

**God's Healing For
HIS CHILDREN**

Through Faith
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INTRODUCTION

This book, “**GOD'S HEALING FOR HIS CHILDREN THROUGH FAITH AND THE USE OF MEDICINE,**” is one among the fifty Christian literature I have written to feed Christ's believers with knowledge and understanding of Biblical truth for their righteousness, peace and eternal life. The book shows through the scriptures that divine healing through faith in God's word and the name of Jesus is one of the ways God heals the sick and delivers the oppressed. The book shows through the scriptures that God also heals through the use of medicines, conventional or herbal. It is not according to scripture to ban the use of medicine by Christians as is done in some denominational churches.

Many people in the churches of Christ who profess Christianity are not really Christians; they still live in sin. To ask such ones not to receive medical treatment but use faith only, is to direct them to a God that does not know them and a God they do not know to receive blessing from Him. They are not children of God.

Again, some in the church who are believers may not be able to generate faith in time of ill health. They cannot be forced to do so. The all-wise God provided alternative way to deliver His people from perishing due to lack of faith for divine healing. These are able to exercise faith in God to heal them as they receive medical treatment.

Let every man operate according to the measure of faith he has on God. Getting healing from God by faith does not guarantee eternal life.

Romans 12:3

For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

Getting healing through the use of medicine does not disqualify the Christian of eternal life. This book makes things plain scripturally.

Romans 14:1-4, 22

1 Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations.

2 For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, who is weak, eateth herbs.

3 Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him.

4 Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand.

22 Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth.

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CHAPTER ONE

MINISTERING TO OTHERS AND NEGLECTING YOURSELF

1.1 Let Your Spirit, Soul And Body Be Preserved Blameless

God created humans with three parts: the spirit, the soul and the body. The three are separate entities but exist as one. Each part has to be taken good care of for one to live well here on earth and in eternity. It is very essential therefore that you care well for your spirit, soul and body.

1 Thessalonians 5:22-24

22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.

23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

24 Faithful is He that calleth you, Who also will do it.

The three persons in a man - the spirit, the soul and the body, should be well cared for and be well preserved. It is the responsibility of God to preserve you blameless to the

end. It is God's responsibility and it is also your responsibility. If you do your own part well, God will surely do His own. It is a covenant. It is an agreement between God and you. God will do His own part because He is faithful, but you too must play your own role. It is a dual responsibility. It is the desire of God that we should be spiritually fruitful, holy and healthy.

3 John 1-2

1 The elder unto the well beloved Gaius, whom I love in the truth.

2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

The prosperity, soundness and the wellbeing of the whole man in spirit, soul and body is what God desires for you. Brethren, desire this also for your fellow ones in Christ. Desire their soundness in spirit, soul and body.

1.2 The Spirit and The Soul

The spirit and the soul form the spiritual man, which we do not see. What we see is the physical body. We cannot touch our spirit or our soul, and very often, the spirit and the soul are joined very tightly together. The Bible says that it is the word of God that can separate between the two, but what

we see is the body.

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

We should wish for the wellbeing of our brothers and sisters (the brethren). Wish for the wellbeing of the members of your Church. Apostle Paul said, *I have not shunned to present unto you all that is profitable to you, because I desire your wellbeing. I desire your spiritual welfare. I desire your bodily welfare also, that you may prosper in health.* You need it, you should be healthy in the body. If you are not healthy, how will you carry out the work of God?

Again he said, *I pray God, your spirit, soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of the Lord.* See how he wished you continue in wellbeing to the end, until the Lord comes for you, either at death or in the rapture. He wishes that you carry your ministry to the end. You need preservation and this preservation is for your body, spirit and soul. God desires that those who minister to others in

the gospel should also minister to themselves, so that they may be first partakers in the benefits of the gospel. The ministers should take care of themselves because God wants full and lasting service. This will happen when we take care of ourselves spiritually and physically.

2 Timothy 2: 6

6 The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits.

The Lord is concerned about your spirit, soul and body. Make sure that you take care of your physical body well. Make sure that you take care of your spiritual life well. Why is this counsel necessary? It is because many Christian workers and ministers do not take care of their wellbeing. They neglect themselves. They are busy working for others and neglect their own lives.

1.3 The Implication(s) of Ministering to Others and Neglecting Yourself

Song of Solomon 1: 6

Look not upon me, because I am black, because the sun hath looked upon me: my mother's children were angry with me; they made me the keeper of the vineyards; but mine own vineyard have I not kept.

Busy man! Busy woman! See this woman, she was not black before. She was light in complexion, but now she says, ***I have become black and shame has come upon me.*** That is why she said, ***Oh no, do not look upon me.*** She is hiding herself now. What brought this blackness on her? She said she had been busy under the sun, working, doing this work and doing that work. ***I have been busy in the kitchen. I have been busy in the house. I have been busy in the market. I have been busy working up and down.*** But what kept you busy? ***Human beings- My mother's children, kept me busy. I was busy serving them. I was busy serving others.***

You are busy serving others in the Church. You are busy serving others in your Ministry. You are busy serving others in Holiness Revival Movement. Good as it is, but see what she revealed - ***They made me keeper of the vineyards. Vineyards in plural. This person's vineyard, that person's vineyard; I go here, I go there, to please them, because they are getting angry with me. I am running dry so as to keep other people peaceful. "My own vineyard" (I had one for myself), I have not kept. "Their own," Yes, I am busy going after their own, but my own vineyard I have not kept. See me now, I am black. The sun has looked down upon me. Why? Going up and down, caring for people's vineyards, but not my***

own!

You have a soul and you have a spirit. You are a Pastor. You have a spirit that cries because he is spiritually hungry. He is crying. Listen to the voice and the cry of your spirit longing for the fullness of God.

Psalms 42:1-2

1 As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after Thee, O God.

2 My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

Your spirit is crying. Hear what it is saying in verse 1: *As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after Thee, O God.*

Verses 2: My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

That is the cry of your soul, but you are busy going up and down. You have a soul that can die because of sin; **for the soul that sinneth, it shall die.** That soul that you are starving shall die! That soul that you are not feeding is your own vineyard. Your soul is crying, yet, as a preacher, you are not giving it attention. As a preacher, in fact, people testify of your service, they are no more angry with you. They testify how nice you are, but your soul is not cared for and he is crying for genuine and eternal salvation. You must listen and attend to the cry.

1.4 The Law of Sowing And Reaping

Galatians 6:7-8

7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

There are laws in this life. God will not change the laws for you, except in His perfect wisdom, where it is required for His glory, which is not often like that. There are formulas in life. Now that you did not keep your vineyard, what has happened to it?

Song of Solomon 2: 15

Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines have tender grapes.

Foxes have come over your vineyard. Nobody is there to care for your vineyard. Little by little, your tender grapes are being spoiled. Your tender and fresh Christian life is being spoiled. Your true spiritual peace is now in turbulences. It is not cared for. You have left yourself slovenly for long. It is disfiguring your face. What

happened? You do not have time! You have not trimmed your fingernails. We can see dirt inside them and people are saying, “what happened to this one? Why is it like this?” You do not have time. Foxes have taken over your life. Little, foxes and the tenderness of the Christian life has been destroyed. Anger has now come in. Why will anger not come? It is a natural law. Nature abhors a vacuum. Something must happen when a required action is neglected.

Anger came because the soul was not fed. That is why you can now be angry. Lusting came in. They are the foxes. Why will they not come? You are dealing with women around you, with men around you. What will hinder you from lusting? Ask me, what kept Peter from sinking in the sea when Jesus bid him come? His eyes were towards Jesus, but when his eyes looked outside Jesus, what happened to him? He began to sink. It is a natural law. The lust that is coming into your heart is a natural law. It is because you do not care for your heart. You are not giving the heart what is required to keep it clean.

Psalm 119: 11

***Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not
sin against Thee***

Did you take time to put the word of God into your heart

today? Do you have the time? When you wake up in the morning, do you read the Bible? Those messages that you used to listen to before, do you listen to them again? It is a natural law. When dry season sets in, the stones in the riverbed will be seen, because the waters have dried up. Why? Rain has stopped. Your own rain has stopped, that is why the dryness you experience now takes over. Little foxes!

You are not strong, but you are still actively working. Even when Saul left the Lord, was he not still king? You are still serving. The gifts of God are without repentance. You are still demonstrating gifts. Pride now comes in. you are even surprised yourself. Your speech now has some dirty words in it. Why? The inside does not have a cleanser. How will you be clean? ***Now ye are clean through the word that I have spoken unto you.*** Which word have you heard from Jesus? None! Why will polluted words not come out of you? Why will lies, particles of lies not be seen around you? It is natural. It is a natural formula. Hey! Your case is serious because you are considered a man of God. You are a woman of God respected seriously in Christ, but you know you are dirty inside.

Ecclesiastes 10:1

Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savour: so doth a little folly him that is in reputation for wisdom and honour.

That is why the Bible says you should be perfect. With all this reputation you have made, with all this honour, to see sin in your life? People who knew you before and see your life now will shake their heads. A woman may even say, “*I stood by Pastor, but the way Pastor was looking at me, Hmmmm! It is like those other men ooo.*” What has happened? Pastor is no more praying. Go and ask him, when last did he fast? When last did Pastor fast? Go and ask him. When did he sit down to read the scriptures? Go and ask Pastor. That is why even Pastor himself was surprised the way he started looking at women lustfully. Pastor himself was afraid. How will he not do that? There is no spiritual strength in his life.

1.5 Many Men Of God Have No Time To Minister To Themselves

Your own vineyard, you are not keeping. That is why the Lord is telling you to take care of yourself. Care well for your spirit and soul. The water is hot because there is fire under it. But if the fire be quenched, the heat will keep reducing per second. Many are employed or recruited into

ministry and work tirelessly, ministering to others. They receive commendation as faithful servants, but neglect to care for themselves. The result is little foxes coming in to destroy their righteousness and holiness before God and man. They engage themselves as teachers of God's word, teaching others fervently, but they do not have time to teach themselves.

Romans 2:17-24

17 Behold, thou art called a Jew, and restest in the law, and makest thy boast of God,

18 And knowest His will, and approvest the things that are more excellent, being instructed out of the law;

19 And art confident that thou thyself art a guide of the blind, a light of them which are in darkness,

20 An instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, which hast the form of knowledge and of the truth in the law.

21 Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal?

22 Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege?

23 Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonourest thou God?

24 For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written.

Is that your state now? You have the form of knowledge. You know the doctrine. You know the Bible. You know the verses and the interpretations. Solomon said, “**My wisdom still remained with me. Although backslidden, my wisdom still remained with me.**” You still have this knowledge. In fact, you still know how to cast out devils. You know the language to speak. You know how to become serious when the matter involves devils. You know what to say. You know how to counsel others, but what is happening to you? Why are you doing the things that you preach against? You are not caring for yourself. You abandoned your vineyard. **Thou that teachest others, teachest not thyself?**

You interpret scriptures well to people who do not know, so you are giving them correct knowledge, but as for you, are you applying these scriptural truth to yourself? Sit down and preach to yourself. The prodigal son had already known what it means by going back home. He knew the road. All he needed to do was rise up and follow

the road back home. You know the road but you are not following it. It is bad. You are not doing well to yourself. Sister, how do you allow the kitchen to take over your life? Do not complain, Martha! You should not be talking about kitchen work. Let there be fasting in that house for at least three days so that you can have time for your soul. Members of the family, if the Lord asks you to fast for three days so that your mother will go to heaven, will you not fast?

1.6 Value Soul-nourishment Above Body-nourishment.

Luke 10:40-42

40 But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to Him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me.

41 And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things:

42 But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

Who told you that life must be only about food? Have you not thought this out by yourself? If you ask God for

wisdom, He will give you. If you can negotiate well with your family, you will create time for yourself to pray and seek the Lord. But how did you come to this point? **How art thou fallen from heaven?** How? That you have become like this? Fighting, speaking lies and uttering corrupt communication. Your anger is like a lion or a lioness. How did you come to that point? It is because you neglected yourself. You kept other people's vineyards, but your vineyard, you never kept. Folly has come to you, that even your service is an abomination.

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

A little dead fly in the oil of the apothecary does much harm. The sweet fragrance of the oil is destroyed when

there is a dead fly in it. The oil will smell foully. Your spiritual oil smells. People will want to remove their eyes and hold their nose at you. Beautiful oil smelling! Why? You are not caring for yourself and folly has come upon you.

Hosea 7: 8-9

8 Ephraim, he hath mixed himself among the people; Ephraim is a cake not turned.

9 Strangers have devoured his strength, and he knoweth it not: yea, gray hairs are here and there upon him, yet he knoweth not.

Can you see? How did it happen like that? He mixed himself with the people. You are having friends who are not Christians. You are having friends who do not have Christian vision. You sit down from morning to afternoon, talk and laugh, until your strength is gone. The next thing is to go and sleep. O sleeper! And when you sleep, Oooh! You have laboured in talk, you have laboured to laugh, you will sleep deeply. You have mixed yourself with the people. You have gone to join society people who do not have Jesus coming for them, who are not commissioned by God to do any service for Him, who do not know anything about holy living. They are the people that have kept you occupied. You have gone to do business with

them. You are now seeking money like the people. Everyone is running for money. You have joined them. So, as a result, **grey hair is here and there**. The lower side of you is Christian, but the upper part of you is not Christian. It is a cake not turned. The underneath is done, but the upper side is not done, because it is not turned. That is Ephraim! It is a cake not turned. **Strangers have devoured his strength**. You know the strangers. The strangers you brought to yourself, that have now devoured your strength. Brother, you know them. *As for our iniquities, we know them. Our sins and our transgressions are not hid before us.*

1.7 Be Not A Hypocrite In God's Service

Again, this is what God wants you to know. You are now struggling. What are you struggling to do?

Matthew 7:3-5

3 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

4 Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye?

5 Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of

thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

That is what you are doing now. Why beholdest thou the mote in other people's eyes? You are now treating others. You are going for Crusade! To go and say what? What are you going to tell the people in the Crusade? *I will tell them to repent and believe in Jesus!* What about your immoral lifestyle? What about your rough life? See the way you treat your wife! Rough. Angry. Will you not repent? You are going to ask another innocent man over there to repent. You are going to ask another man, who may be better than you to repent, and you are not one of those to repent! You are just struggling.

Matthew 7:4-5

4 Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye?

5 Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

Do you know that you are a hypocrite? How many people really know that they are hypocrites? You may say you are not, but Jesus says you are. You have a bigger problem because, **to him that knows his Master's will and doeth**

it not, he shall be beaten with many stripes. You know your Master's will, you know your Master's word. You know that your Master wants you to talk to Him. You even know that your Master wants to speak to you, but you have no time for Him. Busy on other things. No time! Oh, brother, care for your spirit and soul.

