

CHAPTER 14

HEALING - IT IS GOD'S WILL FOR YOU!

"PROSPER IN ALL RESPECTS AND BE IN GOOD HEALTH"

..."Beloved I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health just as your soul prospers"....

3 John 2

Today we are going to examine the topic of healing and come to see by the light of the Holy Spirit that it is God's will for each one of His children to walk in "divine health". This is an extremely important topic because for too long Satan has kept the children of God away from the fulness of their inheritance - an inheritance that was bought for them with a very high price at Calvary. And, thus, we need to dispel those myths which are keeping the multitudes away from all of the wondrous things the Father has provided for them in Christ. In the above scripture we find the apostle John praying under the unction of the Holy Spirit, according to the will of the Father, and we see that he prays for us to prosper in all respects and "be in good health". So from this we have our first glimpse of the Father's will concerning our health and healing. As we continue on to search the scriptures we are going to establish what the Bible says - NOT what men's traditions and opinions say, but rather what God says! We must set aside "all" of our preconceived notions and mental ascensions to the Word of God and open our heart wide to hear the revealed Word of God. In this last hour it is of the utmost importance to treat EVERY facet of our Christian walk in this very same manner - for in doing so we will have our heart and mind CONTINUALLY established in the exact or true knowledge of God Almighty.

"WE MUST COME TO KNOW THAT GOD OPERATES FULLY IN THE LAW OF LIFE AND THAT THE EVIL ONE OPERATES FULLY IN THE LAW OF SIN AND DEATH!"

In Romans 8:2 the Word of God states that:

..."the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death"....

Right away we can see that there are two different laws at work here and we see that each one is the opposite of the other. The law of the Spirit of life is motivated by faith and life and the law of sin and death is motivated by fear and death. So we can see that there are two different laws and two different forces at work. We know that the law of the Spirit of life (operated by faith) is the "law" of God and the law of sin and death (put into action by fear) is the law of Satan, and that these two spiritual laws are in operation in the earth today. We, as believers, need to have a clear understanding of what these two laws encompass so that we can see clearly that God is not a God who operates in one law and then switches over to another law. We must know that He operates fully in the law of life and that the Evil One operates fully in the law of sin and death!

"EVERYTHING THAT GOD STANDS FOR, SATAN IS AGAINST AND EVERYTHING THAT SATAN STANDS FOR - OR IS A PART OF - GOD IS AGAINST"

In John 10:10 Jesus states that:

..."the thief comes only to steal, to kill, and to destroy. I came that they might have life and might have it abundantly"....

In this verse Jesus draws the distinct comparison between that which is the essence of the Father's nature and that which is the essence of Satan's nature. We need to meditate on this passage. We need to realize that everything that God stands for, Satan is against and that everything that Satan stands for - or is a part of - God is against. They are indeed two absolute opposites and they cannot mix in ANY form or fashion - although it is certain that a vast multitude of religious spirits continue to attempt to paint a deceptive picture of that through legalism, "good works" etc.

"THE FATHER NEVER MADE ANY PROVISION FOR HIS CHILDREN TO COMPROMISE HIS WORD IN ANY WAY!"

Up until this time there has been a great amount of sickness and disease amongst the children of God, and also a great amount of poverty and lack - as well as a great amount of strife and discord - simply because many have taken the Word of God and, through a spirit of mental ascension, they have "mixed" it with the lies of the Evil One. As we look at some scriptures found in the Old Testament and

some more in the New Testament, we shall see clearly that the Father never made ANY provision for His children to compromise His Word in any way! We must continually exercise a "holy caution" where the Word of God is concerned for it is certain that anyone who does so (compromises it) shall reap some form of corruption in their walk, for whatever a man will sow that he will also reap, if to the flesh, corruption and if to the Spirit, life.

"THERE IS NO ROOM FOR MAINTAINING SIN IN THE LIFE OF THE TRUE BELIEVER AND STILL APPROPRIATE THE FULNESS OF DIVINE BLESSING"

Every child of God also needs to have a burning revelation in their heart that God has commanded ALL of His children to "be holy as I Am holy" (Leviticus 11:44), and that of course means there is no room for "maintaining" sin in the life of the true believer and still appropriate the fulness of divine blessing (the fulness of their inheritance in Christ). Until the believer has this truth revealed to their heart by the Spirit of God there will remain within them the tendency, in some form, to sow to the flesh. This continual sowing to the flesh serves only to "allow" darkness and death to hold that one in a certain degree of bondage - UNTIL such a time a they allow the light of divine truth to both expose and consume that ground of fear (pride) within them. The Father has set our path and He has given us His Word. As we are obedient to that Word (Will) and as we walk in it, and as that Word (Will) is continually revealed to our heart by the Holy Spirit (having put His Word first in EVERY area of our lives) we shall experience the Divine prosperity God has provided for us in Christ Jesus.

"NO COMPROMISE...THE CHILD OF GOD'S SURVIVAL IN THE EARTH WILL DEPEND UPON IT!"

But on the other hand, if the child of God decides, by a conscious act of their will, to partake of those things which are apart from the Word of God and therefore come under the law of sin and death, in other words, if the believer voluntarily continues on in fellowship with the world, then, in some form, Satan will enter into that believer's life to steal from, kill or destroy all that he can and thus remove that child of God from a position of blessing which would be a threat to his "domain". We need to establish without a doubt that there can be no compromise in the Christian walk for the time is coming, and now is, that the child of God's survival in the earth will depend upon it!

AN "UNHOLY HABIT"

We are now going to look at some scriptures which will begin to show us the true nature of our loving Father in order to prove that He is not a God who loves us on one hand, and on the other lays all kinds of "bad things" on us to teach us something. We must see from the Word of God that no evil proceeds from our Heavenly Father and that He is not the author of sickness and disease. It does not matter what anyone says or writes if it cannot be backed wholly by the Word of God! As the Word goes forth in this last hour we must begin to hear the Word of God from the position of a pure heart (a heart wholly given) and completely forsake the traditions and doctrines of men which proceed from the mind of man. Holding to the traditions and doctrines of men is an "unholy habit" on the part of many - an unholy habit that has robbed the church of her true authority and power and life in Christ Jesus! Because of these things, we have - in many areas of the church - manifestations of the law of sin and death operating freely without any resistance. But the day is coming, and now is, that this shall end and God will raise up His spotless and unblemished Church. In this hour there is a clear and distinct call to each individual believer to consecrate themselves "wholly" unto God and, thus, put aside the sin and fear which have kept them in some form of bondage to the Evil One for too long. Let it be clearly understood that there is no need for the Spirit-filled believer to walk in "any area" governed by the law of sin and death if they will just simply draw near to the Word of God and abide in it - day in and day out!

