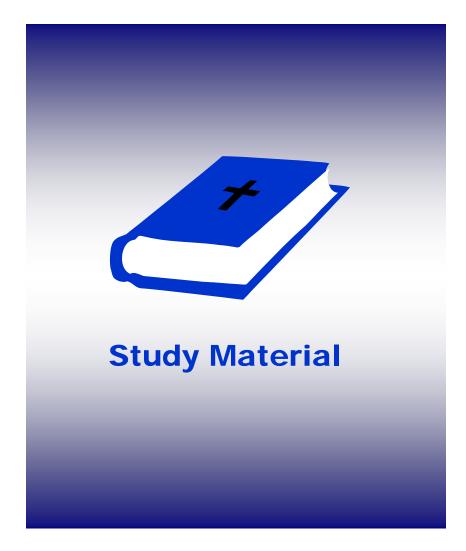
HEALING



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HEALING

I would like to share a series of messages with you regarding Healing.

The first message is entitled: 'WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU GET.'

Praise God that the eyes of our understanding are open to new spiritual revelations because God always wants us to have a greater understanding of His Word and His workings.

One of the most outstanding teachings that has been received by the body of Christ has been from Mark 11:23, 24. "For verily, I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

I believe there is a dimension to this scripture which will take us into another realm of healing. The eyes of our understanding are being enlightened, and I believe that as we go into the final stages before Jesus comes back, we are going to be looking into the spirit world as we've never looked into that vast, exciting world before!

I believe God is going to open our spiritual eyes. We are going to see a lot more angelic activities. Many people who never dreamed that an angel would ever visit them in the 21st century are going to be surprised to see angels accompanying them wherever they go.

We will see the supernatural power of God greatly accelerate where healing is concerned. All we have to do is see it done in the spirit realm and then believe what we see. God made a package deal for us 2,000 years ago, but the problem is that most of us only accept one portion of that package when we're born again. When all churches begin to preach the 'FULL' meaning of salvation, we're going to see people walk into services unsaved, sick, and full of demons, and they are going to walk out saved, healed, delivered, and baptized with the Holy Spirit ALL AT THE SAME TIME.

Many people still believe that salvation involves just one thing: eternal life. Biblically, however, salvation encompasses many things, of which eternal life is only ONE! The Greek word soteria, which we translate 'salvation,' also includes the meaning; 'deliverance, health, rescue, and safety.'

I believe when Jesus was on the cross He was the most unhuman looking thing you would ever see. I believe His body was so racked with pain that you would not of recognized Him as a human being, because can you imagine all of the cerebral palsy from the first man to the last man on the body of Jesus. See Him with all the cancer in the world from the first man to the last one. I do not believe that Jesus appeared on the cross as most artists paint Him. I believe He didn't even resemble the Jesus who had walked the road to Golgotha!

"For many the servant of God became an object of horror: many were astonished. His whole appearance was marred more than any man's and His form beyond that of the sons of men; but just as many were astonished at Him." Isaiah 52:14. Amplified.

Now, why were they astonished when they looked at Jesus? Because his body looked so terrible! Can you imagine all the brain damage in the world on Him? Can you see every crippling disease on Him? Millions of diseases all on Him at one time. Do you think His fingers were straight? No. I think His body was so twisted that we would never have recognized it.

Do you know why some of us cannot receive the healing we need? Because we can't see it on Jesus. Once we see all sickness and disease on the body of Jesus, healings all over the world will be a daily occurrence.

Begin to see it for yourself. Begin to see it for others. I have a little note in my bible that says, "He took it, so there's no sense in both of us having it." Once you begin to see it, then 'WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU GET."

HEALING - PART II

The second message in our series is entitled: 'Healing-Faith In Action.'

One of the most important things we need to remember at all times is that God wants to heal us. Repeatedly in His Word, He tells us about His healing power, and He wants us to appropriate it for today.

Matthew 12:10, 13 is an important scripture because it talks about FAITH IN ACTION. This is one of the most important keys to bring about healing. "And behold, there was a man which had his hand withered....Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other." That was FAITH IN ACTION. Jesus gave him a specific task to do. He was probably sitting there with an atrophied, deformed hand and he could have easily said, "Jesus, I was born with a withered hand. Can't you see I can't stretch it out?" But he didn't. He did exactly what Jesus told him to do. As he stretched out his hand he exercised FAITH IN ACTION. His arm was totally made whole!