1.8 Christian Programmes Are Meant To Minister To You

Hebrews 10:25

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much more, as ye see the day approaching.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

Luke 6:31

And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

During conferences, you prefer to travel out. Are you part of those going to heaven? What shall it profit you if you gain the whole world and lose your own soul? Have priority in life and know how to set your priorities right.

Christian programmes; fellowships and conferences are to feed your soul. Other people's vineyards you have kept, but your own vineyard you have not kept. You neglect attending fellowship, conferences and other programmes organized to minister to you because you are not going to be one of the preachers. You have programmed yourself to be only a preaching Christian, not to be preached to, not to listen to others, not to read other writers' books. How then can you see the grey hairs on you which you are unaware of? You are frustrating your soul. You are not seeing vision for heaven. You need to set your priorities right. You need to know how to give honour to God. Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's. Know that God is infinitely higher than Caesar. This is the time for God but you are not giving it to Him? How would you not be black inside? Other people's vineyard you have kept, for your own vineyard, no time.

You are not listening to other true servants of God sent to you. You may be denominationally bound and ruined through ignorance. Humble yourself and receive divine rebuke and wisdom. Whenever you attend programmes, you complain of the message and preacher, and not willing to humble and listen as Jesus did.

Luke 2:46

46 And it came to pass, that after three days they

found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

It is better at this time, to receive than to give. Train yourself to sit down and listen to God's word. As a Pastor, you give books and recorded messages to others for their edification, but you do not sit to listen yourself. You are keeping other people's vineyards, but not your own vineyard. No! Do you know that sitting alone to listen to or watch a message, and joining a congregation in a service when much prayer has been prayed to water the ground, and bind the devil and plead for the presence of God are two different things? But you do not want to join the congregation in a conference. That is why you are black in your heart, and God Who knows that you are not serious does not concern Himself with you. He knows that you are not serious. Go to the ants, thou sluggard. Go and learn their ways and be wise; who having no guide, nor overseer, do what will keep them living. Because nobody is there in your church, you are the one there and no one is monitoring you there, so you do whatever you want? You come to Church the time you want, and sit where you want, giving the flesh its own ease? Be warned!

CHAPTER TWO

TAKE GOOD SPIRITUAL CARE OF YOUR SPIRIT AND SOUL

2.1 What You Need

2 Corinthians 8:1-5

1 Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia;

2 How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.

3 For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves;

4 Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

5 And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.

Read verse 5 again- ***And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.***

You have been told that as far as matters of heaven are concerned, for your individual life, it is better to receive than to give. But if it is matter of money or material things, it is better to give than to receive. For spiritual things, it is better to receive than to give. Look at these people; they supported Paul even in their state of poverty. They first gave themselves to God. They cared first for their spiritual lives; and this they did.

2.2 First Give Yourself To The Lord

The people first gave themselves to the Lord. Preachers, let us learn to first give ourselves to the Lord. Let us learn to first seek the Lord for ourselves. Let us learn to first receive spiritual warmth of the Lord for ourselves. Let us learn to first have fellowship with the Lord for ourselves, then we can go for service and preaching. ***'They first gave their own selves to the Lord, and to us for the ministry.'***

The Macedonian believers were zealous for the work of God. They provided support for the work of the ministry. Paul's testimony was that these people first gave their own lives to Christ, and in a daily way, committed themselves

to the Lord, and then to the ministry of Paul with evidence. Before rendering service, repentance and salvation from sin through faith in Christ is required from you. As you feed others in Christian service, remember to feed your soul and to feed your spirit with the word of God.

Matthew 4: 4

But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Read the Bible, it is every word of God. First feed on it and live by it; every word of God. Read the Bible and read the revelations of God there, they are the words of God. I mean true and proved revelations.

Revelation 1:1-3

1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto His servants things which must shortly come to pass; and He sent and signified it by His angel unto His servant John:

2 Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things

which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

Knowledge grows. I write to you now, after some time, when you sit down to read this book again, you will wonder whether you have read it before. The word of God cannot be exhausted, for they are new every morning. That is it. Study the word, go back there and study the word over and over again.

Read Christian books. God has given them. Do not be tired of them. Ah! Why are we reading Pastor Paul Rika's books every day? That is the language of the mixed multitude. They are tired with manna, divine food from heaven! They are looking for the one from Egypt. They are looking for prosperity preachers. They are looking for these other preachers too. As for this manna that God Himself gives, they said, '***We are tired with this manna***'. That is the voice of a backslider. The Lord is the One Who gave you these messages. The Lord is the One that organizes this Holiness Revival Movement and puts you in Zones, Chapters and Units. You should be reading and listening to these messages. He sent them. Do not get tired of them. Do not disdain them as the backslidden children of Israel disdained the manna from heaven. Renew yourself by them. Let them refresh you.

2.3 Pressurize Yourself And Others On Spiritual Matters

Each word of God lives forever.

Psalm 119: 89

Forever O LORD Thy word is settled in heaven.

If you become tired with the Bible, what would you do? Do you want now to read Koran or the 7 books of Moses? If you say that you are tired with the Bible, then you are tired with God. Rebuke that flesh in your life and be spiritually minded. Care well for your spirit and for your soul. Observe your Quiet Time with God. Take enough time to be with God. If you are too busy in the morning, create time in another period. Even in your office, you can create time there. If you desire so, God will help you.

I remember when I was an office worker, how I would trek for a long distance, to and fro, praying on the way, because I could not pray in the office. I made prayer walk; by the time I reached there and prayed back, I had gotten some good prayer time during office hour. That was wisdom. Do all you can to save yourself. Make personal spiritual commitments. I also remember one time, I said to myself that I would listen to four DVD messages per day for one week. That commitment was heavy. It took me up to 12

midnight. It made me discipline myself to stand up long to ensure that I did not sleep. Because, apart from other busy things in life, I had committed myself to it. Like Jephthah, Oh! I had made commitment and I could not retreat. I listened to 28 messages in one week. Go and make similar commitment; try your best.

The Lord told me to give leaders and members of Holiness Revival Movement spiritual assignments. As they are finishing this, I should give them another one. Do not play with them. Take them seriously. 'I have given them over to you to lead them to heaven.' Are you lazy about the assignments? The wisdom of God is playing on you, do not resist the spirit of wisdom. Are you ready to go to heaven? We follow up on the assignments. Do not give God excuses for not doing these assignments designed to help you against sin and Satan. If you cannot do that which will keep you as a leader spiritually strong, then how do you feed the people? God said that I should give you that assignment. Do not think you are doing it for me. You are doing it for God. He will judge you for it, if you are playing laziness. We do not have time to waste. Our fathers have wasted enough of the time, and the Lord is already coming. So, whatever spiritual assignment He has given to you, rise up and do it. He is patient with you, but do not default.

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Your human nature is weak, that is why we are giving you a push. Plan out your prayer time. Observe fasting and vigils. Join others in spiritual activities and exercises. Leaders, when the members of your Church are praying, join them. Do not go to sit in the office. What are you doing in the office? Are you the only one that can sleep? Are you the only one that is tired? Do you know where those members came from? Why are you pressurizing them for heaven, whereas you distance yourself and avoiding the fatigue? Know that God sees you! Go right among them and suffer it also as they are suffering; for they are human beings like you. Go among them and force yourself to pray. If you feel you may doze off, go and doze off before them, they will understand. As you are giving them reasons why they should not doze off, give yourself the same reasons too. Practice those things that will make you not to doze off. Pray! The Lord told me, “When people are praying, make sure you join them, you and your wife.” Do not play hypocrisy like others. Do not push others to God and stay behind; the Lord is watching. 'It is not the amount of prayer that you pray, it is God that shows mercy, says some lazy Christians.' How will He show you mercy, if He judges you unfaithful? God wants you to labour in prayer so that He will give you the reward. Manage your family spiritually well. Give them a push

toward God.

2.4 Condition(s) for Getting God's Promises Fulfilled

Genesis 18:17-19

17 And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;

18 Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

19 For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

Has God spoken well of you concerning what He will do? Is God assuring you of some wonderful future? He said, ***“I know Abraham, his family, his children, his household.”*** If you submit yourself to your wife and allow her to rule you, your ministry is gone and you have no reason to offer as to why you failed. What are you going to tell God? He said that you should ***command***. He put authority in Abraham, to command them. For what? Command them for spirituality in that house. It is required for your own ministerial progress. Your ministerial progress is more than the food that your wife gives you. If she is giving you

food because she wants you to live, she should submit to your spiritual authority in that house, so that you will also live spiritually and 'ministerially.' Teach them the word, bring them to devotion in that family - children, wife, and all that are there. Command them to obey and follow the Lord for God's blessings upon you.

2.5 Pastors Wives' Demon

Pastors' wives! There are demons called, Pastors wives' demons. When these demons come to the Church, they are only interested in Pastors' wives: to make them come late, to make them sit at the back or under a tree. To make them stand up and move about carelessly, sleep or be absent. Pastors wives' demon. Examine every Pastor's wife whether they have demons! What are the signs? Spirit of late coming and spirit of busy here and there. *As thy servant was busy here and there*, the spiritual life was gone. *“Martha! Martha! You are troubled over many things, but one thing is needful, Mary has chosen it, and it shall never be taken away from her.* You are busy saying, *“Master, eat food. In fact, the reason for being busy is to take care of you.”* Jesus fasted for 40 days. Why give attention to food than spirituality? Why did you not wake up early? You need to plan your way and create time for God in your life. Why are you not doing so? Now you

are bringing blasphemy to the ministry of your husband. You are rendering your husband weak in the pulpit. God will hold you responsible! Both God and devils are over you. God wants to win you, because if He succeeds in you, your husband will have a blessed future in ministry as He told Abraham. Otherwise, your ministry among women, all the smiles you put on your face and the friendship you think you are making with women shall never last, because real spirituality is the state of your heart. You do not read or study God's word, you do not have to pray to receive God's grace for His service because you have no time. Others' vineyards you have kept, your own vineyard you have not kept.

2.6 Leaders, Care For Your Wives

The wives of some ministers neglect fellowship or church services, special programmes or conferences. They do not bother to attend meetings that will edify them. They behave as unbelievers and are unconcerned about God and their souls. But you say that she is a believer, and she is not coming for believers' fellowship! What reasons can you give for her regular absence? If you give us a reason today, we may say, okay, maybe that is what made her not to come today. What reason can you give for her absence tomorrow since it has become a character? We expect her

to find a solution. Otherwise, is your wife more occupied than these other women? Is your wife having more children than other women? Why is she backward? Is it not because of Pastors wives' demon?

Better take care of your wife. Use authority and command. Help her in any area that she needs help. Do all that is required to help her spiritually. Do not lose that soul. The Lord shall ask you of her. If you try your best and fail, then like John Wesley, let the Lord be witness. God wants you and your wife to exercise godliness together.

1 Timothy 3:1-7

1 This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.

2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;

4 One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;

5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)

6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

7 Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

Wives of Christian leaders are expected to be righteous and holy and to be under the control of their husbands. Pastors' wives, please do not bring blemish to the ministry. Do not behave contrary in your houses over this special calling that the Lord gave you and your husband, otherwise it will be terrible for you before God. Do not be a master of yourself, you are under your husband and the Lord has asked him to command you to do that which is spiritually right in His sight. Submit to him at home and also submit to him in the ministry. Do not be a perpetual late comer.

If you come late today for any reason, there can be real reasons, but work against lateness next time. Train your children to come early to church. If you need to delegate duties to others, do so. The brethren want to see you early in Church and to every meeting. You have been warned that your name may be removed from the Book of Life or may not even enter there if you are not righteous and holy. Love holiness. Join your husband in the work. Care well

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for the family. Make the family conducive for the Christian ministry. Let the two of you care well for the children to make them love God.

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CHAPTER THREE

CARE WELL FOR YOUR PHYSICAL BODY

3.1 The Physical Body Should Also Be Preserved Blameless

1 Thessalonians 5: 23

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Your physical body, that is your flesh, is the one that covers you. Touch your body to know and understand what this means. Your physical body is indispensable. Praise the Lord for it. The Bible says that you should preserve that body. God is willing to get that body preserved. Many people have died before their time because they did not care for the body. They never gave attention to the wellbeing of their body. God is interested that your body be preserved blameless, without sickness, damage or any condition that can make it prevent your soul and spirit from giving God full worship and service. A damaged or sickly body can make you die early or

inhibit you spiritually.

3.2 Nourish and Cherish Your Body

Ephesians 5:29

For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:

Do not hate your body. Do not do any evil to that body. Nourish that body and feed it well. Feed your body with good food and anything that is good to the body to make it healthy, to make it sound, to remove pain and sickness from it, take it and keep your body healthy. Prosper in health, cherish that body and nourish it. Do not be careless over it. Do not expose that body to danger. Do not expose that body to damage. Keep it well. Keep it healthy. God wants it so. Although the spirit is the one that gets born again; for a living in this world, that body is essential. It can end up the activity of your spirit and send your spirit and soul back to eternity, if you do not care for it well. Please care for your body because life is in the blood. Your body contains your life on earth.

3.3 Your Body Is a Building

The main person in that building is yourself, but the building is important because it plays its own role,

otherwise how will you be hidden from the sun? How will you be sheltered from the wind and the rain? How will you be protected from evil workers and evil men? How will you have real rest without a house? Your body is your house. If you get that body damaged, it will affect your inner parts and the enemy may take occasion of it to affect your spirituality. That is why some thieves, when they want to enter in to operate against you, they have to break through the house, and some will dig from outside and dig down the wall of the house. So, be very careful and watch over your body. That is why some have watchmen over their houses. A big man living inside his house employs watchmen to watch over the house. Actually, they are not watching over the house but watching over him and the family members or other inhabitants in the house because, if the enemies break through the house, they will have access to them. Your body may inhibit some spiritual activities in your life or may even terminate your life on earth. Hence, you are required by God to take care of your body.

You need to have knowledge of things and ways required to preserve your body. Knowledge has increased, that is why we want you to understand the place of medicines in the maintenance of your body as a holy believer in order to live well and sound all the time, for a prolonged life and

service to God on this earth.

Proverbs 3:13-24

13 Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.

14 For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.

15 She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.

16 Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour.

17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

18 She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her.

19 The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens.

20 By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew.

21 My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion:

22 So shall they be life unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck.

23 Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble.

24 When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.

If you have a disturbing stomach that has not left you with all your prayers and others praying for you, and you do not take medicine to arrest it in your body, you will not be able to rise or stand in the pulpit with biting or stomach ache. You will want to go and lie down flat on your belly. You will not be able to do anything because your body has been affected. What if an accident happens and they have to amputate your leg? Brother, automatically, many things about the gospel will be limited in your life. What if you were to lose your eyes, because of the cataract coming up in your eyes which you have not bothered to go for medical treatment? Your usefulness in life will be limited. What if you lose your teeth? Is it a good thing when somebody stands speaking and the teeth are not in order? Only a limited number of people would like to listen to you. Some people can easily be irritated by even little inordinate things or appearance. You will by that reduce the number of the congregation that will hear you. Take care of that body. Keep it well. Do that which is just and right to keep it perfect.