MEDITATE ON THE WORD OF GOD DAY AND NIGHT

In Joshua 1:8 the Word of God states:

...."This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous and then you will have success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go"....

I have read over this particular passage many times and each time I read it anew I realize the importance and the magnitude of the promises that we have in this portion of God's Word. Our Heavenly Father is giving us the conditions that we need to operate in (meditate in the Word of God day and night), and then He

gives us the promise we have (success and prosperity), and because of this we are able to walk where He would have us walk, and experience a whole group of benefits we would never have experienced if we had not put His Word first in our lives - and, thus, developed our "personal relationship" with Him.

"OBEDIENCE TO THE WORD OF GOD IN EVEN THE SMALLEST DETAIL IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE"

Every condition or command found in the Bible is for the greatest eternal benefit of the child of God. There is not one thing in the Word of God that was put there to do us harm. Yet, as we attempt to approach the commandments of God in our "own" understanding they may at first seem difficult or tiresome to us, (this is due to the fact that the "flesh" is always in perfect enmity with the will of God), but as we are transformed by the renewing of our minds, perfect obedience to the Word of our Heavenly Father shall become a joy to us. The believer must realize that without continued obedience to God's Word they will soon leave the path that God has provided for them to walk in and plant their feet firmly in the "world" (which is the domain of the Evil One [1 John 5:19]), and because of this they will, to some degree, be found walking in bondage to the law of sin and death. Obedience to the Word of God in even the smallest detail is of the utmost importance, otherwise we are left open to deception by the Evil One. If the child of God will take the hand of their Heavenly Father and just believe that what He says is true - and thus remain steadfast in His Word, THEN they shall make their way prosperous and THEN they shall have success in all that they do.

"THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO SEE THE LIVING CHRIST IN THE MIDST OF A CARNAL CHURCH"

It is so important for every child of God to develop their personal relationship with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and learn to know God's ways - day in and day out. It is because many Christians have gotten away from - or never have developed - this personal relationship with the Father (which He so longs for) that has "allowed" the Evil One to openly attack the church and continually infiltrate her with lies. Because of these things whole pockets of born-again believers are led into putting their faith in the doctrines of men and demons rather than the Living Word of God. The danger in this can be clearly seen no matter where one looks - for when one sees "Christians" walking in defeat, oppression and affliction (which they need not walk in) they see no need to change

their sinful ways, and even many who are desperate for "deliverance" remain in captivity because they are not able to see the "living Christ" in the midst of a carnal church - a church that in many cases has allowed itself to remain in a form of bondage to the law of sin and death!

"IN THESE DAYS, THOSE IN THE FIVE-FOLD MINISTRY MUST PUT FORTH THE UNCOMPROMISED WORD AS NEVER BEFORE!"

Let it be clearly understood that the "world" is not looking for a church which is plagued with the same problems they already have, but rather they are looking for some serious answers to their problems. Therefore, it is of the greatest importance for us to be the "shining lights" we are called to be to this darkened world and, by walking continually in and on the revelation knowledge of God's Word. It is only in this way that we will be found presenting the true and proper image of the Lord Jesus Christ. He - and only He - is the answer to "all" of the world's problems - problems which are a manifestation in some form of the law of sin and death (the curse). In these days, those in the five-fold ministry must put forth the uncompromised Word as never before! As they do those who are faithful to the purposes of God will come to the realization of the importance of holiness - and a perfect obedience to the things of God. Every child of God truly seeking the fulness of the Father's will must meditate on His holy Word until it becomes part of them - until their hearts are saturated to overflowing - again, day in and day out. For it is then that the child of God is promised prosperity and success in ALL that they do.

"WE SHALL SEE THE GREATEST HEALING REVIVAL OF ALL TIME BEFORE WE LEAVE THIS EARTH!"

Certainly healing and divine health are part of that aforementioned prosperity - for what person experiencing sickness or disease would not consider themselves prosperous if they were healed, or better still if sickness and disease could not exist (remain) in their body at all. When we are healthy and our body is able to function freely in our carrying out of God's will we would certainly consider ourselves to be physically prosperous. There are many who do not yet know the Lord and are plagued with sickness and disease. They have lost all natural hope for their survival - and they need more than anything else the miracle working power of God. As more and more believers get hold of the Word of God - and thus the inherent power within it - we shall see the "greatest healing revival"

of all time before we leave this earth! But first, the children of God must be turned back to their first love and get their priorities straight - in order that the unlimited power of God might become manifest in the earth. We, as the Church, are His vessels in the earth and whatsoever blessing the Father desires to pour forth upon man will come through us - the Body of His beloved Son. So let each and every believer hearken readily to the call for separation unto God - in order that His holy will might be done on earth as it is in Heaven. We need to realize that part of the will of the Father is for His children to be healthy in all respects - or perhaps a better way to explain that would be to say that He desires His children to be wholly united with Him in all things. We know that there is no sickness or sin in God therefore the command "to be Holy as He is Holy" shows us of His desire for us to be partakers of His divine nature by the granting of His precious and magnificent promises, and because of these things we know we have escaped the corruption or decay (which includes sickness) that is in the world by the desire of men to do things which are apart from God (2 Peter 1:4).

"THROUGH FEAR AND UNBELIEF THE LAW OF SIN AND DEATH IS ACTIVATED"

Until the child of God believes in their heart that the Word of God is true, and until they are prepared to act on that Word at all cost to themselves, then they shall be hesitant to move on into the deeper mysteries of God. This "plateauing" will allow Satan, to in some way, do harm to their service for the Lord. Our Heavenly Father has made the provision for us to walk above, and free of, any oppression or affliction the Evil One might attempt to neutralize us with. Knowing that through fear and unbelief the law of sin and death is activated one can clearly see the need for fear and mistrust of God to be completely eradicated from the life of every believer. An abiding faith in the Word of God produces the manifestation of the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus - devoid of any trace of the law of sin and death. True Christianity was never meant to be a "part-time" job! Indeed it was never meant to be anything less than whole-hearted devotion to God. Once this becomes evident to the heart of the true believer all of the things which God has provided for them will begin to take their rightful place in their lives and this will cause the Body of Christ to walk in the fulness of her inheritance corporately in the days ahead.

"THE LAW OF SIN AND DEATH BECAME MORE ACCEPTABLE TO US THAN THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT OF LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS"

The shedding of the precious Blood of Jesus at Calvary was far too great a price paid for us to turn around, and through our slothfulness and selfishness, ignore the benefits bought for us there! It is time for every child of God to place the Word of God first in their lives and, thus, give Him His rightful place of authority in their lives. In many areas our wonderful inheritance in Christ has been cast aside and we, as the church, have "allowed" ourselves to walk in an area so far below what God had intended for us that the law of sin and death became more acceptable to us than the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus. Sickness and poverty came to be expected to some degree when, in reality, this has never been part of God's will for His people!

