from God. When I tried to use my hand, in my mind I could see it moving. I was very happy that day that my hand moved when I wanted it to. Praise God! Don't give up, fill yourself with the Words of faith, smile, laugh, and praise God for your healing; it was provided for you by Jesus at Calvary (Luke 23:33).

Your healing may not come like mine, but it will come the same way; having faith in God, saying what His Word says, not doubting and thanking Him for it before you see it in the natural. I could not tell you how many times I said, "Thank you Lord that I can use my hand," before it

ever moved. That was over 50 years ago, I am still using it today. God is so good.

The Word says that it is impossible to please Him without faith (Hebrews 11:6). That verse also says that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him; what great rewards He has for us. II Corinthians 4:13 says, "We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak." If you believe you are healed, say it. People may shake their heads and say poor child; who cares what **they** say, what does the Word of God say. Some lovely Christian brothers and sisters will lovingly talk you right out of believing that God has provided healing for you, and that He wants you to be well.

In Proverbs 4:20-23, it says, "My son, give attention to my words; Incline you ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; for they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh. Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.

I believe the above scriptures are telling us to take the Word of God seriously, it is health and life to us. The understood subject is you; you have to do these things.

You have to give attention, you have to incline your ear, you have to do what He says to do. You have to keep your heart. The devil will try to keep you from doing the things that will help your faith to grow, to get you to take your mind off the Word and get you to start thinking what he wants you to think, doubt and fear. The Bible says to **submit** to God, **resist** the devil and he will flee. You have to do the submitting and the resisting, stand and fight with the Word of God. You are a warrior, put on the armor of God, take the shield of faith, fight with your sword; the Word of God. That shield of faith will stop all the fiery darts (the doubt and fear) of the devil. Stand and see what God can, and will do, if you only believe.

I could give you more scriptures, but it would take a lot more pages to cover all of them. I felt the Lord said to keep this short so you would read all of it. If you are reading this; hopefully you did read it all. God wants you well and has given you the promises to make it so. Believe it and receive it. Amen!

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