3.4 Feed Your Body with Good Food and Proper Drinks

Feed your body with appropriate food for your good health. Be careful with fasting. Control your fasting. Let your moderation be known to all men. That is the word of God. Do not engage in careless fasting. Do not be so power-driven to the point of destroying your body. There are formulas to everything in life. Whatever a man sows, he shall reap. Subject that body to an unfavourable condition and you shall reap. A particular pastor said, he had finished all his fasting! I asked him how he has finished his fasting. He explained that he went on marathon fast as a young preacher until stomach ulcer caught him, and so for that he has finished all his fasting! Have demons also finished their work? Why did you finish your fasting so early? Have problems of life finished? Let your moderation be known to all men.

Acts 27:33-36

33 And while the day was coming on, Paul besought them all to take meat, saying, This day is the fourteenth day that ye have tarried and continued fasting, having taken nothing.

34 Wherefore I pray you to take some meat: for this is for your health: for there shall not an hair

fall from the head of any of you.

35 And when he had thus spoken, he took bread, and gave thanks to God in presence of them all: and when he had broken it, he began to eat.

36 Then were they all of good cheer, and they also took some meat.

Paul said, eating was required for their health. If you always starve your body, you will reap the consequence at your later end. Some people may have accident today without feeling the pain until after 40 years or much more later, when they go to the doctor to make complaints, and the doctor begins to ask, 'Have you ever had an accident? The accident you had many years ago is what is manifesting now in your body'. Oh! If you had been wise at that time, you would not have neglected that matter. If you had treated yourself well then, the present challenge would not have come.

Do you know that if you do not take care of your body today, it might be the reason for your backsliding tomorrow? Some sicknesses may come on some people so painful that they start abusing God. Is it not because of Job's sickness that the wife said, "*Curse God and die?*" Although we are aware that Job was not sick because he was careless, but it concerned his body. If Job was not

committed, the case of his sickness was enough to make him angry with God. What are you doing in this your early years to care for your body? Are you waiting for when you will become older and the body takes another shape because of the way you treated it yesteryears? Will you not then say, “*God, I have laboured for You, why did You allow this?*” Remember that whatever a man sows, he will reap. You did not sow well to your body, that is why you are reaping that; and now you want to put the blame on God? Did you not hear His word? ***My people perish for lack of knowledge.***

Avoid risky businesses that will bring ill health to your body and affect your performance later in life. There are some businesses that will give you asthma. It may not show in your body now, but later it will show and will make you want to blame God over your impaired health and inabilities. Check it up now. Study! Take time to listen; be fast to hear. When we are teaching on these health tips, do not say that you have no need of them or that you have strong faith in God. There is the place of faith and there is the place for knowledge. Add to your faith, knowledge. You need it. Let there be moderation or self-control in everything.

2 Peter 1:5

5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

The drunkards are told that their stomach ulcer came as a result of their excessive alcohol intake. Have you heard so? The smokers are told that the cancer of their lungs came as a result of the smoke they sent into it. Check your habits; your eating habits. Are you over-eating one thing? Find out whether there is implication, although you love it.

3.5 Jesus Taught His Disciples to Rest

Let your moderation be known to all men. Have self-control and temperance. Give the body rest after a long hard work. Jesus taught His disciples this.

Mark 6:30-32

30 And the apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus, and told Him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught.

31 And He said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat.

32 And they departed into a desert place by ship privately.

Praise be to God for what the Holy Spirit is teaching us. You are going to be fruitful. You are going to be prosperous. He that knows the truth shall be set free. Your future is certain. The poison waiting for you in the future has been removed. The truth shall make you free. Are you just coming from a duty? Take time to rest. The rest may not be too long at a time, but you need rest. Look at what the Bible says: '*leisure.*' It means, doing something that will give your heart relaxation, which will give your mind joy and peace. Some may just go to sit by a river and be watching as the water flows. That is leisure. You left preaching? You did not go for evangelism; someone may ask? *I returned from evangelism and I want to recover. That is why I am sitting by this river to watch the creation of God. I take delight in watching the creation of God and it gives me leisure;* is your reply to him. That is what the Lord expects of you. Be free to do that; or else, you go and sit in a garden, beside the flowers and take leisure. For some, there may be a beautiful rug in their house, they just lie on the rug leisurely and be relaxing. He is happy. Some go to sit under the air conditioner to enjoy the cold air. It is leisure. Some have some good things to watch that excite them. It is leisure. Everybody has that

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which interests him, as far as such things are not sinful. You need it to recover, to refresh. Of course, you can have a chat too or a talk with someone. It is leisure. “All work and no play, makes Jack a dull boy”.

Constant work without rest or relaxation is truly harmful to one's personal life and wellbeing. This information is helpful, so that when a person is on leisure, he will not be seen as wasting the time. You may come into somebody's house and see beautiful Cushion chairs and the way he decorated the house with flowers and other things of beauty. Do not say, Hey! “People can waste the money of God”. God has given us freely all things to enjoy. The person watching those things gets leisure to enable him recover and go back to work. There is no sin or iniquity in doing so.

1 Timothy 6:17

17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, Who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

Deuteronomy 8:12, 17,18:

12 Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein;

17 And thou say in thine heart, My power and the

***might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth.
18 But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God:
for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth,
that He may establish His covenant which He
sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.***

Sometimes, people may relax by playing sports like Badminton in the house with the children or with friends. It is leisure which removes tension and relaxes the body. Do not show your limited knowledge by saying, “*Eh! I went to his house and saw him playing Badminton. Oh Christians of these days!*” Jesus taught His disciples rest and relaxation to regain strength.

3.6 Avoid Risky Places and Activities

Avoid places and activities of danger and take precaution for your soul. Do not say that you have enough faith.

John 7:1-9

1 After these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for He would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill Him.

2 Now the Jews' feast of tabernacles was at hand.

3 His brethren therefore said unto Him, Depart hence, and go into Judaea, that Thy disciples also may see the works that Thou doest.

4 For there is no man that doeth any thing in secret, and he himself seeketh to be known openly. If Thou do these things, shew Thyself to the world.

5 For neither did His brethren believe in Him.

6 Then Jesus said unto them, My time is not yet come: but your time is always ready.

7 The world cannot hate you; but Me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil.

8 Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up yet unto this feast; for My time is not yet full come.

9 When He had said these words unto them, He abode still in Galilee.

There are many places, activities and plans which you must be careful about. For instance, one needs to be careful of night journeys because it is always very risky, both because of robbers and of accidents. You may say the Lord will take care! Sure, He will. If you are persuaded to do so, go ahead. But if you are told that a particular road is risky in the night, please, stay back and continue your journey in the morning. Learn from Jesus. He would not just carry Himself to the Pharisees to be stoned and killed. Then He would not have finished the work that brought Him to the earth. So be security conscious.

You may say, “*I do not bother about drinking or eating deadly thing because Jesus said, it shall not hurt me!*” Yes, but not in your pride and carelessness. That mango, is it washed? *My stomach will sanctify it, you said!* But you are taking risk. The devil told Jesus, ***Cast down yourself from this high mountain, for it is written, He shall give His angels charge over thee.*** What is the answer that Jesus gave? ***Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.*** That promise is given for circumstances you cannot control which God knows. He will activate His promise and power, but not for carelessness in activities, hygiene and eating food without caution and prayer.

Leaders should not just choose any person or woman to cook food for God's Ministers. Know that we have enemies in this gospel service. Do not pick any woman that volunteers or is forwarding herself! Some of these witches and wizards are very forwarding. They will say “I will be the one to take care of Ministers' food”. You may think that it is in righteousness, but it is not. You must pray very well. Is your wife really qualified to cook for Ministers? This woman who fight with you in the house all the time wants to cook for the Ministers? Under what anointing? Check well and do not be careless. Do not expose God's Ministers to danger and do not expose one another to danger. Do not tempt the Lord your God. Wake

up to understanding and caution.

3.7 Wisdom Is Profitable To Direct.

If you are sick, pray to God to heal you. If you see that it persists, you can call the elders to pray for you. Where required, you may consult a doctor for your treatment. It is wisdom to submit to hospital tests to know your physical condition. Many people are diabetic, many have hypertension and many have some other sicknesses that if known early, can be cured. "Brother, can you go for medical test?" "Ah, do not bother," you said. It is fear and you are doing harm to yourself. "I prefer not to know what is wrong with me." Ignorance will kill you, if you prefer not to know what is wrong in your body. "Brother, Brother, thieves are in your house!" "Why are you giving me that information? Do you want to put fear in me? I do not like that, I want to go to my house". That is you. You do not like knowing the truth. You prefer to hide under darkness! You hide under a lie! Ignorance of the sickness and disease wrecking your body is destructive.

Isaiah 5:13-14

*13 Therefore my people are gone into captivity,
because they have no knowledge: and their
honourable men are famished, and their
multitude dried up with thirst.*

14 Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.

If you have health challenges, why not go to the hospital? If you delay in child bearing with your wife, why not check up with the hospital? If you see yourself not sleeping well or sleeping too much, why not go to the hospital for checkup? You have been praying without result, why will you not do this? It is for your good. Let not the devil kill you through ignorance. God has not given you the spirit of fear. Why are you afraid? Truth is always truth. Hospital test will not give you something or result of what is not in your body. By the way, you have the chance to test in many places. Do not quickly conclude it is Satan oppressing you or witches and wizards. Many satanic sicknesses are cured in the hospitals.

Go for checkup so that the sickness will not throw you down or cause you to die suddenly! Regular checkups will help you know when sickness comes in. This is the wisdom of God through the instrumentality of physicians. But if you refuse, God may keep quiet. Somebody that died through carelessness may not make it to heaven either. He did not have faith. If he had faith in the wisdom

of God on medicines and made use of the same, he would not have died. Now that he died in that way, where is he going? Do not refuse godly counsel.

Proverbs 29:1

He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

Many churches reject the use of medicine and doctors to their eternal damnation. May the Lord make you to use this knowledge to keep you alive. May the Lord give you the grace to work for Him to the end. May the Lord save your family. May the Lord save your neighbours. May the Lord save the world. May the Lord make you an instrument in His hand. May the Lord keep you physically and spiritually healthy.

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CHAPTER FOUR

THE USE OF MEDICINE IS SCRIPTURAL

4.1 All Things Are Yours In Christ

Christians are the children of God and He has given them all things to enjoy including medicines. Children of God can use faith for their healing or medicines for their cure when they are sick. They can take conventional or herbal medicine. Herbal medicine to be used should be hygienic and free from demonic connections.

1 Corinthians 3:21-23

21 Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours;

22 Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours;

23 And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

1Tim 6:17:

17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

“...all things to enjoy”. Emphasis is on **“all things.”** All things that are beneficial to you in the creation of God are yours. God has given us richly all things to enjoy. That which will give you peace; that which will give you joy; that which will give you rest, is given to you by God. God has given to you all things to enjoy. Emphasis here is about the moral sense of all things not in evil, but that which ministers to you. Good health and sound living as promised in the Scripture from the Lord.

James 1:17

17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

We notice in this life the things God has freely given to men to bless them on earth, such as knowledge of sound, light, knowledge of the sun, moon, planets and stars, knowledge of medicine, knowledge of invention, knowledge on repairs, knowledge of medical treatment, knowledge of building and constructions, knowledge of agriculture and food production, and many others so numerous to mention here. God freely give to man all things for his enjoyment and wellbeing. Those gifts of God should be utilized with appreciation to God instead of

rejection.

4.2 Knowledge Of Medicine Is Good

Before the introduction of conventional or orthodox medicine, herbal or natural medicine had existed in the world. People had been taking medicine and getting cured to the point that the scripture says:

Proverbs 17: 22

22 A merry heart doeth good like a medicine:

This tells us that medicines do good. The scriptures show that medicines do good to mankind.

Isaiah 5:20

20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

It is not out of place in the Scripture to say; ***my son, take medicine, for medicine is good***, just as the Scripture also says, ***my son, eat thou honey, for honey is good***. If the Bible calls honey a good thing and somebody comes and forbids the eating of honey; saying do not eat honey, the same Bible says, woe to that man. The person who says, do not eat honey, it is evil, is saying, that which God says is

good is not really good, but evil. That was what Satan told Eve and Adam in the garden to destroy them. Such a person is satanic. Hence, churches that preach against the use of medicines by the sick are doing great evil.

1 Tim 4: 1, 3- 5

1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:

5 For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

The devil interferes a lot among mankind to turn them off from that which is good by naming it evil, especially in the church, to the point that some creation of God, beautiful as it is, given for human benefit, Satan would come and say they are evil; or he passes through some preachers, some religious men, to lay a bad name on a good thing. Medicine has suffered much attacks. Many people have

come up to say it is a sin to take medicine, or in fact, that those people that take medicine will go to hell because it shows they do not have faith in Jesus. That is a doctrine of the devil. The scripture says that medicine is good. The Bible says that God created all things good for our use with prayer and thanksgiving.

1Tim 4: 3-4

3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:

He created it to be received by believers. They that believe and know the truth receive it with thanksgiving. Your prayer over it sanctifies and purifies it. As you use it, bless God and be happy for His wisdom. Maybe there are people that up till now do not use handset, because when the handset (telephone) came-in newly, some people said it was the mark of the beast: "How will you stay here and call somebody in a far place and speak to him unconnected? It must have something to do with Satan." Maybe due to ignorance, they say so and withdraw themselves from it. People are always (through the devil)

misinterpreting the good works of God. Knowledge is good, that is why the Bible says, “***It is not good that a man be without knowledge***”. And the Bible says also that in the later time, knowledge shall increase. The Bible says that knowledge is good. Knowledge of discoveries is a good thing. Otherwise, there would have been no advancement in human society. Always go to the scripture, know the language of the scripture, the spirit of the scripture and enjoy the fullness of God in this life.

4.3 Medicine And Satanism

Medicine exists purely and completely separate from Satanism, although Satan often takes advantage of this to introduce his vices to humanity and lead them to bondage. Who created water? God! Is it for good? Yes, it is for our good. You can go to where there is water and use it as you want. You can go to the river or to the stream and use the water as others do. Some can just sit by the river and enjoy nature. Satan has made many people to fear a body of water because of *mammy water (water spirits)*. They warn others not to sit near the sea or river because of water spirits. This is the work and deception of Satan. Satan has laid claim to the body of water by showing human beings that his kingdom is inside the water. Who gave him that power? God created water for man, not Satan. With this

knowledge, you can go to any body of water and do that which is natural, which will minister to your good and to the good of mankind. You are not sinning, neither will you be hurt. So in the same way, some people think that all these medicines, conventional and herbal are from Satan. What makes them satanic? Did Satan create them? NO! They are the handiwork of God and God has made them good. It is Satan that is taking advantage of human ignorance to promote his name. We must not give God's glory to Satan or condemn God's good work.