"IT IS FROM THIS POSITION OF FAITH-FULNESS (THE FULNESS OF FAITH) THAT THEY SHALL BECOME A MIGHTY VESSEL OF GOD'S GRACE AND DELIVERANCE"

In Psalm 35:27 the Word of God states:

...."Let them shout for joy and rejoice, (those) who favour My vindication; and let them say continually the Lord be magnified, Who delights in the prosperity of His servant"

From this passage we can know that the Father delights in the prosperity of His children, and that He is delighted when His children take His Word and walk on it - continually casting aside all that the Evil One attempts to discourage them with. This is the true faith - the faith that pleases God (Hebrews 11:6). Every child of God must strive - in and by the Holy Spirit - to enter into that place wherein their only ambition (aim) is to please the Father in all that they do. It is from this position of faith-FULLNESS that they shall become a mighty vessel of God's grace and deliverance in the earth, and they will be esteemed highly by God and all those whose hearts are "toward" Him.

"THEY WILL SEEK AND NEED ONLY THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE OF GOD"

God is looking for those who will be obedient to His commands above all else - in order that His glory might be manifested freely in the earth and the captives set free. As the believer begins to put the Word of God first in every facet of their life their will shall become perfectly conformed to the will of God and

they shall no longer seek the desires which arise out of the flesh, but rather they will seek and need ONLY those things which are of God - those things which are needful to accomplish His perfect will in the earth. As the child of God continues on in obedience and begins to mature in the faith new doors will open, doors that had been previously shut due to their constant refusal to operate "wholly" in obedience to God and to His Word. Now is a time of great consecration in the Body of Christ and we shall surely see great signs and wonders throughout the land as the Lord shows Himself strong on the behalf of those who walk uprightly before Him (Psalm 84:11) (2 Chronicles 16:9).

"THE ABSOLUTE TRUTHS OF GOD ARE DAWNING IN THE HEARTS OF ALL THOSE WHO WILL HEAR"

In these days many are experiencing the "new birth" and entering into the Kingdom of God. Right from the start they are taking the Word at its "face value" as revealed to them by the Holy Spirit, and walking in the light of that revelation. In this hour the "uncompromised" Word of God is being preached far and wide and the absolute truths of God are dawning in the hearts of all those who will "hear". This tremendous outpouring of revelation (divine light) is exposing all false doctrine concerning the wondrous inheritance that was purchased for us at Calvary. It is an abomination to the Heavenly Father, having cleansed and redeemed His beloved children by the precious Blood of Jesus, to watch them walk in defeat under the hand of the Evil One - in ANY way, shape or form. Now is the time for every believer to focus on any area of defeat or potential defeat in their lives and quickly apply God's Word to it. All that is not of God must be removed from each of our lives and the sin which so easily entangles us must be put aside, for it is time for the Final Judgement of God to begin with the household of God: and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the Gospel of God (1 Peter 4:17)?

"THE FATHER IS DESIROUS OF A HOLY PEOPLE"

The Father is desirous of a holy people and He will have what He desires. Let us draw near to Him in this hour. Let us be found cleansing our hands, purifying our hearts and humbling ourselves in the presence of the Lord (James 4:10). As we take a closer look at our lives to see if there is any area of lack or defeat we must realize that whatever it is, whether it be sickness in our family, financial need - or perhaps Satan has been allowed to enter into a situation in our

family or church and bitter strife exists - whatever the problem, regardless of its apparent gravity, our Heavenly Father is more than willing to meet that need and, in doing so, He is also able to do it in ways that are exceeding abundantly beyond all that we could ask or think in our own understanding. But we must realize that He needs our cooperation! He needs us to believe in His Word - "knowing" in our hearts that He is watching over His Word to perform it. We must never partially depend on our Heavenly Father, but rather we need to cast our care entirely upon Him - again, KNOWING that all our needs are met according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus, because He cares for us. As we exercise a pure and absolute faith God will surely meet our need - but it is up to us to continually fill our hearts with an abundance of His Word, for faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God (Romans 10:17).

"IN REALITY, WHAT THEY WERE HEARING DENIED THE CROSS AND THE BLOOD!"

For too long the church has allowed itself to be infiltrated with lies and the only reason these lies of the Evil One have been able to stay is because the people of God have not hearkened unto His Word. They have not known His voice simply because they have not sought with their "whole" heart to develop their relationship with Him. Because of these things many of His children were not able to discern if what was being said about Him was true or not! If they heard it said that "healing is not for us today" or "God does not heal" or "it is not God's will to heal you" they, because of their fellowship with the world and its ways, took it for granted that what was being spoken to them in darkness was the truth - in reality, what they were hearing denied the Cross and the Blood! "Doctrines" were formed and believed, and thus they became traditions - and even whole denominations were formed on these lies which had their source in Satan. If people continue to hear these statements even today, without viewing them in light of God's Word and in the power of the Holy Spirit (the Spirit of wisdom and revelation) then these lies will become firmly entrenched in their thinking, and it will take a considerable saturating with the Word of God for their minds to be renewed to the truth.

"THIS WORK OF THE EVIL ONE MUST BE RADICALLY UNDONE (OBLITERATED) IN THE MIDST OF GOD'S PEOPLE"

This is exactly the dilemma that the five-fold ministry faces as they rise up in this critical hour to put forth the uncompromised Word of God - for the church

has, for the most part, been bound up in doctrines and traditions of men. This work of the Evil One must be radically undone (obliterated) in the midst of God's people - for it is only then that we shall corporately become the holy people we are called to be. Many children of God reject the truth, preferring instead to hold fast to the traditions and doctrines of men and it is sad to say, yet none the less true that they shall reap, just as they have sown - unless a thorough repentance is forthcoming! We must intercede for these brothers and sisters that they may be set free from any bondage in their lives caused by their hardness of heart (rebellion) towards God (Ephesians 4:18). Each one of us must be able to handle accurately the Word of Truth in this final hour! We need to be continually diligent in the things of God so that we might be a powerful witness - in love - to any who would malign His Holy name.

"YOU WILL BE FAR FROM OPPRESSION"

It is written in Isaiah 54:14 that:

..."you will be far from oppression for you will not fear"....

Fear stems from unbelief (mistrust of God), unbelief stems from not putting the Word first, and not putting the Word first stems from the believer's failure to obey the command of God - Who commands us to put His Word first (Joshua 1:8). One can easily see from this that as we give the Word of God preeminence in our life and ministry it will prevent Satan from having (finding) any ground in us - to work from and through. Therefore, to the degree that we fill our heart with the Word of faith, it is to that same degree that we will shut out fear - and THEN we shall indeed be far from oppression of any kind.