The same story is told in Mark 3:10-15 and Luke 6:6-10. Exactly the same story, but from a different perspectives by each of the three authors. God could have edited the Bible and taken out anything He wanted to take out, but He repeated it so we would believe the accounts were accurate. As you know some accounts in the Bible are repeated so that they stick in our minds and we remember them.

"When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man

with the clay, and said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam. He went his way therefore, and washed, and came back seeing." (John 9:6,7)

In the above scriptures we find another healing miracle. But when exactly did the healing occur? Did the healing occur when Jesus spat? Did the healing occur when Jesus made the mud (clay) pie? Or did it occur when the man put his faith in action?

If you said, "WHEN HE PUT HIS FAITH INTO ACTION." Then you are absolutely right.

The blind man could have said, "It is a long way to Siloam. You can just touch me and I will be healed." He could have said, "I don't know how to get there. I never heard of the place." He could of used all kinds of excuses, but when he obeyed the command, went down and washed the clay off his eyes, he was healed by the power of God, because he had put his FAITH IN ACTION.

The account of Naaman as told in II Kings 5:1-15 is an exciting story of FAITH IN ACTION. The Bible says that although Naaman was a great, honorable, and a mighty man of valour, he was a leper. The Devil will attack anyone.

There was a little servant girl there whom God used in the great man's life. The person who had the lowest position in the house was the one whom God instructed. God is no respecter of persons. He does not care who you are. He just cares whether or not you are available and willing to do what he tells you to do.

Naaman took along with him a lot of silver and gold because he was going to try and buy his healing that day. But you cannot buy healing from God. God's healing is absolutely free. The price was paid 2,000 years ago when Jesus died on the cross. I have a feeling that when Naaman got to the door, he thought Elisha would greet him by bowing and saying, "Hello, Mr. Bigshot. I'm so glad you're here today, your wish is my command."

Instead Elisha didn't even come out to speak to him. Elisha was not being impolite. I believe God was teaching a lesson to Naaman, because Elisha sent a messenger and told him to go wash in the Jordan seven times and that he would be made whole.

Naaman had a big decision to make. The Jordan was not nearly as nice as the river that he had in his own backyard.

Just picture this: Naaman is all dressed up in his best outfit and has brought all the best he has to buy his healing. And 'this prophet' tells him to go down to a muddy river and jump in seven times. Not just one time but SEVEN TIMES! You probably would have reacted exactly as Naaman. He was mad! But praise the Lord for the fact that, Naaman had some smart people working for him. They reminded him that Elisha had told him to do some great things in the past. So he listened to his friends and went down to the muddy river with his best clothes on and dipped himself seven times. Can you see this guy as he dipped himself, not one time, not two times, not three times, not four times, not five times, not even six times, but seven times. Yes the perfect number seven. Hallelujah!

If Naaman had not acted on his faith, he would have died a leper. But because he was willing to be obedient, he was willing to humble himself and go down to the river and dip himself in that muddy water, he was healed by the power of God! He put FAITH IN ACTION!

Faith is something you must constantly keep activated. There is no neutral in faith. It's either going up or going down. Your faith will never stay the same. That's why faith in action is so important. That's why you must read your Bible daily. Do you know Bible reading is a major part of "faith in action?" It takes stamina; it takes discipline to stay in the Word of God.

If you never get in the Word and apply faith through action guess what you will accomplish? NOTHING, ABSOLUTELY NOTHING. But if you put your faith into action, you will accomplish EVERYTHING, ABSOLUTELY EVERYTHING.

HEALING - PART III

The third message in our series is entitled: 'Talk To A Mountain.'

In Mark 11:23 Jesus says, "For verily I say unto you. That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith."

Jesus is saying this to YOU! Whosoever is you! Whosoever is ME! Whosoever is EVERYONE! God is no respecter of persons. He simply says, "whosoever."

This particular verse is very important because it has a lot to do with one way of healing. It says, "Whosoever shall SAY. "It does not say, "Whosoever shall pray! "It says, "Whosoever shall SAY!" And there is a world of difference between SAYING and PRAYING! When you SAY unto a mountain, "Be thou cast into the sea," you are COMMANDING that mountain to do something, because you know who you are in Christ. You have the power of God in you, and you are operating the way the Bible tells you to operate. Speak with authority at all times if you want to see miracles happen. This doesn't mean you have to yell and scream, but it does mean you have to speak with conviction so that the devil knows that you have the power and you mean business.