4.4 The Source of The Knowledge Of Medicine

God leads man instinctively and by other means to discover that which is good for his life. That is, something you can know. You have been told that medicine has been in existence since the beginning of the world. God directs man how to discover the things He has put in his world to use them for the good of man and for His glory. God is the one that gives the knowledge of medicine and medical therapy.

Isaiah 28: 26

***26 For his God doth instruct him to discretion,
and doth teach him.***

You may be wondering: how did man come up with the knowledge of the aeroplanes in the air, the ships on the sea and the vehicles on the roads? How did man come to invent these? Let us get the answer in the Scripture above, ***“For his God doth instruct him to discretion, and doth teach him”***. You might also ask: how did man discover medicine? How did traditional medicine evolve? How did they know that combining this leaf with that leaf will cure a particular sickness? Once again, get the answer from the Scripture above, ***“Verse 26. For his God doth instruct him to discretion and doth teach him”***. You may also ask, how did the doctors come to operate upon a man and discover something and give that thing a name? How did they come to know the functions of the various parts of the human body? They can draw it and label it. How did they come to know this? Let us come back to the answer, ***“For his God doth instruct him to discretion, and doth teach him”***.

How come that in a village, there is somebody there that is able to know how to cure this or that? How did it happen? Let us go back to the answer, ***“For his God doth instruct him to discretion, and doth teach him.”*** The God who made this life knows the needs of life, hence He reveals solutions to people's problems or ailments, instructs people, tells them and demonstrates how it can be

handled. This can happen in a dream. In a dream, they may see somebody perform this. Sometimes it may be a voice that may speak to them. Sometimes, it is just instinct. The mind may be able to imagine some things and just see the realities of those things. As they say *“I am going to work it out and see.”* To their surprise, it works! Why do we think that God created this world and it is Satan that is managing it for God and that everything that is happening is Satan?

Psalms 24:1

1 The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

Ecclesiastes 11:5

5 As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God Who maketh all.

You always say to people on herbal medicine, “be careful, Satan! Satan!!” Why do you think like that? Let me ask you, the animals: sheep, goats, cows, dogs, chicken and others, and the bush ones too, do they get sick? Who cure them? How are they cured? They go to look for curing leaves. Even the animals know how to treat their sicknesses. Let us go back to same scripture. Instead of saying, *his God*, now say *its God*. *“For its God doth instruct it to discretion, and doth teach it”*. Can you see

God? Now, do you see God in everything now? Do you see God in the knowledge of life, in the beneficial knowledge of life?

Do you know that Satan hates everything that is good? He is never for the benefit of mankind. He does not do anything that is good, except he will use it as a bait. He will use a good thing which is from God and put his evil in it. But for good, good does not come from Satan. Therefore, do not always attribute every good thing that goes on in this life to Satan. Even among unbelievers, the God that made them wants them to be healthy. If they die, how would they hear the gospel? How would they hear the message? Does not the Bible say that it is not the will of God that any man should perish but that all should come to the knowledge of God and repentance? Would not God therefore do all that is required to keep them alive until they can have opportunity to come to repentance? So why do you think that the people among them who are treating them in their sicknesses and diseases are all demonic? **Demonism and curative medicine are two different things.** Do not listen to ignorant men and church leaders.

Matthew 12:22-28

22 Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and He healed

him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.

23 And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the Son of David?

24 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.

25 And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand:

26 And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand?

27 And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? therefore they shall be your judges.

28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

4.5 Demonism and Medicine

A man is first demonic, then he gets good medicine. He may or may not apply his demonism on his treatment. Good medicine is a natural formula. He can only bring his demonism into it to defile mankind. If he says, “okay,

before I do this for you, you will sacrifice this; you must do this or that; when you are cooking this medicine, sprinkle the blood of animals on that stone. Do not take firewood from one side to another'. That is demonism. All those things are not part of what will bring cure. He is using the knowledge of medical cure to bring man into bondage – to Satan. Demonism and medicine are two separate things; be it herbal medicine or conventional medicine. Be it food supplements or chemical drugs, separate them from demonism. Do not follow those who call them products of Satan. Some will even tell you the Holy Ghost has revealed it. Reject it because it is not according to scripture. If medicine fails to produce results; conventional or herbal, it is no strange thing. In life, some things and people fail to produce expected results. Medicine is good as food is good. Medicine gives health and strength, food gives health and strength. So, demonism is different from medicine. What therefore you are to avoid and run away from is demonism. What defiles a Christian is demonism not medicine; whether herbal (traditional) or conventional. It is that aspect of the treatment that is in darkness, that has not the light of the scripture, which Satan takes over because he is the prince of darkness. The people who do the inventions for us of various things of life are not all believers. Why are we not

saying that the aeroplane is demonic? Why are we not saying that the motor vehicles are also demonic? Why are we not saying that the clothes manufactured for us are demonic? The people who made them are mostly unbelievers. Should we then say that unbelievers who do treatments are demonic or their treatments are demonic because they are unbelievers? Look well and understand with your heart.

2 Timothy 2:7

7 Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.

4.6 Suffering of The Righteous

Here, we are considering the cases of sicknesses and diseases of the righteous because there are people who think that the righteous cannot be sick. Not that the righteous must be sick. No! Of course, *the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick*. However, let us consider the following circumstances in order to understand more of God's wisdom:

i. God's sufficient provision

God can manifest His power in a special sense as He led the children of Israel from Egypt to the promise land. The Bible says that there was no feeble man among them.

Even the clothes that they put on their body did not wear out. That is a special manifestation of the power of God. God can decide to make things happen this way. But is it that believers' clothes do not wear out? No! They wear out. The clothes you used have worn out many times. In fact, the clothes you used four years ago, you may not wear them again. Why? They have worn out following the law of nature. At times, God will allow the law of nature to take effect. Why? He has made sufficient provision to counteract it. So, believers can be sick. Do you know that the brook of water that Elijah was sent to by God followed the law of nature and that it dried up eventually to the point that he had to look for another place, because that was the law of nature? God allows nature to have its own course. He may not choose to alter it. He can alter it by miracle but He does not do it always.

ii. Need for Bodyguard

Ezra said, “I thought to go to the king to tell him to give us escort as we move to Jerusalem because of thieves, evil men and attackers on the way.” If he had requested for this, it would not have been a sin. No! It would not have been sin. People who do not understand scriptures reason things differently. Some of such persons may be questioning, “Why is it that you see men of God carrying

security men?” Why are you asking that? Is it evil? Most people who see Jesus in visions say they see Him with two angels or with an angel not that anybody can hurt Him but the escorts are essential to render Him service. That a preacher goes with some people as escorts is not a thing to condemn. Ezra now said, “Because I have told the king about the greatness of God, within this short period, if I go back again, my message will be mixed up.” Ezra prayed, “God, we would have requested for security in our journey but I want You to consider that Your name and power have been exalted before. We have told the king you can do all things in your power. Oh Lord, give us Your security!” The Lord heard him because there was a special request for it. Otherwise, the normal law of life, in such a journey, is to go with security personnel. *For ye shall not tempt the Lord your God.* When Jesus noticed that they wanted to kill Him in the Jewry at that time, He never walked in the Jewry. So let us have a good understanding.

iii. Sickness of the Righteous

Can the righteous be sick? Yes! The righteous man can be sick and can be oppressed by the devil. He is in this world. Satan is in this world.

Psalms 41: 1-3

1 Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the

LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.

2 The LORD will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth: and Thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies.

3 The LORD will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: Thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness.

Who is this man the Lord is talking about? Of course, the righteous man. Can he be sick? Yes! The righteous man can be sick. Therefore, know this scripture so that humility will always be with you. Know this scripture so that you do not go into hypocrisy and be giving false testimony to show how righteous you are, attaching it to your righteousness. “No, I have not been sick all this while. In fact, since I gave my life to Jesus.” Yes, God did that for you, but do not question your brother in Christ that is sick. Rather, pray and deliver him. It is God's grace you have enjoyed. Even among sinners, there are those who have never been sick. But in reality, both the righteous and sinners can be sick, but faith and prayer would heal the righteous. *God will make all his bed in his sickness.*

Job 2:7, 8

7 So went Satan forth from the presence of the

LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.

8 And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among the ashes.

Satan went out from the presence of God! The Lord was aware that Job would be sick. The Lord knew today that in the evening, Job would be attacked with sickness. What did God do about it? He was quiet. I want you to know this so that you will be a humble and meek child of God. When Isaac was bound, he did not resist it. He gave Abraham all the cooperation to bind him. He did not struggle against him. Some miseries may come into your life, do not deal roughly with God. Some sicknesses may come on you, do not ask rough questions. *God did you not know? Were you not aware that it was coming to me?*

Did He not know? He knew. Was He not aware? He was aware that it would happen the way it happened, that the name of the sickness would be called this! He was aware but kept quiet because you do not know the contention between Him and Satan. You do not know what He is planning to do concerning the situation. Were you not created for His glory? What if He decides that you die? Job said, ***“though He slays me, I will still trust in Him.”*** So be calm. Do not find fault with God, even on the duration of

the sickness. Did Job pray the first day he saw the sign? Was he praying all through the period of the sickness that God should heal him? Yes. Was God answering his prayers? No. That was why Job said, ***“If I could see God with my eyes, I would ask Him, what was Your reason? Can someone take God to court? No. Job reasoned, oh that man can take God to court. But who can be the advocate?”*** So you have prayed, wait for Him. He told you He is aware. You are praying, but wait for Him. He is achieving something in a set time. Wait for Him. The vision is yet for an appointed time. Though it tarries, what should you do? Wait for it. At the end, the Lord will appear for you. Who did this thing to Job? Satan did it and not God.

Job 2:7

7 So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.

iv. Satanic oppression of the Righteous

Can Satan oppress a child of God? Yes. Then why would you say to the child of God oppressed in his dream that he belongs to a secret society and that it is initiation. Why do you say so? *Do you mean no child of God must dream like that?* Be warned! You are destroying the faith. You are

confusing a believer. Who told you that no child of God can dream like that? Is that not satanic oppression? Rather tell them to pray. Satan has come in their way. Let them check it up. What are the signs that a person is a child of God? Is it that he will not dream bad dreams? Is it part of the signs? No! ***For whosoever is born of God does not commit sin.*** Was he involved in the dream? Did he invite the spirit of the dream? Was he aware of the dream? Was his will involved in the dream? No. Then why would you say he has committed sin? He dreamed that he swam in the water and you said he has a *Mammy* spirit and needs to go for deliverance. He dreamed that he made love with a woman in the dream and you said, “oh! You have been initiated”. Where is this gospel from? Can you quote the scriptures? In the real sense, this man is a righteous man. This man is holy. It is just that he is passing through satanic oppression. The two are different. So that is what we need to know and understand so that we can have a balanced Christianity and not bring worries and anxieties to the children of God. Let them rather continue to pray until the matter is over. Let them seek counsel. Let them keep seeking prayers until the matter is over.

1 Peter 5:7-11

7 Casting all your care upon him; for He careth for you.

8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

10 But the God of all grace, Who hath called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

11 To Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

v. Sickness can be an attack

Now we have known that Job was sick. We know that there are many preachers that preach contrary things. Job was righteous and yet was afflicted with sickness. Not for his sins, but for a course that was in the hand of God. The Bible tells us in James Chapter five that ***the prayer of faith shall save the sick and if he has committed any sin, it shall be forgiven him.*** But remember the word “**if**”. It is not that the sickness must have come because of sin. No! “If,” because he can also be sick without being a sinner or without having backslidden. It is not necessarily a divine judgment. It is the attack of the devil or the law of nature.

There might be a particular sickness common in your father's lineage. Some of your siblings contracted it. It can pass to you. You may say, *My blood is the blood of Jesus Christ, no sickness can pass to me*". Pray and use faith to resist it. Otherwise, it is a natural flow. It is a law. It is only that you have hope that if it comes, you have a Healer. The difference between you and the rest of the family members is that you know where you can be healed. As a believer, you can be healed or by faith resist it not to come to you by faith in Christ. Those among your siblings who are not in Christ or cannot pray through will suffer from the sickness because it is genetic. Since you have already known the thing, *pray and God will hear you*. Keep on praying until it clears.

vi. Sickness of Elisha

Now, Elisha was sick.

2 Kings 13:14

Now Elisha was fallen sick of his sickness whereof he died...

You know Elisha? Who was he? A man of double-portion anointing. Yes, the presence of God was in him. The dead arose and the river Jordan got divided. Elisha! The Shunaamite woman's child came back to life. Elisha fell

sick! Was he backslidden at this time? No. Let me show you the sign that he was not backslidden.

2 kings 13:14-17

14 Now Elisha was fallen sick of his sickness whereof he died. And Joash the king of Israel came down unto him, and wept over his face, and said, O my father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof.

15 And Elisha said unto him, Take bow and arrows. And he took unto him bow and arrows.

16 And he said to the king of Israel, Put thine hand upon the bow. And he put his hand upon it: and Elisha put his hands upon the king's hands.

17 And he said, Open the window eastward. And he opened it. Then Elisha said, Shoot. And he shot. And he said, The arrow of the LORD'S deliverance, and the arrow of deliverance from Syria: for thou shalt smite the Syrians in Aphek, till thou have consumed them.

Prophecy continued and yet he was still sick. I say this because pride keeps some men of God from admitting that they are sick. Satan may say to them, *if you allow your members know that you are sick, your ministry has finished.* Who told you? A child of God can be sick. God

can keep a believer healthy and sound in health according to His grace, but let us all know that His children can be sick also.

4.7 Reasons For Sickness

God has reasons He allows sicknesses upon His children. Some of the reasons include the following:

i. To Teach Knowledge and Understanding

He wants to teach knowledge and understanding to His people. Jacob finished blessing his children and brought his legs back to the bed and slept or died peacefully. Some men of faith would say, "I do not need to be sick. In my dying time, I will not be sick. I will just sit down or lie down and the Lord will take me." But there are preachers you did not hear that they were sick. They just sat down like that and died. But their souls did not go to heaven. It was not that they were righteous and God took them. What happened to such ones is from Satan, not God. So why are you glorying over that? Why are you teaching that as doctrine? That somebody fell sick, do not say, "*No! No! A believer cannot be sick and die in sickness.*" What do you mean? Rather, when encouraging a person that is very sick, have two minds that: -

(i). He may recover. (ii). He should prepare or be prepared

for heaven in case he does not recover. The Hebrew children whom Nebuchadnezzar threatened to throw into the fire said, “Our God is able to deliver us. If He does not, we are still ready to die for Him and we will never bow for your god”. Because, God may choose not to deliver, always be mindful of eternity. Elisha died in sickness. Let not Satan pump pride into you in your dying sickness so that instead of examining your life and humbling yourself before God and men, you may get pride and speak proudly as though you are not subject to the law of truth. Your boasting may be carnal and can end up in your death without humble preparation for eternity.