"EVERY BELIEVER MUST LEARN TO DESTROY SPECULATIONS AND ANY LOFTY THING WHICH SEEKS TO EXALT ITSELF ABOVE THE WORD OF GOD"

Many children of God have little difficulty in believing that it is God's will to heal - and that He is able to heal - but they most certainly have some difficulty with the belief that He will heal "their" infirmity. Every believer finding themselves in this situation needs to find out exactly what God's Word says and have it revealed to them by the Holy Spirit. THEN, they need to believe it is for them personally - and act on it. They must believe that what is said in the Word of

God pertaining to the solution to the problem is true and that it will most certainly come to pass in their lives as they exercise a pure faith in God's Word. Every believer must learn to destroy speculations and ANY lofty thing which seeks to exalt itself above the Word of God. As one is faithful to do this constantly, EVERY thought will be brought captive to a "revelation" of the Word of God. Thus, the mind of the believer will be wondrously transformed and renewed by that same Word (Romans 12:2) (2 Corinthians 10:5).

"OUT OF THE ABUNDANCE OF THE HEART THE MOUTH WILL SPEAK AND THEY SHALL CONTINUALLY PUT INTO EFFECT AROUND THEMSELVES THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT OF LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS"

Until the child of God realizes that God's thoughts are higher than the thoughts which proceed from the "unrenewed mind" they will fall far short of what the Heavenly Father has intended for them. When this revelation is revealed to the heart of the believer then they shall no longer strive incessantly to lean on their own understanding, but rather they will calmly replace those carnal thoughts with the Word of God - thus bringing all their actions into line with what they believe in their heart. For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth will speak and they shall continually put into effect around themselves the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus.

"GOD IS OUR DELIVERER"

In Psalm 91:1-3 the Word of God states:

..."He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord 'My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust!' For it is He Who delivers you from the snare of the trapper, and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with His pinions and under His wings you may seek refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and a bulwark"....

In verse 3 we see that it is written that it is God who delivers us from the snare of the Evil One and from the deadly pestilence, which includes all the forces of evil as well as any manifestation of the law of sin and death - sickness and disease included. We must realize that God is our deliverer and that He desires all of His children to be free from all of the death and corruption which came into this

earth when Adam bowed his knee to Satan and rebelled against God. It was for this reason that God sent His only begotten Son in the person of Jesus Christ of Nazareth - Who paid the price for our redemption with His precious Blood, at Calvary.

"THEY SHALL BECOME REALITY IN THE LIFE OF THE BELIEVER WHO WILL WALK IN OBEDIENCE"

As the child of God continues to dwell in the shelter of the most High and make the Lord his sole refuge then it is written in Psalm 91:10 that:

..."no evil will befall you nor will any plague come near your tent (dwelling)...."

The wonderful promises found in this Psalm belong to us as the children of God, and they shall become reality in the life of the believer who will walk in obedience to the commands and conditions of the first two verses. From these scriptures one can see clearly that sickness is not of God and that God, as our Deliverer, will protect us from the Evil One and his attempts to afflict us, as we trust Him and His Word with all of our heart.

"WE SHALL BE SEEN AS THE TRIUMPHANT AND GLORIOUS CHURCH WE ARE CALLED TO BE"

In verse 13 it is written:

..."you will tread upon the lion and cobra, the young lion and the serpent you will trample down"...."

It is also written in Luke 10:19:

..."I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions and over ALL the power of the enemy"...."

From these scriptures we can see that not only has God delivered us from any bondage to the Evil One but He has also made us more than conquerors over him, in Christ. Christians should be treading upon him instead of suffering destruction, theft or death at his hands! As the people of God draw near to their

Heavenly Father they shall begin to walk in the "fulness" of the authority that is theirs in Christ and, thus, we shall be seen as the triumphant and victorious Church we are called to be. Let it be clearly understood that God never afflicts His children with "any" manifestation of the law of sin and death to teach them, for there is no evil in God and He is only pure and holy!

"HOW SIMPLE THE TRUTH IS WHEN ONE'S SPIRITUAL EYES ARE OPENED WIDE"

In verse 16 it is written:

..."with a long life I will satisfy him and let him behold My salvation"....

This portion of Scripture surely states that our Heavenly Father desires for us to live long lives - lives which are satisfying to us while drawing ever nearer to Him. How simple the truth is when one's spiritual eyes are opened wide and the Word of God is embedded in their heart. It is THEN that all of the lies of the Evil One are continually cast down and put aside and, as we are faithful to bring every thought captive to the Word of God, we shall surely be found living lives filled with the abundant prosperity and health which are rightfully ours in Christ.

"AS WE ARE OBEDIENT TO GOD WE WILL PARTAKE FULLY OF THE COVENANTS OF PROMISE WHICH ARE FOUND IN GOD'S WORD"

In Psalm 103:1-8 it is written:

..."Bless the Lord O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His Holy name. Bless the Lord O my soul and forget none of His benefits; Who pardons all your iniquities; Who heals all your diseases; Who redeems your life from the pit; Who crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion; Who satisfies your years with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle. The Lord performs righteous deeds, and judgements for all who are oppressed. He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the sons of Israel. The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness"....

As the child of God meditates upon this portion of scripture they shall clearly see the goodness of God shine forth - for He indeed is the One Who heals

"all" our diseases and delivers us from "all" that would do us harm. In verse 7 the Word states that "He made known His ways to Moses". With this in mind we see that in Exodus 15:26 it is written:

...."If you will give earnest heed to the voice of the Lord your God, and do what is right in His sight, and give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have put (lit. permitted) on the Egyptians for I the Lord, am your healer"....

Translated literally, taking into consideration the permissive tense of the Hebrew which is non-existent in the English language, the end of that verse should read like this, "I will permit none of the diseases on you which I have permitted to be put on the Egyptians for I the Lord am your healer - or in other words, for I the Lord desire for you to be healed. He is saying, give an ear to His commandments, give earnest heed to His voice, do what is right in His sight and keep all His statutes in order that we enter into our covenant with Him by faith, and He will permit nothing to come upon us ("touch" us) which is not of Him. In other words, Satan is left on the outside looking in when we are found trusting in the Word of God! As we are obedient to God we will partake fully of the covenants of promise which are found in God's Word - covenants which have been ratified by the Blood of Jesus, and in which are provided everything we need to exist above and apart from the evil in this world. Once the believer realizes that God's will is healing for "them" THEN they shall continue to gain a deeper revelation of His will for them concerning the fulness of their salvation ("soteria" - deliverance from every temporal evil) in Christ, and they shall THEN be fully empowered to set the captives free. In this last hour, as revelation knowledge concerning healing and divine health goes forth within the Body of Christ, many shall take the Word they have heard and begin to exercise an absolute faith in it. As the traditions of men and the various "doctrines of unbelief" are exposed and consumed by the fire of the Holy Spirit being poured forth through God's holy vessels in this hour many shall - for the first time - see clearly and understand the deepest thoughts and intentions of the Father's heart toward them, and thus enter into a perfect liberty in Christ. Because of these things we shall begin to see a great and wondrous healing revival throughout the earth in these days, and indeed there will no longer remain any sickness in the midst of the congregations of the righteous!

