

We are going to take 2-3 minutes and I would like you to say hello to someone nearby and someone that maybe you don't know all that well. I want you to tell each person you greet "I am willing to pray for you throughout the week and throughout this teaching, then DO IT. Pray for these people you worship with and pray for them diligently because all of us in this room need it.

If we are going to become the children God created us to be then a lot of CHANGE needs to take place and how many understand that change is never easy. But if your heart is to please the Father, then change is not that difficult either.

Look them in the eye when you tell them this and mean it..... GO.
Turn on recording.

Spiritual Healing – Mind and Body Part 4

A quick recap: *2 Timothy 1:7 Paul said that "He (God) has not given you the spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind".*

The spirit of FEAR is the destruction of everything.....a good friend of mine Jack Valentino puts it this way and I quote.....

"These emotions and feelings of fear, rage, shame, blame, guilt, lust, unforgiveness, low self-esteem, etc.; are habits, patterns, and structures. They are our Egypt. For hundreds of years the Israelites

cried so desperately to be free, and only after three days they wanted to go back to Egypt. Why? Was it because it was so wonderful?

No! It was because it was familiar.

Sometimes because we fear the new walk, we will take the familiar over freedom, even if the familiar was bad."

It's like my analogy a few weeks ago about the nasty, broken, wobbly suitcase we drag around with us. We can't get rid of it because we are so used to it and its our mess. It belongs to me. We don't care if our stuff falls out of it, if mildew ruins things.

It's mine and your not taking it!

So fear does not come from God and therefore diseases caused by fear do not and can not come from God. Nor do any other diseases come from God.

These diseases are not necessarily of the body only, but of a diseased mind! In fact if you look honestly across this country you may realize what is now obvious. There are just as many people sick in the mind as in the body. It is a rampant epidemic.

Deuteronomy 7:15 says that if you walk in obedience, "Yahovah will take away from you all sickness, and none of the evil diseases of Egypt which you knew will He put upon you..."

James 1:13 – 17 says that God cannot be tempted with evil nor does He tempt anyone with it, but every good gift comes from the Father.

So God is not the author of evil and therefore He is not the author of disease because diseases are evil according to Deut 7:15.

I want to tell you something with great authority - God is not trying to kill you! God said in 3 John: 2, *"Beloved, I pray that you will prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers."*

Yahshua said in

John 10:10 that it is the thief who comes to steal, kill and destroy, but He came so that you can have life and have it more abundantly.

I think I mean I know God has a better day for you. And that is not a new Osteen book coming out soon.

God said in both Deuteronomy 7:15 and Exodus 15:26 that if you're walking in obedience, He will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt upon you. I ask you how can it be more clear than that.

We cannot blame God for disease because it does not come from Him. God does not put a curse or disease on us, He simply lets us face the consequences of our disobedience. God does not put evil

on us, He just gives us over to the ways of our own heart until we have had enough and we cry out to Him.

In the Old Testament, when the Israelites disobeyed and rebelled against God, He allowed them to go into the bondage and captivity of their enemies. The curse came as a consequence of their disobedience. When they turned away from their disobedience and rebellion and came back to God and cried out to Him, He would end their captivity and bless them.

The curse, which includes disease, comes from the enemy and the only reason he has the right to bring it is because we decide not to be doers of the Word. ***If you can understand that disease is a consequence of sin, then it is only common sense that you need to get rid of sin in order to get rid of the disease.***

Purely from a medical standpoint, you need to remove the toxic (sinful) thinking patterns that are causing the disease so that your body can heal.

Biblically, how do you get rid of sin? The answer is repentance.

This will be the main focus of today's teaching because not only is it so important to your receiving healing, it is almost never taught in the churches so many of us came out of.

Look in the Old Testament and it is always repentance.

Look in the New Testament and it is STILL repentance.

Salvation starts with repentance and so does healing.

James 5:14-16: "Is anyone among you sick? He should call in the church elders. And they should pray over him, anointing him with oil in YAHOVAH's name.

That is all we want isn't it? We don't want to read further because then we have a responsibility. We have to DO something.

Gasp..... we have to confess or repent.....

Lets take a leap of faith and read the rest for the context.....