Let us not abuse the doctrine of faith in God in our hardships, attacks and sicknesses and perish because of pride. Always be humble. If you visit the sick ones, you should not introduce pride to them in the name of faith. Rather, quote the promises of God to strengthen their faith. But study the circumstances; also remember that God who made the right hand also made the left. The right leg, the left leg. The right eye, the left eye. So there are these two chances in sickness. To live or to die. Remember in all circumstances to prepare the person for eternity.

ii. To show God’s mercy (Healing is by mercy)

We have now known that the righteous can be sick.

Epaphras was sick.

Philippians 2: 25-28

25 Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labour, and fellowsoldier, but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants.

26 For he longed after you all, and was full of heaviness, because that ye had heard that he had been sick.

27 For indeed he was sick nigh unto death: but God had mercy on him; and not on him only, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.

28 I sent him therefore the more carefully, that, when ye see him again, ye may rejoice, and that I may be the less sorrowful.

Learn something here. Under the ministry of Apostle Paul, Epaphras was sick. The sickness lived long to the point that they feared he would die. Paul, what about giving Epaphras handkerchief? Paul, you did not have apron again? What about laying apron upon Epaphras? "Those manifested in a brief moment in my ministry. They were not things that continued with me." Alright then, Paul, were you not the one the Lord has been using for

miracles round about? This one now is with you. What happened that he was not yet healed for long? Paul, is God not hearing your prayers anymore? *He hears me, but this thing you are talking about is not a matter of boasting. It happens by the mercy of God. It is not a thing I can boast about.*

I will go and set him free. “It is God that had mercy on him and me. It took me long prayers, not only me; others too. We kept praying. God showed us mercy. So do not think almighty healing is in my hand.” Do not think an anointed preacher can handle every sickness. Not even in Jesus. When He went to His home, He laid hands only on a few people. Why? Unbelief was in them. Epaphras' case might not be the case of unbelief. It might just be that the Lord is teaching a lesson. *“Paul, you and those who are working with you, learn to have rest. Are you not aware that at a time, I withdrew My disciples for a rest? See the effect on Epaphraditus now. And so the man was sick. All prayers of faith did not work but the prayer for the mercy of God. God had mercy on him. We know that Hezekiah presented his righteousness and God heard him. But it is not all the time that He will heal you because of your righteousness. It is for His mercy. God showed him mercy and Paul also, and healed him. That is what the word of God is teaching us. With this understanding, let us*

pray for the sick and the oppressed with all prayers but leave the result to God, Who knows and does all things according to His truth and mercy.

4.8 God's Promises on Protection, Healing And Deliverance

Exodus 15:26

And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His sight, and wilt give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I Am the LORD that healeth thee.

God afflicts sinners with diseases but not his faithful children. He afflicts sinners because He says, “*I will put them on your enemies*” as part of His judgement, because He is a God of Judgment. For the children of God, God is their healer. When sickness comes upon them, God goes to heal them. He is their Healer. You do not need the attention of a medical doctor when there is no ailment to treat.

Deuteronomy 7: 14-15

14 Thou shalt be blessed above all people: there

*shall not be male or female barren among you,
or among your cattle.*

*15 And the LORD will take away from thee all
sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of
Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee; but will
lay them upon all them that hate thee.*

“*There shall be none barren among thee.*” Understand it scripturally. Zechariah and Elizabeth his wife lived without children for long. Why? She was barren. But, how long? God was watching it. Did it come to an end? Yes, it came to an end. So, the scripture may not be talking about a momentary situation. But it is possible that a Christian couple may remain barren until they die. Search through the scripture to understand why God allows it so. Understanding will keep you. Discretion will preserve you.

Paul did not marry. Who made him not to marry? God definitely. God who gives wives to men did not give Paul one because it would affect the work he was called to do. Similarly, somebody else who is a child of God and a minister of the gospel may marry and the Lord may not give them children. Why? It may affect the work they are called to do. There are genuine ones among these people who may not marry, for the gospel's sake, not as the

Catholics do, but by the will of the Lord. God gives sufficient grace to those He calls according to His will.

4.9 God Wishes You to Be Healthy

3 John 2

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

That is the desire of God. Your prosperity and health is God's desire for you. Follow the conditions required and you will find them according to the will of God.

“I wish above all things.” It is God's desire for you. Believe this in your heart, pursue it and get it.

Matthew 15: 22-28

22 And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto Him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, Thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.

23 But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and besought Him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us.

24 But He answered and said, I Am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

25 Then came she and worshipped Him, saying,

Lord, help me.

26 But He answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs.

27 And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.

28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

Verse 26 says “***But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs***”.

Which thing now is the children's bread? “Healing and deliverance.” It means God's children can get sick. His children can be oppressed. Therefore, whenever they are sick, as anybody can be hungry and need food; He also gives the sick healing and the oppressed deliverance. They are His children. His children can be sick and can be oppressed by the devil. How do you know that they are His children? They do not commit sin. But the person who is “**possessed**” by the devil commits sin because Satan has taken over the will of the person. He does things that are evil. So we say do not say that a child of God has been possessed by Satan. Those possessed by the devil do not have the power to do righteousness. But a real child of God can have sickness; can have Satan disturbing in one

way or the other. Satan can kill his child or his wife as the case of Job. But remember that God was aware and watched over the case.

In some cases the affected believer did not rise up to fight at the appropriate time. But to some, God allows it so because there is a lesson in life that lies behind the curtain known only to God. Sometimes, Satan knows too as in the case of Job. So, now, we understand that the righteous can be sick, oppressed, barren or poor. But God is our Saviour, Provider, Healer and Deliverer.

4.10 How the Lord Heals And Delivers

i. Through activating the word of His promise

God can sustain you by the word of His promise that sickness will not come on you. ***Beloved, I wish above all that thou might prosper and be in health even as thy soul prospereth.*** God can keep you in good health and you will not know sickness. ***The inhabitants will not say I am sick.*** This is preventive healing. The sickness does not come, which many of us enjoy. We should always trust in God to keep us from sickness and pray always for our protection and preservation. ***“It shall come to pass that before they call I will hear”.***

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The answer comes before the matter began. They poisoned some food and you are not even aware. But God took care. So beautiful. In this sense, God is doing many things unaware to us which we need to thank Him.

ii. Through personal faith and prayer on His words and promises

Psalm 107: 17-19

17 Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted.

18 Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they draw near unto the gates of death.

19 Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and He saveth them out of their distresses.

20 He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

God heals and deliver His children through Prayer and faith on God's promises. The trouble came because, may be, you committed sin, or whichever way the sickness came. Go to God in prayer. Cry to him. Call upon him. Fight in his name, fight by his word. You will be healed. This is one way God does it.

iii. Through prayer and intercession of others over the sick

James 5: 14-16

14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins. They shall be forgiven him.

16 Confess your fault one to another and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Can you see the place of intercession? As a believer that God uses for people to be healed, do not be proud to say; “*I will not make anybody know that I am sick. If I tell them I am suffering from this or that sickness in my body, or passing through some satanic attacks, people will not believe in me again. They will stop coming to me to pray for them.*” Because of this wrong thought in your heart, we want to give you the complete knowledge of scripture so that you will be delivered from this unrighteous attitude. Put on the humility of God and defeat Satan in your life.

Matthew 18:19-20

Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

You have been praying against that sickness and it has not left you. You have prayed and prayed and prayed. The Bible says, ***two are better than one, for they have a good reward for their labour.*** Get another person. Make the thing known. In fact the thing has become so heavy on you, call on the elders. The prayers church elders will pray for you will bring healing. Now, among yourselves elders, learn to pray for one another. (Confess your sins) in case you have done something evil that blocks the healing. Confess it to the appropriate person or authority. Pray for one another and you will be healed.

Are the elders not righteous? The prayer of the righteous availeth much. But which prayer? The effectual and fervent prayer. Not this casual prayer many engage in. Effectual prayer, protracted and intense praying. It works! As says the scripture.

James 5:16-18

16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

17 Elias was a man subject to like passions as we

are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.

18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

Therefore, it could be you, seek prayer. Call your brother. Thank God there are people who have the gifts of healing among the brethren. The Lord has been using them. Do not be ashamed to invite them or go to them. Tell them to agree with you in prayer. There are people the Lord has been using in deliverance. Talk with them to provide opportunity for you to be prayed for so that the Lord will destroy the works of Satan in your life and family or in troubling matters. Do not allow your mind to belittle the grace of God in people's lives. You are not greater than them in Christ. So in that way you can be healed. God is the one that arranged that prayer for salvation and to be done this way. When the circumstance for this comes, the spirit of grace will signal you: *Call somebody else! Call somebody else!* But as long as you say "God, you know I am too big to call somebody. God you are there." God loves that type of challenge from the proud: to teach you lesson that without humility, you are nothing before Him. So let others learn that a 'big Christian man' like you remains sick because of shame. There is no shame for the

righteous. Be humble that God may take you everywhere and do everything for you, in Jesus name.

iv. Through the use of medicine

Many people receive their bodily healing from God through prayers, faith, and the use of medicine.

Isaiah 38: 1-8, 21

1 In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came unto him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order: for thou shalt die, and not live.

2 Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed unto the LORD,

3 And said, Remember now, O LORD, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.

4 Then came the word of the LORD to Isaiah, saying,

5 Go, and say to Hezekiah, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will add

unto thy days fifteen years.

6 And I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria: and I will defend this city.

7 And this shall be a sign unto thee from the LORD, that the LORD will do this thing that he hath spoken;

8 Behold, I will bring again the shadow of the degrees, which is gone down in the sun dial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward. So the sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it was gone down.

21 For Isaiah had said, Let them take a lump of figs, and lay it for a plaister upon the boil, and he shall recover.

This righteous man of God was sick and even God said he would die. He did not agree with that message. He said, "God my heart does not agree. I still have the conviction that I need to do something more on this earth for you. So, please God do not do that." God heard his prayer. May be the Lord was saying "Hezekiah, there are two options now. Do you want to die or still live? He said, "No! I want to do something more for you here." Now, I want you to learn something. Hezekiah was sick and through answer to prayer, God said, "I will heal you." It did not happen

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instantaneously. That was why God had to give a sign. God's word to Hezekiah was, "You may see delay in the fulfillment of what I said I will do. Let me give you a sign. Then rest on that sign and do not bother about it again. It shall go." The Lord did draw the sun backward a little. I do not know how long it took finally for that sickness to go but it certainly left. When the lump of figs was placed upon the boil, the Lord healed him. Using medicine requires time and patience. But the healing came. The healing did not take place that day. It might have been gradual until it all got disappeared, to show that the word that comes out of the mouth of God does not return to Him void until it has fulfilled what God has spoken. But remember a plaster of figs was involved. That was medicine.

Again, see another form of medicine:

1 Timothy 5: 23

Drink no longer water but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities.

The wine in the above passage is a medicine. It has a property to silence stomach problem. But what about faith? Could not faith silence it? Could not the prayer of faith silence it? Timothy prayed, it did not work. He revealed it to Paul. "*Sir there is a stomach problem*

disturbing me.” Paul prayed, it did not disappear. Now Paul used wisdom. “Be taking little wine because if you drink water, it has a biting effect on your stomach. Wine has a soothing effect, a healing effect on your stomach. God made it so for our good. This does not refer to alcoholic wine. No. Because strong drink is a deceiver, you cannot drink it a little. If somebody has headache and wants to buy paracetamols to take, do not say, “*Brother, do not waste your money, we will blot out that headache now through prayer.*” Here we desire to make you know that taking drugs is not contrary to the will and word of God. Do not make others ashamed of taking drugs and medical treatment.

v. God can also heal by His sovereignty

The man lying at the pool of Bethesda did not ask for healing. Did anybody pray for him? No! Jesus just came and said, “***Would you be healed?***” He was thinking it was the healing of the pool and he said, “I do not have someone to carry me there.” Jesus commanded Him, “***Rise up and be healed.***” That is how people get healed in a crusade, not for their righteousness. Not even because they have faith. Not even because they were prayed for. Sinners enjoy this mercy because of the sovereign power and will of God.

4.11 Reasons For This Expositions

i. To comply with Christ's instruction to teach all things

Matthew 28:18-20

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth.

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I Am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen

Paul also said:

Colossians I: 28-29

28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus

29 Whereunto I also labour, striving according to His working, which worketh in me mightily.

You need to know this because the Lord said we should teach the believers all things written in the scriptures for your knowledge and practice.

ii. To keep believers from the effect and danger of ignorance

Hosea 4:6

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.

Many have died because of ignorance. Many churches are in ignorance today; their members are dying. Where are they going to? Heaven or hell? Surely Hell! Because they died under false doctrines; they died under deceit. Were they in Christ and in His Holiness? These people that were blocked from taking drugs: are they all righteous? Are they children of God? The bible says,

2 Thessalonians 3:2

And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith.

The unreasonable and wicked people blocked them. They submitted to their ignorant leaders so that they too can have positions and recognitions in the church. They keep themselves in their sicknesses and die in it. They die and go to hell. These churches have also multiplied hypocrites

because there are those who cannot obey the rule, but privately take drugs for their health. These pretend that they are loyal to the teaching, but are liars. Some of these pretenders are the church leaders who lay this heavy burden upon others. Where is the righteousness they claim to possess and teach? God will judge these leaders for the yokes they have laid on the people because, that which is for their good, that which God provided for their health, they deprive the people from having access to it.

iii. To take away pride and shame from brethren in relation to medicine and medical treatment.

Now, you are ashamed to take drugs before your brethren. You are ashamed even to go to the pharmacist. You are ashamed to be in the hospital because you feel so great. If they ask you, brother, oh, you come to the hospital? "No! no no, I am here just to see somebody." This is pride. Hospital is a house of mercy. That is a house where your God operates. He pours down His mercies on men. Are you proud to be there? Are you greater than Jesus who works on people there? They pray to Him every day and He goes there to answer their prayers and demonstrate His mercies.

