

Leaders Notes – Session 1

Title:- **Why Healing Today? Continued.....**



Teaching Point 2 - His Kingdom Reign!

Second reason to believe in healing is because it is a sign of His Kingdom reign. When we look at where sickness comes from we see that there was no sickness or disease before the fall. At the beginning of creation God created everything to be perfect and in perfect balance. (Genesis 1 v 31)

It was the fall of humanity found in (Genesis 3) where we have the idea of the perfect balance of creation being destroyed and sin and death entering into human experience. In fact in the very next chapter we see the consequences of sin and the fall as Cain murders Abel. The limited nature of sinful man is reinforced in Genesis 6 v 1 –3.

Since the fall of creation we have lived out of balance with creation, God and even ourselves. The result of this is we get sick, afflicted by disease and experience physical death. The Fall can affect :- bodies – genetic problems – minds – mental illness. Spiritual life – born dead spiritually, sexually – homosexuality etc.

One of the signs of God's Kingdom reign is to bring healing to the sick, bring balance to sick people and through Jesus resurrect people from the reality of physical death.

What is God's Kingdom reign?

God has made and sustains everything by His mighty power. He is Sovereign over everything and uses all things for His purpose and delight. God manifests His Kingdom reign visibly through His people by blessing them with many things, breaking into impossible situations and making them possible. This Kingdom reign is both a present and a future reality. In the perfect timing of God the Fullness of His Kingdom reign will be visibly manifested in the future. But even today we see the first fruits of His Kingdom reign breaking into this present age. Part of this first fruits is that God heals and restores people to full health. This is a direct reversal of the fall and its consequences. Thus this show us that God is in control and sovereign over all creation.

Teaching Point 3 – The ministry of Jesus: -

We are not going to say much about the ministry of Jesus today – because we are going to look at it more in depth next week. However as God – Jesus continued to reveal God's Kingdom at work by healing and bringing wholeness into people's lives. His ministry testified to God's power and rule at work today.

Jesus not only spent most of His active ministry healing the sick and proclaiming the nearness of the Kingdom of heaven, but He also commissioned the church to do the same things. We share in the ministry of Jesus today as we follow His three pronged commission. A) Preach the Gospel - the nearness of the Kingdom. B) Heal the sick – discharging the compassionate ministry of Jesus today. C) Teaching people to obey everything that Christ has command us (discipleship.)

Teaching Point 4– The History of the Church.

In every great revival of the Christian faith there has been seen an explosion of the signs of God's Kingdom, including healing. God has given us power to heal in the name of Jesus and it is the inheritance of the church. Throughout history God has continued to use His church in the area of healing and restoration.

Conclusion :-

There is only one conclusion that you can draw from all of these points and that is that God has healed, and will continue to heal both today and in the future. Therefore we need not only to believe in healing but faithfully practice it in our lives and churches today. In 1 Corinthians 12 v 27 30 we see that one of the gifts released in the body is the healing gift. We need to stir up faith in the name of Jesus and the gifts of healing in the church that today God will show His power, love and compassion as once again healing becomes part of the message of salvation.

Outworking :- Time spent praying for a release of the gift of healing within each one of us.