

Are you slowly killing yourself because of...? Part 1

Introduction

God's will for us is not just to receive healing but to live in divine health and to die at a 'ripe old age'. 3 John v2; Deut 34v7. This session can be summarised by three phrases:

Be careful what you see; Be careful how you speak; Be careful what you hear

Very often when we see something and/or hear something we make judgements or conclusions which we speak.

Unforgiveness

I will not forgive them. A root of bitterness develops. In Hebrews 12v15 one translation says that 'a root of bitterness pollutes the whole community'. Mark 11v22-26. We need to forgive the other person and repent. We also need to ask forgiveness from Father.

Matt 6v14-15, Matt 18v20-35, John 20v23.

Bitterness is the root that is reinforced by

Unforgiveness, Resentment, Retaliation, Anger, Hatred, Violence and Murder

Traditional Opinions

There is a tendency to make way for and justify sickness. Why maintain something we don't like. Is healing for all? We can ask a counter question 'Is salvation for all'?

Gods will is for all to come to repentance, but all do not respond. Similarly for healing since healing is in the Atonement. If it is the will of God only to heal some then how do we know which one to pray for?

I'm just sick for His Glory.

Where is the biblical justification for such a statement? Why would Jesus make you sick and then come to destroy the sickness? It's a lying vanity.

We all have to share in His sufferings

This supposes that illness and suffering are the same. Jesus was not ill but he suffered many things particularly at the time of His death such as beatings, ridicule, being spat upon, 39 lashes on His back, punched etc.

God allowed me to be sick to teach me something.

Are we all spiritual giants?

How do we teach young children not to touch the gas fire? We tell them not to touch; we do not take their hand and place it in the gas fire. If we would not do that to our own children why do we expect God to do that to us. Our concept of God as a loving heavenly Father is warped if that is what we think. God can use any situation that the enemy meant for ill and can turn it into good.

God allowed me to be sick to increase my faith.

This is completely contrary to the word. How do we get faith? Rom 10v17, Col 2v7

Without faith its impossible to please God, Heb 11v6

I have a friend who studied the word, did everything right and became sick. She was prayed for and eventually she died. I am just struggling to have faith for healing.

Faith for healing doesn't come by your friend; it comes by the word. The word cannot be measured by the circumstances in people's lives. The word must measure our circumstances. Faith does not come by the circumstances in our lives. No circumstance in our life can increase our faith. Rom 10v17. Even Jesus marvelled at some people's unbelief. Mark 6v5

God is going to heal me if it's his will.

We might as well say, God will save me if it's his will. We are saying we do not know what his will is. If you do not know what his will is how can you have the seed of the word to produce a harvest.

God tells us his will so we can experience the provision of the atonement. What good is the provision of the atonement if we cannot experience it? The church is being attacked by sickness on a grand scale by the enemy. He originally was the one who wanted the glory the Father was receiving. If the church is sick and desperate then the Father can't get the glory for what the Son has provided. The Father can only get the glory when the provision in the atonement becomes a true reality.

What about Job?

He was healed and completely restored.

What about Paul's thorn in the flesh?

Behind this question is a type of thinking that suggests there is a sickness that God refuses to heal! This is totally contrary to the word of God. If the enemy can bring sickness and then blame God and we accept it this cancels out the atonement. In scripture a thorn is either a literal thorn or it is a person or people. Judges 2v3; Num 33v55

We need to combat people's wrong ideas and views about healing, The bible says that something is established by two or three witnesses. At least seven times, the phrase 'two or three witnesses' is mentioned. Challenge those that have unbiblical views and ideas to give at least three scripture references that support their view.

Uncontrolled tongue.

'Did you hear about brother or sister X they have been to the doctor and he says they have cancer and are going to die. Oh dear!' The Bible says that if two agree on earth about anything it will be done by my Father. Matt 18v19. The enemy works similarly. Are we going to talk people to death or to life? There is death and life in the power of the tongue. We need to speak the word of God into people's lives to bring life and healing and salvation.

Confession becomes possession.

I have an eye disease; I have a heart disease. Why should we claim possession of something that Jesus died to take away from us? Let us walk in the supernatural realm that is unseen to change what is in the seen realm.

Faith releases the power of God. Fear releases the power of the enemy.

Proverbs 18v21, Matt 12v34-37, Matt 15v19-20, James 3v1-12, Luke 6v45

We need to take care how we speak as there are many everyday phrases which we speak that are not beneficial. Here are some examples:

'I would give my right arm for....'

'I am dying for a

'My feet are killing me..'

'I am a failure..'

'There is a history of.. in my family'

Sometimes what others say to us can affect us and therefore we need to reject that which is false. Teachers, parents, employers and church leaders etc can say things to others that are unjustified. We need to forgive them.

'You are a waste of space..'

'You will never amount to anything...'

'You are a loser..'

'I will never forgive you..'

Unbelief

Jesus was only able to do a few miracles in his home town. He was limited by what people said.

Matt 13v57-58, Luke 4v14-30

Locking up the Word of God

Sometimes we receive a word through a prophecy or we may be challenged by a word preached in a message. If we ignore the word it can have consequences in our lives including being ill. King Asa was one such person in scripture.

2 Chron 16.

Murmuring and Complaining

Numbers 12v1-15, 1 Cor 10v10-11, Phil 2v14-15

Change your thought life

Phil 4v8-9

Walking by sight and not by faith

Be careful how you interpret what you see' Make sure you have all the facts before making a confession based upon what you can see. We walk by faith and not by sight. 2 Cor 5v7

Problem Centred Life

Many Christians who are problem centred.

The enemy points to our negative circumstances and says this is your future.
People focus on the problem and not on God's solution.
Fear doubt and unbelief is the result.

Faith is the substance of things hoped for.
Fear is the substance of things not desired.
Faith releases the provision of God.
Fear releases the provision of the enemy.
Faith moves God.
Fear moves the enemy.

Isaiah 26v3

Letting Fear Enter Your Heart

Job 5v24-26, Job 4v14-15, Rom 8v15

Generational Curses

The correct term is generational iniquities. Deut 5v9. The devil uses generational iniquities so you believe that you should have the disease and its OK. My great grandmother, my grandmother and my mother died of Freemasonry also affects several generations.

The Internet

We need to be so careful what we allow ourselves to see, hear and speak when our source is the internet rather than the Word of God. This is not the place to consider how to handle the internet, but in the message an example is given on how we know much care is needed otherwise you will believe a lie.

Exercises

Review and discuss the notes and all scripture references. Which ones particularly spoke to you?

Carry out a personal audit of what you say. Partner with someone to help you improve. Make it fun.