You are ashamed yet you are suffering from your sickness, and are dying. You need help. There is a way your case

would have been medically treated and that sickness or family burden could have been gone. But you say you do not want people to see you in hospitals or pharmacies. God loves the humble and hates the proud.

iv. To rebuke the accusers of brethren who accuse them of using medicine (traditional or conventional)

Those who accuse the brethren for taking drugs and medication need to be rebuked because they are affecting the ways of God. They are causing confusion on the path of righteousness. ***“All things are yours”. “His God doth teach him; his God doth instruct Him to discretion”.***

All things have been freely given to believers to enjoy them. So, why are you accusing the people of using medicine, conventional or herbal as if to say it is a sin? What makes it a sin?

The same knowledge of science the Lord gave to cause sound to be heard, spread sound and amplify sound so that great crowd can hear His word, is the same He gave to the scientists to produce an aeroplane so that the journey of years can be done in one day. The same knowledge He gave to scientists to plan and build various types of houses, to invent the telephone that you can now use to communicate with people far away from you; that same God has also given science the knowledge of medicine.

Why not refuse to enter vehicles, because it is man he gave knowledge to produce or manufacture the vehicles? Why do you enter aeroplane? Why do you use microphone in your church? It is man He gave this sense to produce those things you enjoy. He gave man the knowledge and wisdom to discover and produce medicine, conventional or herbal to cure people's ailments and you say it is a sin? Stop saying that otherwise you are offending.

v. To bring healing to those who have been sick for long and are resisting drugs

There are people who have been sick for long especially, new converts. When they are told that they do not need drugs, but faith only to be healed, they celebrate the news and refuse the use of medicine. That is a fresh faith. That faith has not been tested. With time they will come to a point where they could not explain why some sicknesses do not clear away even after much prayer, but they will not still want to take drugs for shame that they had said they would live by faith and people had heard them. Let us know that the God who answers our prayer of faith also provided the drugs, (conventional or herbal) for our healing and sound health and wants us to use them.

CHAPTER FIVE

HERBAL MEDICINE

5.1 Argument for Herbal Medicine

Herbal medicine is the study and use of medical or natural plants, which are a basis of traditional medicine, to treat sicknesses or diseases.

Some people say that herbal medicine is not good. What makes it not good? Do they not use plants, their leaves and roots for food? From the same herbs you heal yourself. Then why do they say it is not good? Many will say, “How did it happen? Where did they get the knowledge from?”

“His God doth teach him and instruct him to discretion.” (Isaiah 28:26)

Go and ask those who have benefited from this gift of God, how they came at it and they will tell you the history. You can only tell people not to partake in idolatry or shade blood for anything in the use of herbal medicine to avoid demonism. They should not offer sacrifice nor pay for such, as in offering chicken or goat for that.

What did the disciples say? *Do not trouble the gentiles. All you need to tell them is that they should abstain from blood and sacrifice to idols and eating things strangled. That is all you need to tell them, and leave them to have their liberty.*

5.2 Accept Drugs, Medical and Herbal Treatment

My people perish for lack of knowledge. Now you are free to use medicine, having known the truth. Either conventional or herbal medicine is a gift from God for human health. Go for operations. There are women who do not want to go for operation to remove fibroid. They say, “Pastor pray for me; I believe God can do it.” Fear is the problem. God provided grace for that man or for the medical scientist (Doctor), to know how to remove fibroid from you. Go for it, and let them do it. Thank God for all things have been freely given to us by God. Other reasons for the exposition include the following:

i. To doctrinally silence those who assert that taking medicine for cure is sinful

Medicine, be it conventional or herbal, food supplements or whatever, is not sinful to take. The use of medicine is good. Is there any proof that anybody who takes medicine

commits sin, or once you take it, you cannot be righteous again? If this can be proved then we can say evil is in it and ***there is death in the pot!*** They are safe. Believers take medicine and are cured or healed, and they continue in the service of God.

ii. To make brethren enjoy all the provisions of God which He has made for them for their godly life and ministry

2 Peter 1:2-3

2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

3 According as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

You have a call to serve God. If that sickness continues, how will you excel? Will you just allow the sickness to kill you by saying “if God does not want to heal me let me die?” Do you know the cost of those words?

5.3 Brief facts to note and remember

i). The God who has given knowledge for all things for human convenience, safety, joy and peace has given knowledge for medicine to be discovered and produced for human health.

James 1:17

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with Whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

ii). Medicine does good to man according to;

Proverbs 17: 22

A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

iii). There are two types of medicines; (a) healing medicines (b) poisonous medicines.

Jeremiah 30:13

There is none to plead thy course, that thou mayest be bound up; thou hast no healing medicines.

“*Thou has no healing medicines*”. There are medicines that are to poison people, to kill people. There are medicines that are for destructions. Those are of the devil. But there are medicines for healing. That is God's gift for your safety, for your peace and for your health.

iv). Some medicines are gotten from herbs or leaves of trees and other natural creation of God, as seen in the case of king Hezekiah. A lump of figs was brought to be laid upon a boil and after a time, the boil disappeared and Hezekiah lived for more years.

Ezekiel 47: 12

And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed: it shall bring forth new fruit according to his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary: and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine.

“...and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine.”

Can you see that? God who made trees for food by giving us the fruit of it, also gives the leaf for medicine. But how

do we know which tree can heal this or that? God will let the medical people know and teach them how to apply it to the sick. Those He has given this duty, He will instruct them discreetly so that they can be teaching others.

2 Timothy 2:2

And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

Some people receive it by inspiration, while others learn it from them. That is what the scripture says.

Jeremiah 8: 22

Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?

Can you see that? They are my people. I expected that by the use of balm and the use of a physician among them, the health of my people should recover. You can get balm from some trees and other sources. God gives this knowledge. He created human beings and made provisions for our healing in His wisdom.

v). Physicians use medicines to cure sicknesses

We can see in the above scripture: ***Is there no balm (medicine) there?*** Is there no physician there that has the knowledge of medicine? The physicians have the knowledge of the application of medicine.

Matthew 9:12

But when Jesus heard that, He said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.

Exactly! The sick people go to medical doctors who use medicines to cure the sick. How did they learn it? The God of heaven has told them and some got them through learning. They learn from others and in that way become physicians that treat the sick.

vi). Physicians have value in the society

Doctors have value in the society, both medical and traditional doctors.

Job 13: 4

But ye are forgers of lies, ye are all physicians of no value”.

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Job was talking to his friends. “When I saw you, I thought you were physicians of value that can heal my situation. But I came to discover that you are physicians of no value.” There are physicians that have value. People look unto them! They cure people. The society respects them. Physicians have value and that is why the Bible says ***“Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physicians there? why then is not the health of the daughter of My people recovered?”*** This is because physicians have value in the society.

vii). Luke was a physician by profession and he was loved and cherished by the apostles for his profession. Hence he was called ***The beloved physician***. Apostles called him ***The beloved physician***. It is likely they enjoyed his medical services.

Colossians 4: 14

Luke the beloved physician and Demas, greet you.

See where the beloved is. Is it on “Luke” or on the “physician.” It is on the “physician.” If that sentence had said “beloved Luke, the physician”, you might still be doubting; “this physician of a thing, is there anything good in it? May be he was doing it before conversion.”

There are brethren who are in one field or the other who are among us and can do service for the brethren; the physicians too. His service as a physician was cherished among the brethren, including Paul.

viii). Jesus and all that healed the sick by faith and in the name of Jesus are physicians in the spiritual sense.

Luke 4: 22-23

22 And all bare Him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?

23 And He said unto them, Ye will surely say unto Me this proverb, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in thy country.

Was Jesus healing with drugs? No! But as a Healer, He was a physician! So God works both spiritually and physically. They are all His. There is no realm that He gave to Satan. He gave the physical realm to man and He comes there and is working with man in the physical to glorify His name. In the spiritual He is in authority and in control. He remains the Healer.

'...In My name ye shall heal the sick; ye shall cast out devils...'

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The medicines recommended for use by traditional or herbal doctors are not charms or satanic materials given in witchcraft to harm or protect from harm, to prosper and succeed, which can damn one's soul to hell fire. Rather, they are God's gift for healing.

CHAPTER SIX

JESUS THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVER

6.1 Jesus Christ Remains The Healer.

Act 10:36-38

36 The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (He is Lord of all:)

37 That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;

38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him.

Jesus is our great deliverer and healer. He goes about, even now, doing good, healing the sick and delivering those who are oppressed by the devil. Through the mention of His name, demons are cast out, the sick gets healed, and the power of demons are broken. He remains the healer

forever as he was yesterday

6.2 His Promises Continue To Be True

Isaiah 46:3-5

3 Harken unto Me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, which are borne by Me from the belly, which are carried from the womb:

4 And even to your old age I am He; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you.

5 To whom will ye liken Me, and make Me equal, and compare Me, that we may be like?

That is what the Lord is saying today to us, His children. He is talking to a people that have believed on Him. He is saying this to people that are obedient to Him. It is the voice of the Lord to you. Right from the womb, He has been preserving you. You did not die in the womb, He caused you to be given birth to. By His grace, you have lived up to this age and up to this time. Now the Lord is making this promise, saying, even to your old age He will remain faithful. The God that has kept you is promising He will continue to do so even to your old age and even to your hoar hair. Until everything about your hair becomes white! The Lord said even to that white hair, He is going to

carry you; and He said, ***I have made and I will bear. I have created you, I will bear your responsibility.*** He is going to carry you and he is going to deliver you. The deliverance, the healing you have experienced from the hands of God all these years shall continue in your life until old age, because that is the promise of God for you.

The deliverance from accidents, attacks from Satan and demons, from the witches and wizards that you have enjoyed all these years, all this time until this age, you will continue to enjoy it so. He will continue to carry you even to your old age. He will remain faithful in your life. The Lord will remain faithful to you in life! Be assured, be peaceful. Whom will you compare Me with? Are you going to compare me with a doctor? I Am higher than a doctor! Whom are you going to compare Me with? Are you going to compare Me with any great man? I Am greater than the greatest man! Are you going to compare Me with money? I am greater than money! Whom are you going to compare Me with?

I say I am going to take care of your life. I say I am going to heal your life. I say I am going to break the yokes in your life. I say I am going to deliver you. I say I am going to protect your life. That is the voice of God! That is God speaking and I believe Him. That is the voice of the

Creator. Let us see Jesus as a Manufacturer. He knows everything about you. The manufacturer knows everything about that which he has manufactured, the function of every part in the product manufactured. When it breaks down he knows where the problem is and how to amend it. Jesus knows you because He is your creator. He knows what the problem is in your life. The doctors may not discover it. Medical Instruments may not be able to tell what it is. But the creator knows. He knows when you are complaining. He heard the cry of Ishmael when Ishmael was laid down in the bush. The Lord of saboath, the great God heard the cry of Ishmael. He knew that Ishmael was looking for water. He knew that Ishmael was dying for lack of water. The Lord was determined to make that child live. The Lord is determined to make you live. God is determined to make you to survive. The Lord provided the solution. He told the mother Hagar, turn the other side and see and she turned and saw a well of water.

Genesis 21:15-19

15 And the water was spent in the bottle, and she cast the child under one of the shrubs.

16 And she went, and sat her down over against him a good way off, as it were a bowshot: for she said, Let me not see the death of the child. And she sat over against him, and lift up her voice,

and wept.

17 And God heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not; for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he is.

18 Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand; for I will make him a great nation.

19 And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink.

There shall be solution for you. The Lord shall open up a well of water for your life. That is what the Lord is saying. He knows what you are passing through, your pain and discomfort. He knows everything. Is it not Jesus that said to Nathaniel, *Before that Philip met you, when you were standing under the tree there I knew you. Nathaniel was surprised. Master, then you are the Son of God. Is that so? Then you are going to see more things.* You are going to see more glory. That your eyes are open to know God, that your eyes are open to know Jesus, you are going to see more glory in your life. You are going to receive more visitation of God in your life. You are going to see more manifestations of God's love and power, because your eyes are open to know Him. He said, *He that loves*

Me and keeps My word, I will love him, My father will love him and We will come and make our abode with him. You are going to know God more. Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him. I will be with him in trouble. I will deliver him and I will save his life! Because he has known My name.

6.3 Jesus Our Doctor

Exodus 15:25-26

25 And he cried unto the LORD; and the LORD shewed him a tree, which when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet: there he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he proved them,

26 And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His sight, and wilt give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.

Again take Jesus as a Doctor. But more than a doctor. The doctor examines you to diagnose your sickness. He may need the help of some machines and their operators, to

know exactly what the problem is. He then prescribes the drugs for you to take in order to be well. But Jesus does more than that on you. He knows your sickness. He knows how to get you recovered. He has the power to get you recovered. No sickness or problem is above His healing power. The Lord has healed many people with your kind of problem. He wants you to know that your case is in the realm of solution possibility. He wants you to know, that your sickness will still go. He wants you to know that your problem will still be solved. All you need to do is to believe.

6.4 Jesus Is Your Deliverer

Luke 4:18-19

18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

The spirit of the Lord is upon Me. He has anointed Me. Jesus is the anointed of God. The spirit came upon Him as a human being, as a Servant of God sent to deliver mankind, to break Satan's yokes on mankind. Young man,

good news for you. The power of the devil wrecking your life shall be broken by Jesus. Although you are moving about like an insane person, you are not under control, you are moving from place to place as if driven by the wind. The Lord is saying he has concern over your life. He is going to stop the wild wind of the devil. He is going to ask those demons to leave your life.

The spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to heal the broken hearted, to bring deliverance to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind.

The people that are under captivity, except by the power of God, they cannot be free. And that is why God's power will work on you. You see some people walk up and down, they walk up and down not willingly. Some powers are working on them. Some people find it a difficult thing to give their lives to Christ. Some powers are working on them. The Lord said to Moses, ***Tell Pharaoh, let My people get out of Egypt. I am taking them to a better land.*** Moses came back and said, Pharaoh said he does not know you. ***Yes, I know, Pharaoh does not know Me. Pharaoh is stubborn. I Am going to stretch forth My hand upon Egypt, then Pharaoh shall let you go. I Am going to***

stretch forth My hands, upon the forces that are scattering your life. That is God speaking. I Am going to stretch forth My hands, upon those things that have darkened your heart, those things that have confused your life. I Am going to stretch forth My hands of power. You shall be free. You will serve the Lord. You are going to get out of this satanic darkness.

The power of God shall make you born again. All those chains of the devil that have bound your life, fire shall burn them; the demons working against your life will be destroyed. Those chains shall be burnt out of your life in the name of Jesus! That is what the Lord is going to do. The Lord is going to set you free. You shall hear the noise of bones as the word of the Lord is going on. There was noise in the valley, and the dry bones shook. Your bones shall shake by the Lord. The judgment of God shall come upon your enemies. The Lord shall break every yoke in your life. In the name of Jesus! May the Lord set you free. Keep serving the Lord. Salvation is by God's power. Who is Pharaoh that said the people shall not go? Who is that devil, who is that witch or wizard? What have you swallowed in to your body that is resisting your freedom to serve the Lord? What have they marked on your body? What have they put in your blood that will prevent you from serving the Lord? If you are willing to obey the Lord,

no power can hold you down.

