

Lesson 1: Healing is the Children's Bread

- **Please Read: Ephesians Chapter 2**
 - o We are in the covenant, members of God's household & citizens of His Kingdom
- **Please Read: Matthew 15:21-31**
- Unlike the Canaanite woman we have a right to sit at the table as children of God
 - o Sadly so many of God's children resign themselves to the place of that of a beggar
 - o Hebrews 4:16- Come boldly to the throne of Grace – no need to be shy
- **Question:** Do you see Healing as something you have to ask for or is it already yours?

Psalms 23:5-6, "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

Psalms 103:1-5

Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits — who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

- Membership in God's family certainly has its privileges and responsibilities

Salvation

2 Corinthians 6:1-2, "As God's fellow workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation."

- There is so much more to salvation than just the forgiveness of sins

Acts 4:12, "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

Now, the Greek word for "saved" in this verse and basically in the New Testament is *sozo*. According to Thayer's Greek Lexicon, *sozo* means: "To save, to keep safe and sound, to rescue from danger or destruction universally, *tina*, one (from injury or peril); to save a suffering one (from perishing), e.g. one suffering from disease, to make well, heal, restore to health."

John 15:15, "I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you."

Question: Jesus calls us 'Friends', what does that mean to you?

Abraham the Friend of God

Genesis 15:5-6 – It all begins with Abrahamic Covenant

God took Abraham outside and said, "Look up at the heavens and count the stars — if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

Galatians 3:6-9, "Consider Abraham: "He believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness." Understand, then, that those who believe are children of Abraham. The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the **gospel** in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you." So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith."

Genesis 22:15-18 - When Abraham offered Isaac

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven a second time and said, "I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

- All the sand of the sea shore is Israel and all the stars are the Gentiles who will believe
- God's Blood Covenant- Is a legal contract, a binding agreement that cannot fail
- **Please Read: Hebrews 6:13-19 – God's Word Cannot Fail**
- Concerning the exodus of Israel out of Egypt's bondage:

Psalms 105:37 Covenant – Protection, Provision & Healing

He also brought them out with silver and gold, and there was none feeble among His tribes.

- Exodus 15:26: Establishes His Redemptive Name- Jehovah Rapha
 - o I am the Lord who heals you

Healing under the Ministry of Jesus

- **Please Read: Isaiah 53:4-7**
- Notice verse 7, Jesus did not open His mouth so we could
 - o Psalms 107:2- Let the redeemed of the Lord say so
- John 1:29, *"Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."*
 - o Remove the sin, break Satan's authority

Matthew 8:14-17

When Jesus came into Peter's house, he saw Peter's mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever. He touched her hand and the fever left her, and she got up and began to wait on him. When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases."

- **Please Read: Luke 13:10-17**- Should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham...

The Secret to Jesus' Ministry – The Holy Spirit

- Jesus did not perform miracles because He was the Son of God- Php 2- Emptied Himself
- Until the Baptism of John, Jesus did no miracles
- Luke 4:14, *"Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit"*

Luke 5:17, "One day as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law, who had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem, were sitting there. And the power of the Lord was present for him to heal the sick."

- We too are anointed with the Holy Spirit
- 1 John 2:20, *"But you have an anointing from the Holy One..."*

Luke 24:46-49

"This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

- The Great Commission – Mark 16:15-20; John 14:12-14
- According to Philippians 3:20-21 we are citizens of heaven
- **Please Read: Acts 22:22-29**
- **Question:** Is it legal for the devil to oppress us and scourge us with sickness?