When you PRAY, you are asking God to do something. When you SAY, you are commanding something to be done!

Jesus said that all authority in heaven and earth had been given to him (Matthew 28:18), and then he turned around and gave us His authority to cast out devils and lay hands on the sick and heal them. This same principle also works in reverse, so we need to watch what we say with our mouth! Christians have brought the most horrible things on themselves simply by the words they have said, because, you see, Jesus didn't put any limitations on this promise. He didn't say, "He shall have whatsoever he saith if it's good for him, "He said, "He shall have WHATSOEVER he saith."

Why do so many people find it so easy to believe the devil instead of God? Why is it that people believe bad things are going to happen instead of good ones? Satan comes around with tiny little symptoms, and its such a temptation to give in to them.

Stop right there! Now is the time for the greater one who is in you to rise up and say, "Oh, no you don't, devil I am not looking at the circumstances, and I am certainly not looking at the symptoms. I am looking at what the Word of God says, and the Word says that if I want a mountain moved, I can have that mountain moved-and the mountain I'm moving now is sickness. Sickness-did you hear me?"

I hope you noticed what Mark 11:23 says to talk "to." Does it tell us to talk to God? Does it say, "Pray to God and ask Him to get the mountain out of the way?" NO, it says, "Whosoever shall say unto this mountain." You need to talk to the disease itself. If its flu, you say, "Flu get out! I am not the least bit interested in your cluttering up my body. I have no time for you. I have too many things to do, so go away in Jesus' name." If its cancer, speak to the cancer! If it's the back, speak to the back. But when you speak-speak with authority, conviction and faith.

TALK TO THE DISEASE! Speak with authority and then believe! Throw out doubt and don't let unbelief creep in through wavering and listening to the devil, because the next condition to receiving is," and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass...." Commanding a disease to go, or a body to straighten up is one of the easiest ways to heal the sick.

Now that we know the difference between SAYING and PRAYING, I would like to clarify two other concepts in the message today. And that is the difference in SAYING and CONFESSING. SAYING is giving authority to words, and

CONFESSING is receiving the promise. During the past few years, there has been confusion and misunderstanding at times between the two concepts. These two concepts represent different areas where healing is concerned. One is doing (saying)-the other is receiving (confessing).

I hope this message has provided an understanding of the principle associated with the concept of "SAYING." When we say, "With his stripes we are healed?" We sometimes think we're putting God on the spot and he must heal us because we said it. No, he doesn't! He doesn't have to do a thing unless you really believe without a shadow of a doubt that you were healed. But do you know what? If you keep on saying it, you will suddenly realize that YOU HAVE BEEN HEALED. Glory! Let's start today.

"TALK TO YOUR MOUNTAIN, AND EXPECT IT TO MOVED."

HEALING - PART IV

The fourth message in our healing series is entitled: "Laying on of Hands."

This series of messages would not be complete without addressing the most widely used method of healing today - The Laying on of Hands. I believe I have insight into this area, so if you think you're versed in this method of healing I would suggest that you read this message anyway. God is supplying tremendous revelation knowledge in these last days.

In Mark 16:17, 18 Jesus says, "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name they shall cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues...they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

Notice in the previous passage that Jesus did not say: "Those who believe shall lay hands on the sick, they shall pray for half an hour, they shall work up tremendous emotions, they shall roll

on the floor, they shall kick and holler and scream, they shall shake all over the place, and then the sick shall be healed." No, He very simply said, "Those who believe shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover."

Believers are the ones who are qualified to heal the sick! But who are believers? Believers are individuals who know Jesus is the divine Son of God, and our redeemer; they can handle Satan and his demons; they can lay hands on the sick and God will heal them. We need to believe ALL the way if we want ALL of that scripture to work!

You must believe in divine healing if you want signs, wonders and miracles to follow your preaching of the Word.

You must believe that healing is for TODAY, or else the sick won't recover when you lay hands on them.

You must believe that you have been commissioned by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself to cast out demons, or you will <u>never</u> cast them out!

The first way Jesus healed during his earthly ministry was by touching people, or by "laying on of hands." "Touching" still works today.