Isaiah 1:19

If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

6.5 Jesus Is Your Problem Solver

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and the recovering of sight to the blind, and to set at liberty them that are bruised.

It is unfortunate that you have been wounded already. They have done many things against you. Charms are working against you. You have been bruised. You have been made confused in your mind. Your education has been halted. They have put a stop on you through some satanic powers. Your business life is affected. Your mind is confused. But believe and call on Jesus. New things shall happen to you. The salvation of the Lord shall come upon you. The deliverance of God shall fall upon you. You shall be delivered. Jesus will do it because you have known Him. You have known His name.

Psalm 91:14

Because he hath set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known My name.

The Lord has given you this book to wipe away your tears. He has given you this book to comfort your heart. As you believe His word and call on Him, He will deliver you from the yokes of the devil. Why? He has need of you. He told His disciples, ***Go into the city, you will find an ass tied. Loose it together with its colt. When the owner asks you, what's happening? Say the Lord has need of it.***

The Lord has need of you. Therefore, your chains will be broken. All those things that tied down your life, the power of God will break them down. The Lord has need of your life, He wants to use you. The Lord wants to glorify Himself in your life. The Lord wants you to glorify Him before men. That ass the Lord is going to sit upon it. They are going to dress that ass. They will put goodly clothes upon it. It will be decorated with some flowers, to make it beautiful, because it is going to carry the Great King. You are going to announce the coming of the Great King. Your life shall announce Jesus. That is why you are coming out from that miry clay and horrible pit. You are coming out from that coven. You are coming out from witchcraft.

Your mouth shall preach Jesus. You are coming out from the captivity of sin. You are coming out from the captivity of masturbation. All those immoral powers, immoral thoughts, immoral lust in your heart, the Lord shall break them. He shall set you free. Glory to our God. That is what Jesus wants as your deliverer and problem solver.

6.6 Two Kinds of Deliverance From Jesus Christ

The first aspect is to be delivered from satanic oppression. The second is to be delivered from satanic inhabitation or possession. These, the Lord shall do for you by His mighty power. He shall deliver you completely from satanic oppression and inhabitation.

John 10:10

10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I Am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

1John 3:8

8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

The works of the devil in your life, works of the devil in

your body, the devil in your marriage and family, they will be destroyed in the name of Jesus! Jesus was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil in your life, in so far as you are willing to be delivered. All you need to do in order to be free from the bondage of Satan is to confess and be ready to forsake your sins.

Hebrews 2:14, 15

14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

You are his children. He does not want you to be under the bondage of Satan. Satan has threatened you with death. Satan has used men to threaten you with death. Dreams always point at you, that you will die. The Bible says the reason He became a man is so that He might destroy the devil that has kept you under the fear of death, under the captivity of death. God will send out destruction upon the devil himself, demons, man, woman, children, animals, anyone that says you will die, or is releasing destruction upon you; God's judgment shall come on them. He will release destruction upon those enemies of your soul. He

will cancel death over your life. The power of God will move round to break your yokes. Only believe that God's power is moving round you and is breaking the yokes. The Lord is loosening bonds. He is setting you free. He has broken the yokes. Glory to our God. The devil is doing many things to bring sorrows to you, to keep you in pains and confusion. Bad dreams have been disturbing you. That woman always comes to you to lie with her, that man who comes to you in the dream saying, he is your husband; that reproach is going back to the devil. Is there any force of witchcraft anywhere by any man or woman against your life? You are a child of Jesus the great king. Where are they? Jesus is King of kings and Lord of lords, the Jehovah God. Your time for freedom has come. Your God is angry with your enemies. All the poisons moving round your body will stop. By the power of God, that evil must stop!

You who have loss of memory and cannot think well anymore, because something has affected your brain. The Lord has brought you to His workshop. You are in His workshop and He will deliver you.

6.7 Your Creator Will Deliver You

You are always facing failures. It is as if you will not make it in life. You turned to the left, it is not working. You

turned to the right it is not working. You look confused and abandoned, no help. ***If my father and my mother forsake me the Lord will pick me up.*** If you do not have anybody on earth, you have someone in heaven, God. The One that created you, the One that formed you. Can a mother forget the child of her womb? Some may forget but your God is with you. Your struggle over masturbation will receive victory from the Lord. You do not know how to get freedom? Believe God. Call upon Him in faith and you will see yourself free. God will help you.

The God of Heaven knows your sincerity and how you are struggling not to go to hell. And some powers of darkness have been hindering it. The Lord is coming to help you. You are always full of fear. Fear to sleep alone, to move alone, and to travel. It is from the devil. That spirit of fear must leave you today in Jesus name. You may have the case of demonic obsession. Your mind is taken over. It is like you cannot turn this way or that way. Satan has just grabbed your mind. You do not know what to do. The Lord will break the power of Satan in your mind and give you freedom. Turn your life to Jesus and receive liberty.

Some people have the problem of demonic inhabitation. Your father, your mother, your parents, your loved ones took you to an herbalist. To them, they are protecting you.

They began to fix demons into your body by giving you various charms! Now, demons have entered and are living in your body, so your ways are corrupt. You yourself cannot live well in the world. You cannot live in peace. You are seeing double. Life is not convenient for you because you are carrying about evil spirits. You are carrying about evil spirits because of those charms in your life, because of those charms you have swallowed into your stomach. You are now seeing the damage they cause to your life. You see the beings that appeared to you in the night. You see where you find yourself. Very unfortunately, some of you turn to snakes without knowing. Before you know you find yourself in a serious embarrassment, you turn to an animal. The people have known that you are a snake. What a shame! A life of misery. A life of confusion. A human being that has been confused and driven away from the society of life as Nebuchadnezzar, driven away to the bush. They have spoiled you by putting unwanted things in your life. Your eyes are not seeing well. Your ears are hearing sound from the water. What a shame to be possessed or inhabited by demons, and to be kept in the realm of Satan.

The Lord shall close your evil eyes. The Lord shall break those things and set you free. The Lord shall break your yokes. The Lord shall deliver you completely. He shall

give you a new life. God's power shall break the yoke. Those things shall come out of your life. You might have become a slave of Satan. Wherever satanic activities are going on, Satan sends you to go for attack. Can you withstand God? You have become an agent or errand boy to Satan and darkness. Bad employment!

6.8 The Miseries of Following Satan

The demons that are associated with Satan, the Lord pushed them down from heaven and they are having tails now. You see them looking awkward. All glory has vanished out of their lives. The Lord has cast them out of heaven. They have come into your life to make you a cursed creature as they are. While other people sleep well in the night, you have a sleepless night, flying about. Bad life, wretched life, confused life!

An unfortunate story of a woman in witchcraft was told, that she fell in a daytime in Lagos. Poor woman, Satan embarrassed her. There are poor boys and girls also who are in occultism and the devil has taken the glory of God away from their lives. The devil has put evil eyes in their body. The devil has put various things to abuse God in their lives. Poor and wretched people. Poor girls, the devil has taken them to the water and they are calling them mermaids or queens of the coast. They look like fish; poor

girls! Satan has spoiled your life and make you wretched and confused. If you do not repent, hellfire is waiting for you. The pain and unhappiness in following Satan is harrowing. Run away from Satan. Cry to God and He will deliver you. The Lord will show you mercy and He will change your life! The Lord will free you from the bondage of the devil. May God reverse that wicked covenant and bring you back to life and God's beauty and glory.

This book is the workshop of God. You are in the Lord's workshop. The Lord is repairing people who submit to His word. I pray you make yourself available, so that you can be repaired. Otherwise, if you continue this way, your marriage shall be a misery. Your marriage shall be a confusion. Your children will suffer if you do not repent. They are deceiving you in the satanic kingdom that you will be promoted. They told you, if you do more evil they will promote you. Can evil promote a man? Can failure be the reason of your promotion in the school? How can evil in the sight of God be the reason for your promotion? It is a lie of the devil. Lie!

6.9 Reject satanic inhabitation and witchcraft

Demonic inhabitation, demonic possession is a bad thing! It is a bad thing that they initiated you into. Better cry out if you discover that a friend has initiated you. Cry out that

the Lord may save you. But if you close your mouth you will die and go to hell. The same people will even kill you. You have been initiated and instead of crying out, “Save me, save me,” you are saying that if you talk they will kill you.

Who are they? Are they your creator? Do they have power to kill you? Confess! Cry out! Kidnappers are carrying you in their vehicle and you met Policemen who stopped them to check the vehicle and the Kidnappers said “If you talk we will kill you, we will shoot you.” Please cry out for your deliverance. In the presence of police, they cannot shoot you. Cry out! You will be saved. Cry out and say I am a witch, I am a wizard, I am in the marine kingdom. Jesus help, help, help! Then the Lord will deliver you. Otherwise, there is no good future for you. Your future is bad. Your future is regrettable. Satan has done the worst over your life.

6.10 Jesus' Power Is Higher Than Satan's

Some people go mad; they give themselves to drugs – they are addicted to drugs and are moving about like hopeless people. People are reasonable, but they are not. People dress reasonably but they do not. You will find them near streams, abandoned houses, together with demons. Very unfortunate for them. They are not where reasonable

people are. They have been driven to the corner of the world. They can only come out in the night! How can your life be reduced to such level? As a reasonable person, would you allow Satan to wreck your life? Instead of crying out, to get out of his hand, you are rather afraid that they will kill you. Jesus' power to deliver you is greater than Satan's power to kill or destroy. Why has Satan not killed you all this while? It is because God is resisting him. God is the one Who prevents Satan from harming you.

There is a power higher than Satan's power. I am introducing you to the region of safety. Come to where it is not 'raining'. The House of God shall protect you from the rain. That is why I am inviting you. I am calling you to come to be delivered. Do not go to those places in the night anymore. Refuse it. Tell God about those people who are troubling you. The Lord will handle them. People may be sent to supervise you, to ensure you do not repent, but the angels of God are supervising you and are stronger than demons and their human agents. Fear not. God will take care of those gangs. For you who are sent as agents to spy the people of God and to do harm to them, or to prevent them by witchcraft not to serve God, the Lord knows you and is marking your days. If you do not stop those evil works and turn to God, terrible judgment is waiting for you and you will be swallowed up by hellfire. Pulse and

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ask Jesus for a new life. Promise Him you will obey and serve Him for the rest of your life. This will make you enjoy many benefits from Jesus and eternal life.

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CHAPTER SEVEN

JESUS IS OUR HEALER

7.1 Taking away sins and sicknesses

Matthew 8:16-17

16 When the even was come, they brought unto Him many that were possessed with devils: and He cast out the spirits with His word, and healed all that were sick:

17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.

I am so happy that all sicknesses in your body were laid upon Jesus on the cross. I am grateful Jesus has come to carry away all sicknesses in your body. I am saying Jesus is ready to remove your sickness. As He removes sins from people, He also removes sicknesses from people.

Psalms 103:1-5

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy Name;

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:

3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; Who healeth

all thy diseases;

4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; Who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord says He is renewing your youth. As he is taking away sins, from people's lives, He is also taking away sicknesses. Trust the Lord and you will find out that you have been healed. Pay good attention to the Lord Jesus as you read on. You will see your sicknesses going, going, gone! As He is cleansing you from sins, sicknesses are also leaving your life. That is what God wants to do for you. There is something I want to let you know: Healing means removing sickness from the body. There is a natural way God can do this for you. This involves taking medicines, traditional or conventional. God uses men and means to bring natural healing to people. When these men and means are clean without demonic influence, you avail yourself to enjoy their service for your healing.

7.2 Taking Medicine

It is a good thing to take medicine. Some members of some denominational churches may have the belief that it is a sin to take medicine. There may not be righteous

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people in such churches. It is the devil's way of sending people to hell. By this prohibition, when the unrighteous get sick he will not take medical treatment and so die in his sins and go to hell. If you say in our church we do not take medicines, you will die and go to hell. You are not yet prepared for heaven. The devil wants to cut short your life. He was the one that told your elders or founding fathers to teach against the use of medicine. But what says the scriptures?

Proverbs 17:22;

A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

A merry heart doeth good like medicine. Medicine does good to a man, relieves a man. A person laughing with the whole of his heart is relaxed. It relieves him of tensions. It does good like medicine. And that tells you medicine is a good thing. It will do good in your life. There is nothing wrong in taking Panadol or paracetamols. There is nothing wrong to take drugs for your stomach problem. There is nothing wrong to go to hospital and be operated upon. There is nothing wrong, for all things are yours. The wisdom of God has given us the medical and traditional doctors to enjoy, even as you enjoy the blessings of God from other sciences: mechanical science, Chemical

science, biological science and all. Medical science is also to be enjoyed because God provided it. All good things are yours.

1 Corinthians 3:22

Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours;

Do not listen to those people who are teaching otherwise saying 'I am a child of God, I will not take medicine, I have faith.' Is that so? Is it not Paul who told Timothy not to take water but a little wine for his stomach trouble? Is it that Timothy did not have faith? Paul who had been praying for the sick to the point that even handkerchiefs from his hands would heal the sick, had prayed for Timothy. Yet, he directed him to take a little non-alcoholic wine, a natural produce God has made with healing property. Did he say no to Paul's inspired counsel? Who knows whether God purposely refused to heal Timothy by prayer only in order to teach believers this principle?

When we were growing up in our Christian life, we said we would not take medicine. It became a pride. We would testify, "In fact, for the past two years I have not taken drugs." That was pride! Some sinners have not even taken drugs for the past ten years. What about it? It is not faith to

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them but luck. It is not everybody's body that is prone to sickness! Some people are living healthily without taking drugs, yet sinners! So it is not necessarily because of your faith. Not that faith cannot work. Faith works perfectly but get wisdom, go with wisdom, otherwise, you will perish in your sickness.

There are some sicknesses which, if contracted, can be medically handled. Although you have prayed seriously over it but you are still in pain, the Lord has said the hospital is there for you. I made that provision also. But you are saying, Lord you must heal me, not hospital. Are you going to force God? Are you going to instruct God? The more you delay in taking medications, the more it is dangerous to you. A stitch in time saves nine! If you get that matter settled now, the damage it will cause you in the future will be avoided. But if you do not get it settled now it may become worse. It may grow worse and shall affect you in many other ways. It will affect your marriage and other activities. It may affect your longevity. It will affect you in many areas. Why? Because of your foolishness! Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child (a novice). That is why you need to know this. Where you need to use medicine, be free to do so. It is the will of God for you. But if you have received a strong conviction of healing from God without the use of drugs, good. Faith produces

evidences and manifestation in given time. Do not allow your situation to worsen when medication can give you solution.