*And the prayer that is **of faith** will save him who is sick, and YAHOVAH will restore him; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Confess to one another, therefore, your faults (your slips, your false steps, your offenses, your sins) and pray for one another, that you **may be healed and restored**. The earnest (heartfelt) prayer of a **righteous man** makes tremendous power available."*

Is a righteous man perfect or sin free? No. A righteous man is a man who is in right standing with the Father. One who has confessed, repented and is in the process of becoming Holy. A righteous man is one who accepts his responsibility and follows God's instruction.

That man's prayer avails much or is full of power. Not the whiner, the complainer, the excuse maker, the whoa whoa whoa is me man.

Right here in James, we see the relationship of sin and the lack of sanctification in the believer's life to disease. You may go forward for prayer, have the elders of the church anoint you with oil in the Name of YAHOVAH, and then go home wondering why you were not healed.

Yes, without a doubt, God wants to heal us of every single disease from which we suffer. Healing is a promise in His Word. However, every promise from God has a condition. You can't go claiming God's promises without being prepared to meet His conditions and at the top of HIS list is repentance.

Neither can you go quoting half a scripture – *Psalm 103:3 does say "God heals us of all our diseases" but before that it says "He forgives all of our iniquities".*

If you want to be healed of all your diseases, you have to be forgiven of all your iniquities first. It is forgiveness...then healing. The Messianic and Traditional Church wants to be healed of its diseases without dealing with the iniquities that cause the disease.

There are accounts in the Old Testament where God refused to heal somebody because they refused to repent. For example:

- Solomon died prematurely at the age of 60 because of disobedience to God and following the gods of his pagan wives. God appeared to him twice about this issue but he would not listen (1 Kings 11)
- King Saul died prematurely because of his disobedience towards God and because he dabbled in witchcraft (1Chronicles 10). The Holy Spirit departed from him and the spirit of insanity came and he eventually committed suicide on the battlefield.
- King David committed worse sins than King Saul, but David fell on his face and repented when confronted with his sin. (Psalm 51:17)
- 2 Chronicles 16 tells the story of King Asa who died of a disease in his feet because he would not obey God or repent.

*2 Chron 16:12 In the thirty-ninth year of his reign, Asa developed a serious foot disease. Yet even with the severity of his disease, he did not seek the LORD 's help but **turned only** to his physicians.*

Here is a biblical warning of epic proportions. If it is impossible for God to change, and this really upset God, do you think it still upsets him today when HIS people called by HIS name turn only to the physicians and do not see Yahovah?

- In 1Kings 14:1-13 King Jeroboam's whole household including his son were wiped out by disease because he would not obey God.
- 2 Chronicles 21 tells the story of King Jehoram who disobeyed God and did evil in His sight. The Bible says that as a consequence of this he got a sickness in his bowels where his "bowels fell out" and he eventually died of this disease. (sounds like a huge hernia)

What About Job? People who oppose this teaching often bring up the story of Job so let's have a look at what the Bible says about him: Job was a spiritually and morally upright man who had a reverential fear for God (Job 1:1).

However Job was not perfect. Job allowed fear to rise up inside of him as God allowed him to be tested. In Job 3:25 Job said, "The thing which I **greatly feared** has come upon me." Job's fears were manifested into his life thru Satan. Job entertained the spirit of fear despite his standing as a morally upright man who had a reverential respect and awe of God.

Job had fear about his children and that empowered Satan to act. Of course this fear was born due to Job's knowledge of what his children were doing, which he knew was not Godly. He offered sacrifices on behalf of his children for their highly probable sin.

We know today that fear is a sin because we have the Word of God that tells us 365 times "Do not fear". When we are in fear, we have no excuse for not knowing that we are disobeying scripture.

Apart from fear, we also know from the discussion on leviathan that Job had pride. In chapter 40-41 among others YAHOVAH is putting Job in his place and states this. "Shall he that condendeth with the Almighty instruct Him?"

The Hebrew word for instruct is Yissore and does not mean instruct. It means faultfinder or reprove. Job was rebuking God or finding fault in him in his arrogance and in his pride.

Job thought he would tell God what is right and wrong. He thought in his arrogance he would reprove the Creator. Ever felt like doing that before? ***Warning..... do not attempt this at home!***

After God's rebuke Job repented for his presumptuous words against God (Job 42:6). Job also had bitterness and he was not healed until he prayed for his friends (Job 42:10).

And so we know that Job had sin. This does not negate that he was what God stated he was in chapter 1, but rather it tells us to watch and be careful that sin does not rise up inside of us when we are tested or confronted with temptation.