When any Spirit-filled believer touches someone by laying hands on that person, the power of God goes out of him or her into the other person. If you are Spirit-filled, you have in you the very same resurrection power that brought Jesus Christ out of the grave - the power of the Holy Spirit. You have that power residing in you at all times! You do not have to work up an emotion, God's resident power is working, and it's operating constantly whether you feel it or not! Mark 1:40-42 tells how Jesus simply "touched" the leper. He just laid hands on him, and he was healed.

Let me give you a few tips, regarding Laying on of Hands:

PERSISTENCE - If you lay hands on someone, and nothing happens, try the next person. Lay hands on him or her. If nothing happens again, try again, and again. Don't give up. Because the Word of God says it, we have to believe that Jesus Christ is living in and through us! To me, the most exciting thing in the world is to know that the physical body you see when you look at me is the body that was given to Melva McClain. However, the person who lives inside is Jesus Christ.

TOUCH THE AFFLICTED BODY PART - Have you noticed that the Bible doesn't say, "Lay hands on the heads of the sick and heal them?" Observe the various healings in the scriptures and you will find that hands were laid on noses, on ears, on hands, on feet, and on eyes. Since it is the flowing of God's power which heals the sick, we should get our hands as close as we can to the part of the body which needs healing. This allows the power to go directly into the sick part. Often the power goes in so strongly that if we touch any part of the body, the person will go under the power of God.

STAND CLOSE TO THE PERSON BEING HEALED - Another suggestion is to stand as close as possible to the person being healed, because, you see. the power actually flows from all parts of your spirit, through all parts of your body, into the person near you. I believe that many are healed in an audience because the faith of other believers causes the power of the Holy Spirit in them to act as a field of force, which goes into those around them.

Jesus Himself set this dynamic way to heal the sick into motion and He wants us to do the same by relieving hurting humanity. Jesus said..."they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." THESE ELEVEN WORDS WERE THE LAST RECORDED WORDS HE SPOKE WHILE HE WAS ON EARTH.

What a tremendous privilege! What an awesome responsibility! What a trust our Lord has placed into our hands. What a great commission He has given us-to actually be His body working here on earth, doing his will. Jesus died not only to save the

lost, but also to heal the sick and free the captives from the devil.

IF YOU HAVEN'T EXPERIENCED THE THRILL OF SEEING GOD HEAL THROUGH YOUR HANDS, WHY NOT TRY IT? START RIGHT NOW! YOU CAN START BY LAYING HANDS ON YOURSELF. I LOOK FORWARD TO READING THE RESULTS IN PRAISE REPORTS.

HEALING - PART V

The fifth message in our eight part series is entitled: Casting out Devils.

Some of this teaching may be new to you, but it's "News Hot off God's Press," so I ask you to receive it accordingly.

Remember that Jesus has personally commissioned each and every believer. As a Christian, you have to BELIEVE that you have the power within you to override anything the devil might throw at you.

Don't be afraid to exercise the authority Jesus has given you! You will never cast out the first devil until you try. You might even be frightened the first time. I certainly was!

When I approached my first demon-possessed man, the demon threw him on the floor. I stood there shaking in my shoes, but while the man was still on the floor, I began to say, "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus." I kept repeating the name over and over again simply because I didn't know what else to do. I had already commanded the spirit to come out. And that is all you really have to do, because Jesus said, "In My Name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents. (That does not mean going out in the bushes and picking up a rattlesnake. But, if you do happen to find one, it means God would protect you if you were accidentally bitten by

a snake); and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover."

Well, the demon finally came out of the man, and was I relieved. Many times, when a demon-possessed person comes into the presence of a Holy Spirit-filled believer, that person will have a seizure, because that demonic spirit knows he has to go, and he's mad.

The devil knows he has come up against someone who has more power than he has; someone who knows his or her authority in Christ.

Demons are invisible, bodiless creatures that have the ability to move about wherever Satan sends them, and they can hover over us, surround us, attack us, put thoughts into our minds, put diseases into our bodies, or even cause us to lose our minds and become insane.

They can be present at our births, or as we are formed in the belly of our mothers, and cause defects in our formation. Because they are spirits that live forever, they can transfer from one generation to another, and cause diseases or defects, which may be in the form of deformities.

They come against our flesh and mind to control our spirits. We must use all the understanding we have, and allow the Holy Spirit to teach us how to get rid of them when they attack us.