"I WILL REMOVE SICKNESS FROM YOUR MIDST"

In Exodus 23:25 the Word of God states:

..."But you shall serve the Lord your God and He will bless your bread and water; and I will remove sickness from your midst"....

God is stating here when He says "I will" remove sickness from your midst that it is His will that there be no sickness amongst us. As you study more and more of these scriptures you begin to see the true and loving nature of our Heavenly Father. We must, as His children, understand clearly that our Father is a loving God and that He loves each of us with a tenderness and affection that cannot be described in mere words, but rather it is meant to be experienced as we draw closer to Him with each passing day.

THE BLESSINGS OF OBEDIENCE AND THE CURSE OF DISOBEDIENCE

It is important to establish the fact that as we walk in obedience to the Word of God we shall be blessed with the blessings of God - and that as one disobeys the Word of God they leave themselves open, and subject to, the curse of the law of sin and death. We are able to see this clearly in Deuteronomy 28 where in verse one the Word states:

..."Now it shall be if you will diligently obey the Lord your God, being careful to do all His commandments which I command you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth".... (also read verses 2-14)

In Deuteronomy 28:15 it is written:

..."But it shall come about if you will not obey the Lord your God to observe to do all His commandments and statutes with which I charge you today, that all these curses shall come upon you and overtake you".... (also read verses 16-68)

The Lord spoke these words to Moses but they were intended for all of the people of Israel, who were God's chosen people. In this chapter the wondrous blessings of obedience and the grave consequences of disobedience are clearly pointed out. Obedience on the part of the children of Israel would protect them in the earth from the Evil One (the nations around them) while disobedience would take them into a position outside God's Covenant protection and Satan would be

free to lay all manner of affliction upon them. For us today, having been redeemed from the curse of the law by Christ (Galatians 3:13), we are in a position of walking above this world - and the evil therein - as long as we do not "allow" ourselves to be conformed to the things of this world - and thus enter into a form of "heart-fellowship" with it. For this heart-fellowship will surely lead us into disobedience and - if maintained will cause us to make ourselves strangers to the Covenants of promise (Ephesians 2:12).

"NEVER HAS IT BEEN MORE IMPORTANT FOR EVERY BELIEVER TO FIX THEIR EYES ON THE WORD OF GOD"

Once we allow ourselves to "stray" from the Word of God THEN the "spirit of the world" is able to close in around us. Satan continually attempts to lure us into an area outside our Covenant with God through an act of aligning ourselves with his lies, in an attempt to destroy us. Never has it been more important for every believer to "fix" their eyes on the Word of God in order to find out what the fulness of their inheritance in Christ is! Satan is attacking the church as never before in a futile effort to prevent his final defeat, and his goal is to eliminate as many Christians as he can from the face of this earth where they can do no harm to him. But he cannot stop the believer who will stand on their Covenant with Almighty God, and walk by faith at all times. We, as children of God, should never allow fear to enter into our heart, but rather we must keep strong in the Word and continually resist the Devil - knowing that he will flee from us (James 4:7). It is certain that God did not give to us a spirit of fear, but a Spirit of power and love and a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7). Let us be found saying with David, who was a man after God's own heart, "My heart will not fear" (Psalm 27:1-3)!

"IT IS IMPERATIVE FOR EVERY CHILD OF GOD TO KNOW THEIR FATHER'S HEART AND HEAR HIS VOICE"

As we study the Word we can see clearly that God has never been vague in laying out His will before His people, and has in fact made our choice clear cut throughout the ages. We will either obey His holy Word or we will obey the lying thoughts and plans of the Evil One (Romans 6:16). One thing God has always honoured is the free will of man, and throughout all time we have been in control of our own destinies. From Adam in the garden of Eden to the Spirit-filled, Blood-bought believer of today our lives remain a "series of decisions" moment by moment, and it is imperative for every child of God to know their Father's heart

and to hear His voice in order that each time their faith is exercised it will be in "complete accordance" with the Word of God - thus keeping themselves within the Covenant ratified by the Blood of Jesus and apart from the law of sin and death in ANY form.

"WE MUST TAKE THE WORD OF GOD AND DISPEL ALL OF THESE LIES AND MYTHS"

One of the main schemes of the Evil One has been to infiltrate the church with his lies in the area of healing in order to protect his main method of both neutralizing and destroying Christians. First he attempts to weaken (sicken) their body and, if allowed to, he will move further to destroy their body - in order to remove them from the face of this earth. Although it is certain that they will go to be with the Lord - for to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:8) - how much better it would be for those children of God to remain with us, and in the power of the Spirit serve the Lord and live out the long and satisfying life promised to them by the Word of God (Psalm 91:16) - doing harm to Satan and his schemes at every turn. Another scheme that the Evil One attempts to use to his advantage is to fuel his lies within the church concerning healing and divine health, thus causing a "misrepresentation" of the Lord Jesus Christ and all that He accomplished at Calvary. We must take the Word of God and dispel all these lies and myths from the midst of the congregations once and for all! God is raising up an army which, in acting without fear on the Word of God, is bringing many miraculous signs and wonders to pass, and the lies and darkness and death which have for so long plagued the church are being driven out before them - for great is the army that carries out His Word (Joel 2:11).

"WITH EACH PASSING DAY THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS CHOICE (OBEDIENCE OR DISOBEDIENCE) IS BECOMING CLEARER AND CLEARER"

Finishing off briefly our dealing with the scripture in Deuteronomy 28 we can see that in verses 16-68 is found everything bad that one is able to think of - and "all of it" is from Satan, and is all found under the umbrella of the law of sin and death! Not one of these things is of God, but because these people will not obey His Word He has no right to step in and protect them, for having already made the provision for their deliverance and protection in the obeying of His Word, He must let them go their own way and

honour the choice they themselves have made. It is no different today! For one will either make themselves strong in the knowledge of their Covenant with God, in Christ, or one will allow themselves to become strangers to the Covenants of Promise and thus suffer at the hands of the Destroyer. With each passing day the importance of this choice amongst believers is becoming clearer and clearer, for those who will obey the Word of God shall be blessed with a superabundance this earth has never known, while those who choose disobedience (rebellion) as their path shall reap the corruption which belongs to them because of their continual desire to sow to the flesh (Galatians 6:6-8). Let us be found sowing to the Spirit that we might come to abide in the superabundant life that is ours in Christ!

