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God Wants to Heal You
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While Alexander Dowie was pastoring in Australia a plague came through and within 4-6 weeks 40 people died. In a short span of time he had visited 30 people in this church that were dying. He had become very frustrated and began crying out to God in the midst of him wanting to help his people. Acts 10:38 was prompted to him.

Acts 10:38 (KJV)

³⁸How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

He knew this scripture and had read it many times, but at this prompting it was like a light switch came on. This time he realized and fully understood that Satan is the defiler and Jesus is the healer. While he was rejoicing and thanking God for the revelation knowledge a knock came at the door and was told one of the young girls in the church was dying. He went there and the doctor was already there. He shared of his new revelation. He was chided and asked not to interfere with the works of God and what he was doing. Dowie wouldn't give up. He began to pray the prayer of faith over her and she went into a deep sleep. The others there thought she had died. Then after around 30 minutes she arose completely and totally healed.

He never lost another member of his church after the revelation came and he began to teach and preach it. The only ones he lost were the older ones who had lived their lives out. He crossed the ocean 14 times coming to America to minister. God used him to birth the healing revival in America. He was arrested and put in jail over 100 times for practicing medicine without a license.

Cancer is a plague today inside and outside of the church. It is a difficult challenge to convince religious people that Jesus is the healer. They have been religiously taught and spiritually brainwashed.

The woman with the issue of blood had a determination to get well. Nobody helped her. She was determined. She pressed in with every circumstance coming against her because she had heard of Jesus and kept saying, "If I could just touch his clothes, I shall be whole."

If you are going to receive from God you are going to have to want to receive from Him. We have to get a revelation of the goodness, the mercy and compassion of God. If we would have that we would run to Him. We must know for ourselves that God is a good God and He will meet our needs.

Luke 6:17 (KJV)

¹⁷And 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;

Doctors are there to help us. There is nothing wrong with going to them it is fine. However, we need to use the same tenacity when it comes to going to God for our healing. Go with a purpose and desire. Jesus paid the price on the cross for our healing. God is good ALL the time.

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Sickness, oppression and disease come from the devil.

Ephesians 6:10-11 (KJV)

¹⁰Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

¹¹Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Wiles is from the Greek word methodos. We get our word method from it. The devil's method is deceit, trickery and craftiness. Some people in the church have believed the deceit that it may be God's will to be sick.

We need to read the bible for ourselves. Test it for ourselves. God is a good God. He is not going to wait until we do everything just right or we deserve our healing. He wants to minister to us right where we are at in the midst of everything. He would like to see some effort on our part however.

The woman with the issue of blood was not well for 18 years. Jesus calls it a spirit of infirmity. It's the Sabbath day and he ministered healing to her. The religious crowd thought they had him because it was unlawful on the Sabbath.

Luke 13:10-16 (KJV)

¹⁰And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.

¹¹And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.

¹²And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.

¹³And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

¹⁴And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day.

¹⁵The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering?

¹⁶And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?

Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. God wants us whole. He gave us his son Jesus so that we can be. We must be determined. We have to keep pursuing Him. Never gives up.

The devil is under your feet. The devil is under your feet. Sickness and disease is from the adversary. Healing and goodness comes from God. Help us to understand that God wants to get His goodness to us.