I say all of this, not to frighten you because you have authority over all demonic activity. Just read Romans 8:11, "But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by the Spirit that dwelleth in you. The same resurrection power that brought Jesus out of the grave, is exactly the same power that indwells the Spirit-filled believer! We need to get that fact into our spirits, and realize that we have exactly that same resurrection power! I have it and you have it. With that fact firmly planted, let's get down to a life-changing

study of casting out demons and find out how we act on our God-given resurrection power?

Open your Bible to Matthew 12:28, 29. Jesus said, "But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. Or else, how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? And then he will spoil his house."

First, Satan needs to be bound in the powerful name of Jesus before you do anything else. When you do this, it is as though you cut the umbilical cord between Satan and his demons, and his cohorts are left without the source of their power.

Satan is the prince of the air, and he is the commanding head of all fallen angels. Some people believe that demons and fallen angels are two separate kinds of beings. Truthfully, it does not make any difference whether you refer to them as demons, devils, fallen angels or evil spirits, they are all still under the control of Satan, because he is the ruler of the evil spirit world!

Once his power is bound in the name of Jesus, and his authority is superseded or controlled by the Spirit of God within us, then we can cast out the evil spirit, demon, or devil, whichever you prefer to call him, by the authority of Jesus!

Bringing this to a practical level, I believe spirits cause many incurable diseases. When a doctor says there is no cure, our spiritual antennas should pick up the fact that this is <u>possibly</u> a spirit. For instance, because some cancers are still considered incurable, I believe it is caused by an evil spirit which attacks the body.

Let me show you how I understand the operation of a "Demon of Cancer." This demon cannot get into your spirit if you are a Christian, but he can certainly get into and attack your body and mind. A demon takes a look at a woman and says, "Wow, I think I will put cancer on her. She looks like a likely victim." So he jumps into her body (not her spirit) and before long the woman

discovers that she has cancer of the breast. She goes to the doctor, receives the diagnosis and panics!

The doctor says, "We will cut out that cancer." The demon goes right along into the operating room, and probably sits there laughing at the doctor, and watching him carefully. The minute the doctor inserts the knife the demon says, "Whoops, here I go! I will go over to the other side." Then I imagine he just sits there and laughs as the doctor operates, because the damage of the demon has been done on one side. He will say, "They think they have me, but they don't. I'll just jump over on the other side and do further damage!" Three years later the woman goes back and they find cancer on the other side.

When you minister to a cancer victim, your prayer should be something like this. "Father, I praise you for the power you have given us over all the power of the enemy and for the power and authority to heal the sick. Satan we bind you with the power of the Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus. You spirit of cancer, we command you to come out and not return. We curse you seed of cancer in this body, and command you to die. Marrow of the bones, we command you to produce healthy blood and send it forth for healing and health to this body. In the name of Jesus!"

Remember, the attack from the devil comes in one of two places. It comes either into your body, or it comes into your mind. The devil wants your mind, and he will attack any way he can to get control of it. It is normally not your spirit that the devil attacks first, but if you let him get into your body, and you let him into your mind, then your spirit is going to have a tremendous battle. The best defense is to keep putting the Word of God into your mind so it will permeate your spirit. Then you can use the Word as a tool to fight off the attacks of the devil, and you can back him off with the words, "IT IS WRITTEN....."

The trickery of Satan is to pervert our minds into believing that his way is best. If we accept these lies, it is the beginning of the invitation for a demon to dilute our spirit. He does this principally through bad attitudes. Don't misunderstand me, BAD

ATTITUDES ARE NOT DEMONS, but they give a foothold to demonic activity. Bad attitudes don't need to be cast out, but we need to overcome them by the power of God.

The first time a demon attacks your thought is the time to get rid of it! Don't let it get a foothold on your mind or your thoughts.

Preventive medicine is better than having to take medication for a cure. The Word of God is the immunization we need to protect us from demonic influence, control or possession. We need to have the nature of God implanted in us as an inoculation against the infection the devil places in our thoughts and inner desires.

One final point in this message. Jesus called spirits by what they did, not by name. Remember when He cast the deaf and dumb spirit out the child in Mark 9:17-27. The spirit was a deaf and dumb spirit and when it got into the child, the child became deaf and dumb. These spirits are what we call "spirits of inheritance" or "generation curses."

Have you known families where it seemed everyone had cancer, they all die young, they are all born without corneas on their eyes or they always seem to have financial worries? When you witness such a trend in a family, you may be dealing with a spirit of inheritance (generation curse). How do you handle this spirit? Let's use the family born without corneas as an example. You must first bind Satan in the name of Jesus. Then cast out the spirit of inheritance. And finally, ask God for a creative miracle to restore the corneas.