But once true repentance occurred God restored to him double what he had lost. Job learned his lesson in this story but sadly many of us are so comfortable with our bitterness, anger, and mindset that we refuse to allow God to correct us. We run from conviction and that will be the heart of next weeks teaching. The bottom line is we never reach heart-felt repentance.

In Isaiah chapter 58 the Israelites were praying, fasting and seeking God for healing because they were sick and full of disease. They were getting disgruntled with God because He was not answering their prayers. There are many people like that today, who are questioning God just like the Israelites did.

"Hello God, anyone home? I'm fasting & praying but no healing yet?"

When the Israelites asked God why He wasn't listening to them, He explained that it was because they were merely fasting and praying as a mechanical, external ritual. Meanwhile they were living in strife, debate, division, accusation, envy and jealousy. God explained to the Israelites that when they repent for their sins and start living right, He would hear them and heal them.

Ps 90:11: "Who knows the power of Your anger? And Your wrath, who connects it with the reverent and worshipful fear that is due to You?"

You see there is a connection between healing and repentance – confessing your faults and putting things right. This goes right along with what Yahshua said after he had just healed a man in John. *“Go and sin no more or a worse thing may come upon you.”*

Why did he say that? Because Yahshua Himself directly linked sin and the lack of sanctification to disease. Once, when He was going to heal a sick man with the palsy, Yahshua said, *“Son, your sins have been forgiven.”* (Matthew 9:2)

Before this man could have healing, he had to have his sins forgiven.

Repentance – Forgiveness – then Healing

Acts 3:19: *“So repent; turn around and return [to God], that your sins may be erased (blotted out, wiped clean), that times of refreshing may come from the presence of Yahovah.”*

Repentance is the condition for healing. Repentance, from a Biblical perspective, doesn't involve just saying sorry with words. It has to come from the heart! But before it comes from the heart, it has to be determined in your mind.....your thinking.

Put on your big boy pants because this may hurt some of you.

Forgiveness without restoration is just lip service. And we know what lip service gets us don't we? NOTHING. God hates lip service and we better learn that real quickly.

Forgiveness involves restoration as well. You can't say you forgive your neighbor then have nothing to do with them and resent them for the rest of your life. Forgiveness includes restoration if it is real forgiveness.

You can't follow Yahshua's command to forgive a brother 70 x 7 if you are not restored to that brother. When a brother or sister asks forgiveness and you give lip service but want nothing to do with that person..... you are literally playing with fire.

We have to learn to forgive from our heart and then ACT on that forgiveness and allow restoration to happen. Otherwise the FATHER according to HIS word, can not forgive you on judgment day. I am harping on this because it is a matter of life and death.

Example: We are disgusting vile sinners or at least we used to be. We expect that one simple prayer allows us to be reconciled to the Father for eternity. What if we got to judgment day and Yahshua said my Father forgives your sin but he wants nothing to do with you so we have to hide you in a cave at the edge of the Kingdom!

Why would we have a double standard? I will NOT allow restoration between me and a sister or me and a brother, but I expect the Creator to restore me into relationship with HIM.

That is either ignorance or arrogance and neither are of God.

Lest you think this is directed at someone in particular please think again. This is directed at you who are hearing my voice and it is directed at me. This is for everyone who has an ear to hear.

Science is saying that you need to change your thinking in order to recover or be healed from 87% of diseases. Therefore even science is saying that you need to repent in order to recover from disease.

God wants you changed before He ever wants you healed because He knows that if you repent and walk in obedience, healing is yours automatically (Deuteronomy 28:1-2).

God is not going to compromise our heart change in the name of blessing. He would be an unfaithful Father if He let us continue in our sin and blessed us anyway. We would not really honor Him and would only serve Him in a lukewarm, mediocre fashion because He condoned sin in our lives.

It isn't that God cannot or does not want to heal – because He does.

However, God will not deny His own holiness and give us a compromised and diluted gospel that would say we could keep our sin and receive His promises and blessings. God is a Holy God and both testaments tell us he requires that we become Holy too.

2 Corinthians 7:1: "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."

What is spiritual filthiness? Well anything that you serve that is not of God is filthy. Anything that does not match the nature of God is filthy. For example, hatred, bitterness, **unforgiveness**, strife, jealousy, envy, criticizing and faultfinding, condemnation, anger, rage, resentment and self-hatred all do not match God's nature and therefore it is spiritually filthy.

The body of believers or "The Church", as it appears today, is full of spiritual filthiness.

