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Are You Going To Be Made Whole?

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Jesus has just come down from the Mount of Temptation. He has come down victorious, He has resisted the adversary successfully, the enemy had tempted Him, but each time that the enemy came, Jesus resisted by saying "it is written". He went into the temple and began to read from the book they had given him.

Isa 61:1-3 "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; 3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified. " KJV

Jesus said "this is the time I was born for, because God's Spirit or His anointing is resting upon me."

Luke 4:18-19 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, 19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord." KJV

Luke 4:18 "The Spirit of the Lord [is] upon Me, because He has anointed Me [the Anointed One, the Messiah] to preach the good news (the Gospel) to the poor; He has sent Me to announce release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to send forth as delivered those who are oppressed [who are downtrodden, bruised, crushed, and broken down by calamity]," AMP

Luke 4:21 "And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears" KJV

The religious people of that time didn't get upset with Him, until He mentioned that this was the day. He was not talking about something that was going to come to pass, but THIS day, the acceptable year of the Lord which was jubilee, every 50 years they were all forgiven and given a fresh start. He was telling the people that He was here and was their jubilee and if they would believe Him now, they could be set free and have a fresh start. Reread verse 18, this is the day He was born for.

Today we believe that Jesus did those things, but we are challenged when we begin to think or believe that Jesus will do the same today in an outward manifestation or reality of those things. We may believe it on a piece of paper or doctrinally, but Jesus wants today to set us free, to bring to wholeness those that hurt and broken, this was His reason for coming. This same anointing that was on Him can be on us also if we will yield to that.

Paul brought us the message, the scriptures that tell us who we are in Him, that we are new creatures in Jesus; in Him we are complete, having hope in Him.

How do we respond to the anointing that is there waiting to help us? There are principles that will encourage and enlighten us. Jesus is here today, His presence is here, the Holy Spirit is here.

Luke 6:17-19 "And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases; 18 And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed. 19 And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and healed them all." KJV

Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.

John 5:2-9 "Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches. 3 In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. 4 For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. 5 And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole? 7 The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. 8 Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. 9 And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath." KJV

John 5:2-9 "Now there is in Jerusalem a pool near the Sheep Gate. This pool in the Hebrew is called Bethesda, having five porches (alcoves, colonnades, doorways). 3 In these lay a great number of sick folk—some blind, some crippled, and some paralyzed (shriveled up)—*waiting for the bubbling up of the water*. 4 *For an angel of the Lord went down at appointed seasons into the pool and moved and stirred up the water; whoever then first, after the stirring up of the water, stepped in was cured of whatever disease with which he was afflicted*. 5 There was a certain man there who had suffered with a deep-seated and lingering disorder for thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus noticed him lying there [helpless], knowing that he had already been a long time in that condition, He said to him, Do you want to become well? [Are you really in earnest about getting well?] 7 The invalid answered, Sir, I have nobody when the water is moving to put me into the pool; but while I am trying to come [into it] myself, somebody else steps down ahead of me. 8 Jesus said to him, Get up! Pick up your bed (sleeping pad) and walk! 9 Instantly the man became well *and* recovered his strength and picked up his bed and walked. But that happened on the Sabbath." AMP

The man mentioned in these scriptures has had the condition in his life for 38 years. He apparently had learned how to function and put up with the condition, probably had decided in his mind that it would always be this way. Jesus knowing that he had been there a long time, began to talk to him, asking him if he really wanted to be made whole, but the man had excuses, no one to help him, could not help himself, everyone got there before he did. He was looking to others to help him; he had not realized that Jesus was his answer. Jesus asked him "do you really want to be well?" Jesus was laying a foundation in order for the man to be healed, but that he would have to do something. Jesus told him to "get up", he had to make an effort, change his way of thinking, get out of his comfort zone and do something he wasn't used to doing. Instantly, when the man was obedient to what Jesus had told him to do, he was totally healed. The power of God was there all the time, but he didn't know how to respond.

Heb 13:8 "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever." KJV

Many times we are like the man, we have accepted the fact that we have a deep-seated affliction or addiction and have had for many years, we have low self esteem, asking "why me Lord?"

Bitterness and unforgiveness in our lives, and it has become part of us, it is always there, forbidding us and challenging us to change and pursue God. We just accept the situation, believing it will never change. Are we really serious about being free from our situations or about changing our self image? Do we really want help? There is a price to pay for anything we get that really has value to it. We will have to do something; we have a part to play in being made whole. Other people cannot help; it is Jesus Christ who sets us free. When we respond in obedience to Jesus what we can do in the natural, the super begins to get involved. When we begin to take a step, regardless of how awkward it is, the power of God is always there to assist us. The power of Jesus is always with us whatever we are or whatever we are doing. We must learn how to release the ability and step into it.

Isa 61:1-7 "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; 3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified. 4 And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations. 5 And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers. 6 But ye shall be named the Priests of the Lord: men shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves. 7 For your shame ye shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them." KJV

Isaiah is speaking prophetically of what Jesus will do when He comes. This is what Jesus read when He was in the temple, speaking to those people there.

Verse 3 is speaking to those in the church who are dysfunctional. God has an exchange for those who are or have been dysfunctional, those who are hurting on the inside, beaten down by the calamities of life. Jesus has the exchange, if we will step up and receive it. We cannot allow people to rob us of our exchange, we are worthy, we have repented, we have changed, because Jesus is there in heaven, encouraging and cheering us on.

There is a purpose in what God has done; we will be called trees of righteousness. Because of the exchange in our lives, people will begin to see what God has done. The planting of the Lord infers growth not perfection in our lives. Example was given of the parable of the sower, the planting of the seed, the kingdom principle and it always speaks of growth. We are all seeds, we must be watered and nurtured and without it, we won't grow. We must spend time with the Lord, renewing our minds in His word; this is part of the nurturing that goes on. The former dysfunctional are now the planting of the Lord, God is getting glory through us. We are born for this time, regardless of our age, we are born for this season, God is not done with us, and we are repairers. We are the ministers of God.

Verse 7 tells us that for our former shame, we shall receive double portions, or for any shame that we have had in our lives, we will have a double anointing, if we have made the exchange.

Isa 61:7 "Instead of your [former] shame you shall have a twofold recompense; instead of dishonor *and* reproach [your people] shall rejoice in their portion. Therefore in their land they shall possess double [what they had forfeited]; everlasting joy shall be theirs." AMP

Isa 61:7 "Because you got a double dose of trouble and more than your share of contempt, Your inheritance in the land will be doubled and your joy go on forever" MESSAGE

We are born for the season and cannot let the past mistakes dictate to us what our victory is today. We have been bought with a price, we cannot let the mentality of being "old sinners saved by grace" rule us, those thoughts must be washed and erased out of our minds, because now we are the righteousness of God and that is how He sees us, without the taint of sin in our lives. Jesus has given this righteousness to us, totally separate from works; that is how God sees us. We are new creatures in Christ, old things are passed away, and our identity cannot remain rooted in the past. We have changed identities, we don't want to be identified to the past, the old life style, we are free and forgiven, we may need help in renewing our minds, or in accountability. It is a new day in Jesus. There are no deep-seated problems that need to stay. If we are truthful in wanting to be made free, crying out to the Lord, the shackles will be removed from off our lives. He is there to break any addictions, regardless of what they are. Our God is bigger, but we have a part to do when He asks us, we have to move out of our comfort zone. If Jesus were here today and ask us "do we really want to be free?" what would our reply be?