The deliverance ministry is exciting because of the tremendous freedom it brings to people. But don't ever get so out of balance that you see a demon on every doorknob. The reality is that they do exist and our job is to liberate our fellow human beings from their influence and control.

I believe that God is preparing a body of people who will go forth and know they are not wrestling against human beings, but against principalities and powers. God is going to take people who ACT, to places they never dreamed of in their entire lives, and begin using them in miraculous ways. THIS MEANS YOU!

HEALING - PART VI

The sixth message in our healing series is entitled: Healing Through Intercessory Prayer.

This was intended to be our final message in the healing series, but God has given us additional messages to share.

Do you remember the story in Matthew 8, about the Centurion who said to Jesus, "Speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed?' People are healed the same way today! Because God is Omni-present, it is fascinating to realize that He is everywhere at exactly the same time. Therefore the power to heal is everywhere at exactly the same time.

Some years ago, I was invited to minister at a denominational church in Houston, TX. At the end of the service, I began to share what God is doing in the world today, as He pours out his Spirit on all flesh!

After the meeting, a woman came up to me and said she had a friend whom the doctors said was dying. She was in intensive care, in a hospital a few miles away. The woman asked me, "Do you believe God would heal her?" I told her I know what the Bible says, and it says that Jesus told the Centurion, "Go thy way; and as thou has believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed that selfsame hour." (Matthew 8:13).

The woman prevailed upon me to go to the hospital and pray for her friend.

As I began to pray. I said, "Father, I don't even know this person. I certainly don't know all of her issues. But God, I ask you to do the supernatural and make her whole from the top of her head to the tip of her toes." Then I said, "Thank you, Jesus"

Those are three of the most important words you will ever say. Because when you say, "Thank you, Jesus," you are saying, "Jesus, I believe that you did it, so I am going to say thank you in advance." You see, if we really believe God has heard our prayer, then we are ungrateful if we don't acknowledge it by saying thank you! Those three words, like a bolt of lightning, CHARGE the spirit realm with faith!

So when I ended my prayer for the woman's friend I said, "Thank you, Jesus." But then I did something I had never done previously. I looked at my watch, and said, "It is 11:37." It wasn't until weeks later that the Lord revealed why I stated the exact time.

In a Shreveport, Louisiana hospital miles away, something else happen at exactly 11:37. Jesus Christ walked into that hospital. A lady in intensive care who was supposed to be dying of cancer immediately got out of bed! She very carefully took all the needles out of her arm, disconnected the oxygen, walked out into the hospital corridor and went to the head nurse.

The shocked nurse said, "What happen to you?" "How did you get out of bed?"

The woman said, "Jesus Christ personally came into my room at 11:37 and said, 'Shirley, get out of bed. You are healed.'

The nurse responded, "Did you have a vision or something?"

Shirley said, "No, Jesus personally walked into my room."

What a loving Father we have! God's supernatural power had touched her the very instant I prayed and confirmed it by telling me to look at my watch. This was God's way of letting us know that Jesus went into action in answer to prayer that same instant in a hospital miles away.

Sometimes we may feel it is easier to pray for someone when we can lay hands on him or her. If that were the case it would limit

God's capacity to heal. Don't misunderstand me, the laying on of hands is a wonderful way to heal and we should do it as often as possible. But God wants to go beyond just healing a few individuals by the laying on of hands; He wants to explode His power in the 21st century. And we can be mighty instruments of that explosion through intercession. Intercessory prayer makes the Omni-presence of God a reality.

I am here to proclaim that we don't have to sit on the curb out in front of our mansions, begging for favors any longer. We can go in through the front door and enter the throne room with boldness. Christ, the 'Great Intercessor' has provided us with the pattern.

We are the Body of Christ. That means the <u>Body</u> can go in the presence of God with the same confidence and the same assurance that the <u>Head</u> can! <u>Boldly!</u> So, right now, start praying more prayers of intercession and watch the miracles God begins to perform through you.

But, you know, Jesus said, "Greater things will we do." And part of those greater things takes place when we dare to go one step further and unite together in intercessory prayer.

Yes, intercessory prayer empowers us, but united intercession will ignite an explosion that will be felt around the world.

HEALING - PART VII

The seventh message in our healing series is entitled: Growing out Arms and Legs.

