

Leaders Notes – Session 3



Title:- **Physical Healing**

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What the Bible Says: Look up bible examples and answer question : “What is the root cause of this ailment?”
Job 2 v 1 – 7 - (Test) Matthew 9 v 1 – 8 (unforgiven sin) John 9 v 1 – 11 (Work of God) Matthew 17 v 14 – 18, (demonic possession) Luke 13 v 10 – 16 (afflicted by a demon.)

We can see from all of these incidence that even though there where physical ailments present there was a need to discern and deal with the root cause. Even two people with the same condition may have a different root cause to what they are going through. We see that Jesus had a wonderful ability to discern what the root cause of someone’s problem was and take authority over it.

Discussion: What do you think stops us tuning into God in a ministry situation?

Teaching Point 4 - The process of praying for the sick.

When we come to pray for a person it is important that we invite the presence of God to manifest Himself. This is normally done by addressing the Father , asking for the Spirit, in the name of the Lord Jesus. Preparing the situation, by inviting the Lord to work There is a need to us to be specific in our prayer as the Holy Spirit leads us. As a result of this there may be a progression from one form of prayer to another as the Spirit quickens and directs us. **READ** Romans 8 v 26 – 27

There are different ways of praying for the sick that are grounded in Scripture.

Prayer of Faith:

In James Chapter 5 v 13 – 18 we how for the early church healing was an important part of its ministry. Verses 16 – 18 make it clear that FAITH is an important part of the praying process. We see throughout Scripture how God honours those who come to Him in faith. There is a real sense that a prayer of faith in agreement with other opens the resources of heaven in the area of healing. By claiming the promises of the Lord Jesus, using His name and claiming His healing power and authority through prayer we are promised that the prayer of faith will be effective in the healing process.

Laying on of Hands:

The idea of laying hands on the sick comes from the idea of adoption. The idea is that as Christians lay hands on the sick, the sick person is drawn by their faith into a closer union with Christ and are presented before Him. As this happens the healing power of the Lord Jesus is released into the person who is sick and they are healed. Those who lay hands on the person are used as a vessel of Christ’s healing power and bring an outpouring of faith into the situation which the Holy Spirit responds to in healing.

There is also a sense that when we lay hands on someone who is sick we are identifying with their suffering and offering the love and compassion of Jesus to that person.

Anointing with Oil:

Olive oil is offered to the Lord in prayer before it is used, seeking the Lord to bless it. Oil can be poured on the person or a finger can be dipped into the olive oil. The sign of the cross is made on the person’s forehead and sometimes on both hands. Words like :- “ I anoint you in the name of Jesus of Nazareth,” Or, “I anoint you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” can be used. This should always be accompanied by the prayer of faith.

Instant OR Gradual Healing?

For many people we believe that there healing will be instantaneous as the Lord moves on their lives with power. However we need to recognize that even with the ministry of Jesus gradual healing took place. **READ** Mark 8 v 22 – 26 There does seem to be strong evidence within the ministry of healing in the church generally that often some people do need to be prayed for more then once to experience full healing.

Explain statistics:- Those who where healed after been prayed for :-

Once – 5 % Twice – 8% By fifth time 80% of people express some form of partial or full healing of their condition.

The importance here is that we listen to the Lord and where we are told to we hold onto the promise of Jesus to heal and we persevere until it has happened!!