And so in 2 Corinthians 7:1 Paul said to the church
- note that he was not addressing the unsaved -

"Cleanse yourself from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit."

We have had a lot of teaching in the churches today about God's promises but not much about the consequence of sin. There is a big debate in Christianity: can a curse affect a Christian?

People have often said, "I thought that Yahshua paid the penalty for our sin at the cross and therefore the curse of sin was cancelled. We don't have time to dig into this subject today because we have answered this question already in this and many other teachings.

If you have any further doubts on this issue just remember that just as many church going "Christians" are sick in mind and body as those who are NOT believers in God. That would be an impossible statistic if Yahshua really did away with disease and curses on the cross through His death.

The church along with many Messianics want to be healed without getting rid of the sin that caused the disease in the first place and then they wonder why the skies are closed to their prayers.

Remember what Proverbs 28:9 says, in fact I highly recommend you memorize this verse and its location.

Prov 28:9 He who turns his ear away from Shemah'ing (hearing, listening, and obeying) My instructions (His Torah), even that person's prayer is an abomination.

There are conditions to healing. We hear healing taught as though God is obligated to heal us because somebody said, "In the Name of Yahshua/Jesus." We've turned the Name of Jesus into the equivalent of Abracadabra or Open Says Me!

I know that Yahshua said anything if we ask in His Name that He shall do it (John 14:13) but have you ever used the Name of Jesus and it didn't work? Did you ever wonder why? I want to tell you very clearly that there is something greater than the Name of Yahshua / Jesus and that is HIS Word.

Psalm 138:2 "...He exalts His Word even above His Name!"

Besides that this entire name of Jesus or Yahshua is so miss taught it is a crying shame. A shame to the Father the way these so-called church leaders are teaching heresy.

In the name of simply means = In the authority or glory of.....

- What is Yahshua's authority or His glory, reputation, everything that He represents? It is the Word of the Living God, His Father.

So if we ask anything according to God's Word..... in the authority and agreement of what God has already instructed..... THEN if we have faith we can expect to receive from heaven.

Reject it and your prayer is an abomination.

We are trying to make God honor the cross even in our disobedience. The writer of Hebrews said this in his writing to Hebrew Believers that if we **willfully sin** after the knowledge of the Truth, we crucify Messiah all over again because in our disobedience and rebellion as believers we negate what Messiah provided for us.

Romans 8:1: "Therefore, [there is] now no condemnation for those who are in Messiah Yahshua, who live [and] walk not after the dictates of the flesh, but after the dictates of the Spirit."

So if you walk according to the Spirit, then yes, there is now no condemnation for you in Messiah. However, there is a distinct indication in Romans 8:1 that if you walk according to the flesh as a believer, you bring yourself back under the law and you bring yourself back under condemnation until you do what Yahshua said to do in Revelations chapter 2 and 3 which is to **repent**.

I will tell you emphatically that there is a consequence to sin whether you are born again or not.

Why this massive deception coming from our pulpits? How can the so-called great men of God be so far off in their teachings on this?

Lamentations 2:14: "Your prophets have predicted for you falsehood and delusion and foolish things; and they have not exposed your iniquity and guilt to avert your captivity. But they have divined and declared to you false and deceptive prophecies, worthless and misleading."

Lamentations 2:14 is a statement about God's leaders in the church, synagogue, fellowship..... Whatever you call them. They should have been pointing out your sin to you so that through repentance you can avoid captivity, plaques and disease.

This teaching that I am sharing with you from the Word of God is designed to show you the reason for your captivity and to release you from the bondage of disease.

Coming back to 2 Timothy 2:24-26: *"And the servant of Yahovah must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves, if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the Truth; and that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will."*

So what is Truth supposed to do for you? Bring you to repentance so that you may recover yourself from the snare of the devil.

2 Timothy is an important scripture to have under your belt for anybody who wants to help people because in Christianity there are complete church denominations that say that when you are born again you are immune to the devil – he cannot hold you captive.

Paul did not teach that, in 2 Timothy 2:24-26 he showed us that a believer can be held captive by the devil at the devil's will. But there is something called sin in our lives that authorizes the devil to come in and wreak havoc. Repent that you may recover yourself from the snare of the devil.

You may be saying "Tom why are you trying to hammer me with the idea that I have sin in my life". *Who are you to tell me I have sin?*

No, I am trying to teach you **sin discernment** so that according to Hebrews 5:14, you can discern between good and evil. You cannot discern good and evil unless you are taught what it looks like and where it came from. Everybody is waiting for God to do it all...He did...at the cross.