In the charismatic world, growing out of arms and legs is very common and is done in both large and small meetings all over the world.

The very first time I ever saw this type of miracle done, I will have to be honest with you, it turned me off! I really thought the

evangelist was pulling some kind of trick. Probably the thing that influenced me the most was the fact that it seemed like everyone in the audience had a short arm or leg, and I knew this wasn't possible!

Well, about a month later, God brought the same evangelist to Houston. While I was sitting on the front row, a lady came up who had an arm about three or four inches short and it grew out RIGHT UNDER MY NOSE! I didn't doubt any more.

Since then I have found out that over eighty percent of the world's populations have back problems. Many of these ailments are caused by a short arm or leg.

You may have never seen an arm or a leg grow out. If not, you're in for a real treat! One of the most exciting miracles you will ever see is to watch the power of God actually move a part of the body right in front of your eyes. It is tremendous in convincing a sinner or a person who has not yet received the baptism in the Holy Spirit of the reality of the power of a living God who has not forgotten how to heal the sick.

You might want to try it on yourself? Stand up straight, put your feet together so that your toes are even, and look straight forward. Extend your arms in front of you with the palms facing each other, about a half-inch apart, and then push or stretch your arms straight out as far as you can.

While your arms are stretched, bring your hands tightly together and hold them together until you bend your elbows so that you can see the ends of your fingers. If the lengths of your arms are uneven, the fingers on your long arm will come out farther than the fingers on your short arm. Now you are ready to grow out your own arm. Stretch your arms out in front of you again, letting your hands lightly touch each other, but don't hold them tightly together.

You might want to say something like this, "Arm, in the name of Jesus, I command you to grow. Spine, muscles, nerves, ligament and tendons, be adjusted in the name of Jesus." Then

say, "Thank you, Father, I believe it is done." You should see the short arm grow to equal the length of the other and maybe even feel the adjustment. Now, do it to someone else!

If you want to try it on legs, have the person sit erect in a straight chair and place their feet forward. You can often see the adjustment needed by looking at the bottoms of the shoes, or by putting your thumbs on the anklebones. Hold the feet lightly in your hands. In the name of Jesus, command the short leg to grow and then command the muscles, nerves and tendons, of the back, to move into place.

Generally if there is an upper back or neck problem, the arms will need adjusting and if there is a lower back problem, the legs may be uneven. Check your back, or the back of the person to whom you are ministering, by bending it, and see if it didn't get healed when the arm or leg grew out. There are times when you need to adjust both the arms and legs.

Now you are ready to start being a common, ordinary, everyday miracle worker for Jesus. Remember that He is the Master. It's fun and exciting to watch God's power do this type of healing and it's a very effective witness in demonstrating the power of God.

Recently, I laid hands on a lady with a jawbone which was not "hinged" properly, medically its called TMJ. Every time she bit down, it would cause her pain. I commanded the bone to align and the nerves and muscles to adjust. The jawbone moved slightly and the pain left. She had a difficult time believing that a lifetime of pain left in a few seconds. God is so good!

Associated with the growing out of arms and legs, is also the relaxing of muscles and joints.

I woke up one morning with a charley horse in the top muscle of my shoulder. I simply stretched out my arms and commanded the muscle to relax and one of the most beautiful experiences of my life happened. It was like the hand of God released the muscle and the cramp gently faded away in a moment's time. The holy presence felt in my shoulder was as overwhelming as believe the burning bush was to Moses! Hallelujah!

God is showing the entire body of Christ, not just evangelists or ministers, the simplicity of the application of His awesome power so that multitudes will give and receive healing. I perceive in my spirit that God is saying that millions throughout the world will soon do healing. People just like you and me!

You will never know until you try. God is preparing the bride of Christ for that soon-coming return. He will do it largely through the demonstration of His Spirit. I want you to be a living testimony of this exciting move of God in the last days! Why not start growing out arms and legs today!

HEALING - PART VIII

The eighth message in our healing series is entitled: Being Sensitive to the Holy Spirit.

You don't have to go through life looking for people to heal because the Holy Spirit will draw people to you whom He has already prepared. Just simply minister healing when you have the opportunity, whether it is to one individual or to multitudes; whether it in a church or on the street.

God speaks to us in many different ways. Sometimes when He speaks, it is in such a seemingly ordinary, human way that we hardly know it is God. Everyone has at one time or another wondered if it was God speaking, or just our own human thought. What we need to do is have faith in what we're hearing from the Holy Spirit and act on the opportunities He makes available.