"AS LONG AS THEY OBEYED HIS COMMANDMENTS"

In Deuteronomy 30:15-20 the Word of God states:

..."See, I have set before you today life and prosperity (good), and death and adversity (evil), in that I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in His ways and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgements, that you may live and multiply and that the Lord your God may bless you in the land where you are entering to possess it. But if your heart turns away and you will not obey but are drawn away and worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall surely perish. You shall not prolong your days in the land where you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess it. I call Heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants, by loving the Lord your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him, for this is your life and the length of your days, that you may live in the land which the Lord swore to your Fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give them"....

This passage explains itself, as Almighty God made clear to His people that as long as they obeyed His commandments and - by their own free will - love Him as their God, then they would remain in Covenant with Him. He would then be able to bless them with His life and protection (well-being). But if on the other hand they chose to follow after other gods - to serve them and be a slave to them - then they would surely perish not because of God but because they chose, by their own free will, to reject God and His ways and follow after Satan and his evil ways.

"CHRISTIANS MUST PUT AWAY THEIR IDOLS FROM THEM - WHATEVER THEY MAY BE!"

In this most critical hour, Christians must put away their idols from them - WHATEVER they might be! Quite simply, every child of God must rid themselves of anything that they "love" more than their Heavenly Father - for this is precisely what idolatry is. Anything at all which stands between ourselves and our God must be removed in order for God to replace it with His best (His Word and His provision) - in order that our lives might be filled with His life and presence continually. Every Christian must choose complete obedience to God's Word in this last hour and remain firmly entrenched in Christ Jesus if they truly desire to enter into the fulness of their "destiny". They must walk as "joint-heirs" with Him and live in the good land given to them - a land which is free from the "overcoming influence" of fear, worry, sickness, and every other manifestation of evil. Let us walk above the evil in this world KNOWING that even though we continue to physically be in the world we are not of this world, but rather, we have been:

...."translated into the Kingdom of His dear Son, and raised up to sit with Him in Heavenly places"....

Colossians 1:13; Ephesians 1:17-23; Ephesians 2:6;

"GOD'S MERCY AND COMPASSION CONTINUED DESPITE REJECTION TIME AND TIME AGAIN BY HIS PEOPLE"

We will now look at some scripture found in the books of the "prophets", and we shall begin to see clearly how God's mercy and compassion continued despite rejection time and time again by His people. Throughout the history of Israel many broke Covenant with God and fell into Baal worship - and every other form of idolatry. Through His servants, the prophets, God was continually pointing out the need of His people to forsake ALL that was not of Him and return to the God of Israel, Who was their Provider. But by being lured away from God the people of Israel were falling prey to the plot of the Evil One to devastate and destroy them (remove them from the face of the earth). How many times did they face certain disaster on all fronts only to repent before the Lord, step back into Covenant with Him, and be delivered? But how much better it would have been for them and how

much better it would be for us today, to abide in the shadow of God Almighty and not fall prey to "any" vile attack of Satan and his forces?

"EVERY TIME A PROPHET OF GOD SPOKE FORTH THE WORD OF GOD A LITTLE BIT MORE OF GOD'S COVENANT WAS REVEALED"

Every time a prophet of God spoke forth the Word of God, a little bit more of God's Covenant was revealed to His people - with a view to the coming of the Messiah (the Christ) promised to them. But many times the people's hearts were hardened against God and His prophets, and Satan used this to try and destroy the prophets. The prophets were greatly persecuted because they were messengers of God, but when the people would act on the Words given them because they trusted in the prophet's Words (2 Chronicles 20:20), they prospered in "all" that they did - and remained free from those things which afflicted the "world" (the law of sin and death).

"AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD STEPPED OUT OF COVENANT WILLFULLY THEY LOST EVERYTHING THEY HAD TO THE EVIL ONE, TIME AND TIME AGAIN THROUGHOUT HISTORY"

In Jeremiah 30:17 it is written:

...."For I will restore health to you, and I will heal your wounds", saith the Lord"....

As these Words were spoken Israel was in captivity in Babylon - having lost their homeland because of their apostasy - yet here was God in His mercy and compassion calling out through His prophets, speaking the Words which would bring about their return and restoration. What a wonderful example of God's grace and mercy this is! But at the same time we must realize that as the people of God stepped out of Covenant "willfully" they lost everything they had to the Evil One, time and time again throughout history. Because of these things, this warning is no less severe as it applies to the church today. Everyone who would call themselves a Christian must give the Word of God His proper place in their lives in this hour! We have already seen much destruction within the church in the form of sickness and disease, strife and all manner of affliction and oppression imposed by the Evil One. Clearly, these things ought not to be so, and it is certain that they shall surely end - as the spotless and unblemished Church is made ready for the return of Jesus

to receive His beloved bride. These things I have just spoken of need to be more real in the heart of every believer than all the cares and worries of the world. Each believer ought to have their eyes "fixed" on Jesus and not on themselves, for it is only in this way that they shall be found walking in this earth as the glorious and triumphant Church they are called to be.

"HIS WORD HOLDS WITHIN IT EVERY ANSWER"

We must always remember this about our God: He is slow to anger and He abounds in lovingkindness towards His children. Even if one of His children has allowed themselves to be ravaged in some way by the Evil One - regardless of how total the devastation has been - His Word holds within it every answer and blessing needed to more than "fully rectify" that situation and heal it. Every scheme of the Evil One must bow its knee to the Word of God and the mighty name of Jesus - regardless of how one feels or how bad things might look (Ephesians 1:21) (Philippians 2:9-11) - when one repents and exercises faith and trust in God's Word! When the child of God has these things revealed to their heart by the Holy Spirit they will never "allow" any manifestation of evil to remain in their life. In their diligence they will always take the Word and remove any presence of evil - regardless of what it is.

"TRUE CONSECRATION WILL BRING A TRUE DEVOTION"

It is no secret that many in the church - up until this time - have chosen to walk in an area of "less than God's best" for them - being "content" to a certain extent to remain in "fellowship" with the world and its ways. But the time has come for the "refining process" in the church to be fully accomplished, therefore there is an urgent call for every child of God to consecrate themselves and draw near to the Father and His Holy Word! As the child of God draws near to the Word many benefits ensue - healing being one of them - but perhaps most importantly, true consecration will bring a pure devotion to the Father's Word - regardless of how little they have fellowshiped with Him previously, and this will cause that child of God to enter into the perfect will of God for their life and ministry - no matter where they have been. As they continue in the Word and in obedience they shall become separated from the sin in their life, as well as prepared for every good (righteous) work the Father has for them to carry out in the remaining time they have in the earth.