Now are you going to appropriate by faith and obedience that which He paid for you?

I want close out today's teaching by talking to you about conviction for a minute..... If you feel conviction, that's good!

That's the Holy Spirit, don't ignore it! It is God knocking on the door of your heart and talking to you and that is exciting because it means He is about to do a work in your life. It means He loves you. It means you are one of His children.

When you feel convicted, do you know that you are so close to victory because you are about to defeat your disease or prevent a disease developing that was heading your way?

I can't ever convict a single soul. That is the Holy Spirit's job.

If you don't feel conviction and you are sick then you are in trouble because that means that the Holy Spirit has withdrawn from you.

In his prayer of repentance in *Psalms 51*, King David said "Take not Your Holy Spirit from me!"

Why did David say that? Because he had seen what had happened to his predecessor King Saul. Saul hardened his heart to the conviction of the Holy Spirit and refused to repent. As a result the Holy Spirit withdrew from him. When the spirit of God departed from King Saul, a spirit of insanity came and King Saul went mad

The Holy Spirit brings conviction because God loves you and wants to see you set free from sin so you can enjoy the abundant life, which includes divine health, that Yahshua paid such a high price to give you.

Hebrews 12:5-6 and 10-11: "My son, do not think lightly or scorn to submit to the correction and discipline of Yahovah, nor lose courage and give up and faint when you are reproved or corrected by Him; For Yahovah corrects and disciplines everyone whom He loves, and He punishes, even scourges, every son whom He accepts and cherishes... For (our earthly Father) disciplined us for only a short period of time and chastised us as seemed proper and good to them; but HE disciplines us for our good, that we may become sharers in His holiness. For the time being no discipline brings joy, but seems grievous and painful; but afterwards it yields a peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it [a harvest of fruit which consists in righteousness]."

When the Word is taught correctly, the Holy Spirit brings **conviction**, which is letting you know that an area of your life and or your thinking needs to be changed.

However, conviction has an opposite and this does not come from God, but from the devil.

Satan comes in and uses that conviction which was meant for your good and he beats you over the head with it turns it into **condemnation**, which will kill or destroy you.

The Bible says that the devil is the accuser of the brethren. Hence his name in Hebrew Ha-satan = the accuser

Revelations 12:10: "The accuser of our brethren, he who keeps bringing before our God charges against them day and night, has been cast out!"

As you will learn through this series, there may be sin in your life that is going to be brought to your attention but please do not respond to that by feeling judged and condemned. Condemnation comes from the devil.

Conviction comes from God through his Ruach HaKodesh.

It is important to understand the difference between conviction and condemnation. God brings the conviction of the Holy Spirit and that conviction goes something like this, "Daughter or son, I want to show you something in your life. You need to change this because I love you and want what is best for you".

That is a loving God trying to woo you back into relationship with him.

But condemnation comes like this, "Look at what you are doing! You sinner! You Scumbag! I thought you were a Christian! You are so disgusting and you will NEVER get it."

Condemnation brings with it feelings of worthlessness and failure and makes us want to give up. Condemnation drives us away from God because it makes us feel unworthy.

Conviction reaffirms our value in God's eyes and brings to the place of wanting to get right with God. Conviction makes us want to be closer to Him. That is the hope that spurs your heart to have the faith to kick that sin out of your life and turn back to God.

Now let's begin that TODAY.... and apply the principles of the Kingdom so that what Yahshua did for you at the cross begins to work for us again. It must begin by you bowing your knee in repentance to God for serving sin.

Isaiah 59:2 " But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your GOD and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear."

Let's close in prayer.

Next week we will be discussing the 3 levels of separation.

1. Separation from God.
2. Separation from yourself.
3. Separation from others.

Please, whatever you do, don't give up. Restoration is right around the corner as we complete this teaching but start putting things into practice now as you learn things and as the Spirit convicts you. Don't wait till the end to get started make today the start day and apply what you can immediately.

Announcements - Game night is July 31st, Sunday at 4 pm. Bring your own snacks and food and stay as long as you want.

Sunday August 14th - Pizza and Movie night at 5:00 pm

August 21st is going to be our Pontoon Picnic at Carters Lake. We need a sign up sheet to see how many people are interested. Please fill out form in back if you can. This is not a financial commitment but a letter of intent so we can project costs.

Sukkot – October 16 – 20th Forms will be next week, sorry.