7.3 The sick needs a physician

Matthew 9:12

12 But when Jesus heard that, He said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.

Do you understand that? They that are whole and healthy do not need a doctor. But they that are sick, the Lord says, they need a doctor. The Lord says they need medical care. The Lord is saying you need a doctor. Convince yourself that you need a doctor. But if you are not sick you do not need one. Man of God, in spiritual superficiality, you are saying "I am the pastor of this people. If they see me take medicine, their faith will be affected." Are you the one that will build faith in them? Are you the owner of faith? Why are you speaking that way? It is the word of truth. Do the truth and teach people the truth.

Again, the Lord said, he that is sick needs a physician, a doctor. Are these doctors the ones that went to medical schools? Are physicians only those that attend formal education or schools? No! There are also traditional

physicians. They did not go to school but have learned it through inheritance from their fathers. They have learned ways in which people can be cured of sicknesses! They specialize on alternative medicines. You find people that can dress bones even if the leg is completely broken. Have you seen them anywhere? They can dress the bones very well. Many of them are better than the conventional doctors in the hospitals. Those are also physicians! So whether it is the conventional medicine or the traditional medicine; once it has no connection with Satan or demons, and the man has not given himself to demons, is not telling you to obey demonic laws, but natural laws, it is clean medicine. It is the gift of God for you. The Lord gave it.

James 1:17

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

7.4 Traditional Medicine Was the First

Before people started attending formal education or schools, how were they healing themselves? In a civilized society, they take animals to hospitals. But what about the uncivilized? What do the animals do? Are the wild

animals sick too? How do they cure themselves? They know what to do. They know the leaves to eat. They go about picking those leaves. Have you seen an animal picking some leaves to cure itself? So before conventional medicine came; before people went to school to learn it, there were people that knew the combination of leaves and roots to cure various illnesses. Where that is done naturally well and clean, it is for you. The scripture confirms this.

Jeremiah 30:12, 17

12 For thus saith the Lord, Thy bruise is incurable, and thy wound is grievous.

17 For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord; because they called thee an Outcast, saying, This is Zion, whom no man seeketh after.

I will restore health unto you. One of the ways this is done can be seen in the following scripture.

Ezekiel 47:12

12 And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed: it shall bring forth new fruit according to his months, because their

waters they issued out of the sanctuary: and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine.

The leaves of those trees can be used for cure. Herbal cure is of the Lord. You are free to use it.

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CHAPTER EIGHT

HEALING THROUGH FAITH AND PRAYER

8.0 Faith must go with prayer

Hebrews 11:1-2

*1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for,
the evidence of things not seen.*

2 For by it the elders obtained a good report.

James 2:20, 26

*20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith
without works is dead?*

*26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so
faith without
works is dead also.*

There are diverse areas of healings God gives to His children as can be seen in the discussions below:

8.1 Healing of sicknesses and Diseases

God also heals supernaturally through faith and prayer. This is what Jesus did when he came. However, believers must pray fervently without ceasing for God's intervention in their cases. Healing through faith and prayer is what Jesus does to his children up till this day.

Matthew 11:2-5

2 Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples,

3 And said unto him, Art thou He that should come, or do we look for another?

4 Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see:

5 The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

Divine healing takes place up to this time because Jesus is still the Messiah. This is the sign of the Messiah to all mankind, to all generations. The blind receive their sights, the lepers are cleansed. Various kinds of sicknesses are healed. Everyone can get healed by the power of the Lord Jesus. This includes you!

Matthew 9:27-30

27 And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed Him, crying, and saying, Thou son of David, have mercy on us.

28 And when He was come into the house, the blind men came to Him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I Am able to do this? They said unto Him, Yea, Lord.

29 Then touched He their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you.

30 And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See that no man know it.

“According to your faith...” All that the Lord wants to do is to stir up your faith! As you read on, get ready for Jesus to heal you. Pray for it. As these blind men came to Jesus and requested for mercy and demanded healing, that their eyes might be opened. He asked them if they believed he could do it. They answered Him, we believed. Very simple! He said, “Okay have it.” Their eyes opened immediately. Your sickness will go immediately. As you confess very simple faith on Jesus and say, “Yes Lord, I believe.” It will be done and those things shall vanish out of your life in Jesus name!

8.2 Healing from burdens and harmful memories.

The second kind of healing Jesus gives to those that believe and seek Him is healing from burdens and harmful memories.

Matthew 11:28-30

28 Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29 Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I Am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

30 For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.

There may be burdens in your life. You are labouring over that burden. It is in your consciousness. You wake up to it every day. It is a burden. It has entered into your subconsciousness. You are carrying a problem about; something is wrong and how to overcome the problem becomes difficult for you. You are asking yourself, “How do I come out of this problem in my life? Your life remains unfulfilled. That trouble has entered your subconscious mind. It is a problem looking for healing. This involves past memories.

Somebody did something against you, against someone you loved. It hurts you badly. Anytime you remember that thing you are not yourself. May be it has turned to unforgiving spirit now working in your life. You do not

even know what to do again. Anytime you see that person, your body shakes. Many things have piled up on it. It is still having effect on your life.

It might be something you did wrongly. Maybe you killed someone. You did something very bad. Anytime you remember it, you are not yourself. You have tried to laugh it over but it is not working. You have said to yourself: let me do another one so that I will become used to it; but it is not working. You are confused. You are in pain because of the memory of the past. You now have fear! There is a fear in you concerning the future. What is causing this fear actually has overcome you. You sit in the church and you are not secured. You are interacting among members, yet you feel unsecured, all because of something that happened to you or you did wrongly.

May be, as a lady, you were raped when you were young. Your uncle slept with you or it could be your father. It damaged you deeply. Now that you are even married, anytime your husband touches you, your body shakes and you say, "Who is touching me?" Jesus will heal you. As the doctors carry out operations, that is how the Son of God will operate upon you and take away that problem or burden from you.

8.3 Healing Of The Subconsciousness

Isaiah 43:18, 19

18 Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old.

19 Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

A subconscious mind notices and remembers information when one is not actively trying to remember the information, and influences one's behaviour without realizing it. When a problem affects a person's subconscious mind, his behaviour may also be adversely affected.

The Lord shall bring you to a point where you will not remember those things anymore. The Lord shall heal your guilt. He shall thoroughly set you free. ***When the Son of God sets you free you will be free indeed.*** That is what the Lord wants to do to free you from past memories. The numerous sins done, abortion committed, evil done by you, or done by others against you, He is going to release your conscience and subconsciousness from the grip of these things, so that you can receive inner freedom, peace and guiltlessness by the power of His word.

8.4 Receiving Deliverance And Healing

Matthew 8:1-3

1 When He was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him.

2 And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped Him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

3 And Jesus put forth His hand, and touched Him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

'...**And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.**' What is this verse saying? It is telling us that Jesus is for you. He loves you so much. He feels your hurts, your pains and he is willing to receive you. He is willing to forgive and to deliver you. He is willing to heal you. Jesus is stretching His hand of love and power towards you. He is saying you should come to Him for your deliverance. He is saying, ***“Come to Me for your deliverance from Satan, from sins, from sickness.*** He is ready to save you. What you need to do is genuine confession and repentance. Forsake your sins and evil eye and turn to Jesus for your salvation and deliverance.

When that leper said, Lord, if Thou wilt, make me clean, Jesus immediately said, ***My son I am willing. How will I***

not be willing? I made you. I made you for the purpose of My glory. Leprosy has estranged you from people. I Am willing for you to come back to humanity, to mix with them and do My work, I want you to preach My gospel. I Am willing, My son. Be cleansed! And the man got cleansed immediately!

From today, as you pray to God, believe you have it and check up for the answers. As you pray, always check your Christian life also. Believe that your sicknesses shall go away; demons shall fly away. Ask God to bless you indeed. But you also must fulfill the conditions for receiving blessings from God. You must repent of your wicked and evil life.

Acts 8:20-23

20 But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.

21 Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God.

22 Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

23 For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.

Are you bound by iniquity? Has the devil put bitterness in your heart? Has the devil put anger in your heart? Are you a sinner? The Lord is saying you must repent. He is ready to show you mercy. The Lord is willing to forgive you. Do not yoke yourself in witchcraft or occultism. These things bring damnation to you and your family. That is why the Lord is saying you should repent and change your life.

8.5 Confession For Deliverance

Acts 19:18-20

18 And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds.

19 Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.

20 So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.

All those magical things that you have, those properties of witchcraft that you carry about, or put in your body, be willing to confess them. The one you carry in your pocket determine to confess and let them go. The ones they put in coven for you, reveal them and renounce them. The ones you put in your box in your house, the ones injected into your blood, the ones you swallowed, confess them before

God and before God's true servants for your deliverance. Those instruments of magic, instrument of witchcraft, of destruction, that you carry, the marijuana that you still have, the drugs, the ones you carry about, confess and throw those things away or burn them. If you do this, it is then you are looking for Jesus. It is then you are sorry of your sinful life. It is then you are looking for mercy and the Lord will forgive you. He will receive you. Then the Lord will command the devil out of your life because you are sincere. ***For he that hidest his sin shall not prosper.*** If you hide your witchcraft you will not prosper.

You might have been into witchcraft before becoming a church worker and even a preacher, and have been trying in vain to come out of it. You could not succeed because you hid it all this while. You have been managing your life in sin. You are like a man inside a pit, a terrible pit who cannot deliver himself. It takes a power outside the pit to deliver him. You are in the pit of the devil. Call for help from outside. Let your voice come out to the people outside to help you out of the pit. It is the people that are outside that can draw you out of that place. But if you keep silence in the pit because you see yourself as a 'big man,' you will die there. You will die and perish. So, confess your sins! Do so before the church and minister of God. If

you are looking for salvation and deliverance from the Lord, then exercise faith in the Lord Jesus. Call upon Him for your healing and deliverance from every sickness and satanic operations. Believe that the prayer of His anointed servant in the name of the Lord Jesus will set you free and make you whole.

Matthew 10:1

And when He had called unto Him His twelve disciples, He gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

I am a disciple and servant of Christ. He has given me power. I will speak, and the power of God will do it. I will command and the power will do it. That is, believe that it shall happen through the servant of God for your life. And you will see it come to pass in Jesus name.

Mark 16:15, 16

***15 And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.
16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.***

If you are not yet baptized in water, having met the requirement to be baptized, and you are boasting that you

are a Christian, remember that if you die you are not going to heaven. Being not baptized, you are not obeying this command. ...*He that believeth and is baptized...* If you have believed, why are you not baptized? It is disobedience. If you have truly repented of your sins and accepted Christ, what is your reason for not being baptized? Do not play with water baptism. If you have believed in Christ but were not baptized correctly or have been baptized when you were an unbeliever or infant, now that you have believed or reached the age of majority, get baptized. That is the will of God for you.

Mark 16:17-20

17 And these signs shall follow them that believe;

In My Name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, He was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

20 And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

The Lord will give you signs. He will confirm His word in your life. He will hear and answer your prayers for yourself and others. Pray that the Lord may accompany your life and service with signs and wonders. Learn to testify and give glory to Jesus. Remember those nine lepers that were healed! None of them testified. None of them came back to thank God except one, who was a Samaritan. I pray that you will not be like them in Jesus name!

8.6 The Power of Faith to Heal

The Bible tells us about the power of faith that is in the name of Jesus to heal the sick:

Acts 3:16

16 And His name through faith in His name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

'...**Perfect soundness...**' Perfect soundness will be your portion always through Jesus Christ our Lord if you believe according to the word of God. You need strong faith to enable you tap into the word of God and receive from the power in it. Your faith shall bring you deliverance.

God's Healing For His Children Through Faith And The Use Of Medicine

If you are a sinner, you know yourself. Confess your sins and repent of them. Then, give your life to Jesus. Tell Him to come into your life. Promise Him you will not go back to your sin anymore. Tell Him to take over your life. Believe that He has come into your life. If you do so, you will be a child of God.

The end.

**HOLINESS REVIVAL MINISTRY WORLDWIDE
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WORLDWIDE (HOREMOW)
AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

**HOREMOW is a non-denominational Ministry
having the following aims and objectives:**

1. To hold Crusades, Conferences and Revival meetings in churches and nations of the world, so as to bring sinners to Christ's salvation and believers to His holiness. (Acts 26:16-18).
2. To produce Christian literature that promotes salvation of souls, sound Bible teaching and holiness of believers in churches and nations of the world. (Luke 1:1-4).
3. To produce audio and visual taped messages for the spread of the gospel truth in churches and nations of the world.
4. To bring denominational churches into Christian unity through the belief and practice of the faith once delivered unto the Saints. (Eph. 4:12-15).
5. To support believers, ministers, ministries and churches with free Christian materials for their spiritual development in holiness. (Isaiah 65:1).

6. To raise members and supporters of Holiness Revival Movement Worldwide from churches and Christian ministries all over the world who will submit their lives to Biblical holiness and be spiritually, materially and evangelically equipped to make others righteous and holy in their churches and in the society around them. (2 Timothy 2:2).
7. To establish Christian bookshops in many places within and outside the nation, equipped with holiness materials for the promotion of holiness in the churches of Christ in the world. (Romans 17:17).
8. To establish a body of believers called Holiness Revival Movement in every Nation who will sponsor the production of the holiness materials of the ministry and other recommended holiness materials. (Acts 4:36; 2 Cor. 8:1-7).
9. To translate or interpret the ministry's materials into as many local, national and international languages as possible. (1Cor. 14:9-13).
10. To place the Ministry's book: Escaping Hell Fire and Entering Heaven Made Simple by Pastor Paul Rika in hotels, hospitals, prisons and in places that can attract public reading, for the salvation of sinners and holiness of believers. (1 Cor. 9:18-22).
11. To own Satellite Channels for the publishing of the messages and programmes of Holiness Revival

Movement to the world.

12. To establish Bible colleges where believers and ministries can receive biblical and ministerial training for sound Christian ministry. (2 Tim. 2:2).

13. To have campgrounds in various quarters and nations where holiness camp meetings can be held regularly. (Hebrews 10:25).

14. To hold zonal, national and international holiness conferences regularly for the promotion and spread of holiness in the lives of believers and in Christ's Church. (Colossians 1:28, 29).

15. To mentor Churches registered under the ministry on sound doctrines, holy living and ministerial establishment. (Titus 1:5-14).

16. To support believers, ministers and ministries financially (where required) for their spiritual encouragement and establishment in holiness.

17. To have chapters of HOLINESS REVIVAL MOVEMENT in local Governments, states and other nations of the world, and to hold regular meetings, with clear goals and uniform operations, which are submissive to central administration. (Philippians 4: 8, 9; Hebrews 13:17)

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