"AS WE LOOK CLOSELY AT THE MINISTRY OF JESUS WE WILL ESTABLISH BEYOND A SHADOW OF DOUBT THAT IT IS GOD'S WILL TO HEAL"

In Hebrews 1:1-3 the Word of God states:

...."God after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, Whom He appointed heir of all things, through Whom also he made the world. And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the Word of His power"....

It is important to establish in our hearts that Jesus represented the Father perfectly while in His earthly ministry.

In John 5:19 Jesus said:

...."Truly, truly I say to you the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing, for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner"....

and again in verse 30:

...."I can do nothing on My own initiative, as I hear I judge; and My own judgement is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him Who sent Me"....

From these scriptures we can see that Jesus did nothing in His earthly ministry apart from His Father's instruction and therefore as we look closely at the ministry of Jesus we will establish beyond a shadow of doubt that it is God's will to heal. For if the child of God does not believe that it is the Father's will for them to walk in health they will never even attempt to attain to the divine health which is rightfully theirs in Christ Jesus.

"I AM WILLING - BE CLEANSED!"

In Luke 5:12-13 the Word of God states:

...."and it came about that while He was in one of the cities, behold, there was a man full of leprosy; and when he saw Jesus he fell on his face and implored Him, saying, "Lord if you are willing, You can make me clean." and He (Jesus) stretched out His hand, and touched him saying, "I am willing; be cleansed". And immediately the leprosy left him"....

From this story we come to see a serious "spiritual situation" that was happening back in the time of Jesus - and this same situation exists in many areas of the church today! In Leviticus chapters 13-14 God had made provision for the healing of leprosy under the law and therefore, according to the Word of God, there should not have been even one leper in all of Israel had the priests and scribes of God been attending to their business - which was to teach and instruct the people of Israel in the law. Had this man known the law concerning his disease he would have gone to the temple in order to carry out the instructions needed to rid himself of it. But the Pharisees and Sadducees and the priests had got caught up in traditions and doctrines of men, and because of these things the people of Israel remained under bondage to the curse to a great degree. Is it any different today when terminally ill patients (by the world's standards) sit in church pews and have no idea where to place their hope.

"IT IS A SERIOUS THING WHEN THOSE WHO ARE CALLED TO THE FIVE-FOLD MINISTRY REFUSE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE HOLY SPIRIT IN ALL THAT THEY DO"

For too long lies have been spewed forth from many pulpits and it shall stop! For those who continue to preach outside the anointing of God shall be removed from their pulpits (Jeremiah 23:1-4) and no longer shall the lies of the Evil One remain within the church. For too long many of God's children have been kept in bondage and fear because of men and women, who are ignorant of God's Word, had the audacity to exalt themselves above God. This is truly a most serious matter and will be dealt with in a most severe manner by the Lord Himself! It is a serious thing when those who are called to the five-fold ministry refuse to acknowledge the Holy Spirit in "all" that they do as they minister to God's people. Let each of us do as the Lord Himself has said and pray without ceasing for any who have hardened their hearts against Him in order that we might have only the uncompromised Word flowing forth from the pulpits of the land. THEN all of God's children who truly have ears to ear will begin to walk in the fulness of their

wondrous inheritance in Christ - and there shall no longer be any sick in the midst of the congregations of the righteous!

"WE MUST BE FOUND GOING FORTH IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT"

In Luke 4:18 it is written:

...."The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He anointed Me to preach the Gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives and the recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are downtrodden, to proclaim the favourable year of the Lord"....

We see from this passage that the anointing which the Father gave to Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, was to preach the Gospel (of the Kingdom) in order to set the captives free. Who were considered "captives", but those who were under bondage to the law of sin and death - in ANY form. It is this same mighty anointing which rests upon the children of God today and, thus, we must be found going forth in the power of the Holy Spirit - doing the works of Jesus (and even greater works than He did (John 14:12), in order that the captives are truly being set free and all the works of the Evil one are both revealed and destroyed (1 John 3:8).

"THE FATHER SENT JESUS TO HEAL"

In Acts 10:38 it is written:

...."You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed by the devil; for God was with Him"....

Every child of God must realize that sickness and disease are of Satan and that the Father sent Jesus to heal the sick. At this time in the Body of Christ there is a great explosion of revelation knowledge being put forth concerning our understanding of the anointing of God and how it works, and there are some who are taking hold of it and going forth in the name of Jesus and, thus, many great signs and wonders and miracles are taking place to the greatest glory of God. As believers open their hearts wide to hear the Word of God, and truly begin to

receive ALL from Him, THEN all of their needs shall surely be met superabundantly and, thus, they shall be in a perfect position to meet the needs of others - instead of always being in an area of lack or want themselves.

THE GREAT MESSIANIC PROPHECY

In Isaiah 53:4-5 we read the great Messianic prophecy of the crucifixion of Jesus as well as what that sacrifice accomplished. First we will look at the New American Standard translation and then we will look at the translation of these verses rendered in Robert S. Young's literal translation of the Holy Bible - in order to disclose the true meaning of this scripture.

...."Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried; yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was pierced through for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed"....

NASB Translation

...."Surely our sicknesses He hath borne, and our pains He hath carried them, and we, we have esteemed Him plagues, smitten of God and afflicted. And he is pierced for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace is on Him, and by His bruise there is healing to us...."

Young's Literal Translation

Quite simply, from these passages and the original Hebrew we can see that the same bruises which were suffered for our sins, allowing us to receive forgiveness for them, were suffered also for our healing. And in verse 3 we see that He bore our sicknesses.

"THEY MUST ALSO BELIEVE THAT IN BEARING OUR SICKNESSES ON THE CROSS HE BOUGHT AND PAID FOR OUR HEALING (SPIRIT, SOUL AND BODY)"

Matthew 8:17 states:

...."He Himself took our infirmities, and carried away our diseases"....

1 Peter 2:24 states:

...."He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed"....