Have you ever turned a light switch on or off? If you have, you are smart enough to heal the sick. Somewhere close to where you live is a generator, a power plant which generates electricity. This electricity, the power, is brought to your house

from the source through a wire directly to your light bulb. The energy that flows from the power plant to the light bulb causes the filament of the bulb to illuminate, and we say the light is on. Between the power plant and the light bulb is a switch, or a breaker. The switch is designed to break the flow of the energy from its source to the light bulb. If you turn the switch "on" the two ends of the wire in the breaker box are connected so the energy will flow through. If it's turned "off," the wire is separated and energy cannot continue because of the gap between the power source and light bulb.

In the same way, the Holy Spirit "in you" is the generator or the power plant. You are the on/off switch, and the person needing healing is the light bulb. You make the decision to turn the switch on or leave it off.

If you have not yet received your generator, do so right now! Ask Jesus to baptize you with the Holy Spirit, lift your hands up to God, and begin to love and praise Him, but not in your native language. Start giving sounds of love so that the Holy Spirit can take those sounds and give you the language that will take you from an ordinary to an extraordinary person! Let your spirit soar as it talks directly to God. (I Corinthians 14:2)

One of the things that is so exciting about being sensitive to the Holy Spirit is how it will start a flow of miracles. Hallelujah!

Be sensitive to God speaking to you. Listen to God's voice. It is far more important than anything you'll ever do. When He speaks to you, you will know that it is His voice, because it is confirmed by your spirit, the Holy Spirit and the Word of God. If you don't read the Word, you will not recognize God's voice and the devil will deceive you.

You won't have to concern yourself with satan's deceptive tactics if you spend time in the Word. It is very vital in healing the sick or operating in any of the gifts of the Spirit that you saturate your mind continually in the Word of God. Never let it get cold. Read it repeatedly, because every time you go back

through the Bible, there is a freshness that comes and new revelations of God's meaning.

Learn to be acutely aware of God's presence at all times, so that you will notice the slightest little nudge from the Holy Spirit.

As I share a recent personal experience, let me tell you how your newly acquired sensitivity can work in your own life.

Many years ago my beloved aunt suffered a debilitating stroke that the enemy intended to use to take her life. When my grandmother transported her home from California, the doctors didn't think much of her chances for survival. Nevertheless, with much prayer and a lot of tender loving care, she is doing quite well today. However, there were some residual effects left by the stroke that I've been praying about for years. Well Saints, while in my prayer closet recently the Master Physician gave me specific instructions on how to address stroke victims as well as insight into several other areas.

I generally pray for my aunt daily, but little did I know that this would be the day God would answer my pray. As I was praying, I heard Him clearly say, "Melva you must speak to the SPIRIT OF DEATH." After speaking to the spirit of death, this is how God explained the process to me:

Be patient and loving with stroke victims when you start ministering to them, but do not sympathize, because sympathy is one of the biggest killers in stroke cases.

When a person has a stroke it causes a blood clot in a vessel, or a rupture of the vessel, which keeps the oxygen supply from going into that portion of the brain. As a result, the brain cells become dormant or die.

God continued by saying, when the "spirit of death" is casted out, the spirit, which brought about the clot <u>leaves</u> and the flow of blood to the cells is restored. All that remains to be done is to apply faith and therapy to re-educate the communication between the brain and the paralyzed portion of the body. By

bending the arm, leg and fingers, as well as using the vocal cords in speaking, the brain begins sending signals and the limbs respond. There is really nothing wrong with the arm or leg, but since the brain cell cannot send signals, the arm or leg quit functioning.

Be very careful as you bend a limb. Stroke victims often cry when you talk with them. When you bend a limb, it may hurt, or they may act like it hurts. This requires extreme sensitivity to the Holy Spirit!

This revelation is "Hot Off God's Press." I wanted to share it with you in a continuing effort to illustrate the daily fellowship that can be enjoyed with our Heavenly Father. Fellowship with Him is simply the perfect-shared life of a father with his child. To illustrate exactly what fellowship with God means in the life of an individual is the reason I share with you the events of my own life in communing with Him. God deals with each of us individually. I hope my sharing will help you catch a glimpse of the wonder of it all and its overall effect on everything in life.

My prayer is that you will desire to learn to hear Him in an even deeper way.