These scriptures establish the fact that not only is it God's will for us to be well but also the fact that at Calvary it was bought and paid for by the precious Blood of the Lamb. If one believes that Jesus died for our sins, which of course He did, then they must also believe that in bearing our sicknesses on the Cross He bought and paid for our healing (spirit, soul and body)! It was the same bruises on the same day which accomplished the fulness of our deliverance from the temporal evils of this world and in those temporal evils are included sickness and disease. Following is a list of eight aspects of Christ's sacrifice at Calvary:

8 ASPECTS OF THE SUBSTITUTIONARY SACRIFICE OF JESUS AT CALVARY

1. Jesus received the punishment due for our sinful acts, that we might have peace - which is forgiveness and reconciliation with God.
2. Jesus bore our pains and sicknesses in His own body physically that we might receive healing in our body - and, thus abide in divine health.
3. Jesus became the sin offering that we, in return, by faith might be made the righteousness of God in Him.
2 Corinthians 5:21
4. Jesus was made sick with our sicknesses that we might be made whole with His health (spirit, soul and body).
5. Jesus was made a curse with the curse of the broken Law that we might receive the blessing promised for obedience.
Galatians 3:13
6. Jesus became poor with our poverty that we might be made rich with His wealth.
2 Corinthians 8:9

7. Jesus tasted death in every respect that we might receive absolute life.

Hebrews 2:11-18

8. Jesus suffered total separation from God, that we might have never ending fellowship with the Father.

"AS WE MEDITATE ON HIS WORD AND ARE "FILLED UP" TO OVERFLOWING WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT, ANY SICKNESS OR DISEASE WHICH ATTEMPTS TO COME NEAR US WILL BE DRIVEN OUT BY HIM"

In 1 Corinthians 3:16 the Word of God states:

...."Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?...."

If one will just stop and meditate on this verse they will soon see that it could "never" be God's will for sickness and disease to dwell in the same place the Spirit of God dwells. It is pure folly to suggest that God, after having made us new creations in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17), and asking us to present our bodies a living and holy sacrifice (Romans 12:1-2), would make any provision AT ALL for sickness and disease to dominate us in any way. Daily, as our heart is enlarged with a continually deeper revelation of the love of the Father, and we are thus continually being filled up to all the fulness of God (Ephesians 3:19); as we meditate on His Word and are "filled up" to overflowing with the Holy Spirit, any sickness or disease which attempts to come near us will be driven out by Him. We see this in the early Church as even handkerchiefs which had the anointing of the Holy Spirit on them caused sickness and disease to depart (Acts 19:12).

"THE ONE TRUE CHURCH - A CHURCH WHICH IS BOTH UNIFIED AND EMPOWERED IN ALL THINGS BY THE HOLY SPIRIT"

We know that all who are born-again children of God are members of the Body of Christ and in 1 Corinthians 12:12 it is written:

...."For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body"....

and again in verse 27:

...."now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it"....

In many areas in the church "denominationalism" has gotten away from the picture (revelation) that the Father has given us in His Word of the one true Church (the Body of Christ) - a Church which is both unified and empowered in ALL THINGS by the Holy Spirit. Because of this many parts of the Body have become disjointed, filled with bitter strife and are operating apart from the living Word of God - allowing Satan to enter into her midst like a cancer, eating away at what little life is manifested in her. His vile aim is to divide the Body of Christ against herself because he knows that the house which is divided against itself will surely fall (collapse) (Matthew 12:25-26)!

"JUST AS EVERY MOVEMENT AND FUNCTION IN OUR BODIES FIRST RECEIVES ITS NERVE IMPULSE FROM OUR HEAD (BRAIN) THEN SO SHOULD WE RECEIVE EVERY DIRECTION FROM OUR SPIRITUAL HEAD - WHO IS JESUS"

In this passage in Corinthians the Apostle Paul, by the Spirit of God, draws the analogy between the Church and the human body and the way it functions. Jesus is the head and born-again believers everywhere are the members of the Body and just as every movement and function in our bodies first receives its nerve impulse from our head (brain) then so should we receive EVERY direction from our spiritual head - who is Jesus. This is precisely why we are to keep our eyes "fixed" on Jesus - for we must be found continually developing an attitude within our heart that "refuses" to move or act on anything which is not received from our spiritual head, Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit. The time has come for EVERY true believer to put aside their own understanding (mental ascensions toward the character and will of God) and lean heavily upon the "revealed" Word of God in order that we might be perfectly unified in the Holy Spirit. The Father's plan for the "spotless and unblemished" Church far transcends the efforts of men who, over the past twenty centuries, have shown what they can do by trying to serve God in their own understanding. It is not God's will for sickness and disease

- or any other manifestation of evil - to "dwell" (abide) in the Body of His dear Son and we, as members of the Body, would do well to hearken to the Word of God and the voice of His Spirit in this last hour that we might put away from us the "ground of fear" and unbelief that has allowed sickness and darkness to infest His precious Body!

"THIS IS THE SEASON OF DIVINE RESTORATION, A SEASON LIKE NO OTHER - AND ALL THINGS ARE TRULY POSSIBLE TO THE ONE WHO WILL BE FOUND BELIEVING THE ABSOLUTE TRUTHS OF GOD!"

It is written in Ephesians 5:25-27:

...."Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the Church and gave Himself up for her; that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the Word, that He might present to Himself the Church in all her glory, (the Glorious Church) having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she should be Holy and blameless"....

Verse 26 reveals precisely how the Glorious Church shall become a reality in the earth: she shall be cleansed by the "washing of water with the Word". It is only the Word of God which is able to separate us from any sin in our lives, for it is written, "the Word of God is living and active and sharper than any two edged sword and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12). The urgent cry has gone forth through the holy apostles and prophets (and I might add holy shepherds) to "put the Word of God first place in our lives and get the sin and unbelief out"! As believers act upon these words, EVERY trace of evil shall be removed from the midst of the congregations of the righteous (true spiritual environments) - sickness and disease included - and the Glorious Church shall become a physical reality in the earth. Every child of God needs to develop a close and intimate relationship with the Father and His Word in this most critical hour - for it is ONLY THEN that they will never allow the Evil One to deceive them in ANY way. It is ONLY in the "inner chamber" that they shall come to know the way the Father thinks and acts - and in their faithfulness and obedience His Word shall surely be established in their hearts in a manner not thought possible this side of Heaven. They shall come to know the joy of spending time with the Father - just for the sake of fellowshiping with Him because they love

Him. They will come to the "full realization" that, just as any earthly father who loves his children would not desire them to be sick, neither does the Heavenly Father desire them to be sick. He desires only to heal us and reveal to us an abundance of His peace and truth (Jeremiah 33:6). Let us be those who diligently seek to walk in perfect liberty - far above anything that is a product (result) of the law of sin and death. This is the season of divine restoration, a season like no other - and all things are truly possible to the one who will be found believing the absolute truths of God!

As a final exhortation hear these Words of God and allow them to enter into your heart:

...."My son, give attention to My Words; incline your ear to My sayings. Do not let them depart from your sight; keep them in the midst of your heart. For they are life to those who find them, and health to all their whole body. Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life. Put away from you a deceitful mouth, and put devious lips far from you. Let your eyes look directly ahead and let your gaze be fixed straight in front of you. Watch the path of your feet, and all your ways will be established. Do not turn to the right nor to the left; turn your foot from evil"....

Proverbs 4:20-27