

Healing of Soul and Body -

I call heaven and earth “to witness this day against you . . . that I have set before you Life and death, blessing and cursing. Therefore, choose Life, that both thou and thy seed (children) may live. That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, and that thou mayest obey His Voice (Word) . . .

And that thou mayest cleave unto Him . . . for He is thy Life, and the length of thy days !”

Deuteronomy 30:1-20 and I John 5:3

Quote –

“**By sin we have been** severed from the Life of God* Our souls are palsied. Of ourselves we are no more capable of living a holy life than was the impotent man capable of walking (Mark 2:1-12 and Luke 5:17-26). *ref: Desire of Ages, p.161*

Many realize their helplessness; they are longing for that spiritual Life (John 6:63) which will bring them into harmony with God (*at-one-ment*) and are striving to obtain it. But in vain. In despair they cry, “O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from this body of death?” Romans 7:24

Let these desponding, struggling ones look up . . . *Behold, the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world!* . . . (John 1:29 and Hebrews 10:4-14 and Isaiah 45:22-25). The Saviour is bending over the purchase of His blood, saying with inexpressible tenderness and pity, “**Wilt thou be made whole?**” He bids you _____ (your name) *Today*, arise in health and peace.

for Today is the day if your Salvation . . . Today, if ye will only hear His Voice !

ref: II Corinthians 6:2 and Hebrews 3:7-8
James 2:21-25 and Revelation 3:20

Do not wait to feel that you are made whole. Believe the Saviour’s Word (which are Spirit and they are Life – John 6:63). Put your will on the side of Christ. Will (choose) to serve Him, and in acting upon His Word you will receive strength.

Take up thy bed . . . and walk !

Whatever may be the evil practice, the master passion (fleshly desire), which through long indulgence binds both soul and body, Christ is able and longs to deliver. He will impart *His Life* (Colossians 3:3 and John 1:3-4) to the soul that is “dead in (because of) trespasses.” Ephesians 2:1. **He will set free the captive that is held** (bound) by weakness and misfortune and the chains of sin.

“*And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham (faith – Galatians 3:6-8) . . . whom Satan (the accuser) hath bound, lo, these eighteen years . . . be loosed from this bound (these chains) on the Sabbath day?*” Luke 13:16

“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill (including sickness, and disease), and to destroy. But I Am come that they _____ (your name) might have Life, and that you might have it more abundantly !” John 10:10 and ref: John 8:36

For *“the Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, because the LORD hath anointed Me to proclaim glad tidings to the meek; **He hath sent Me** (the Word of God – Psalm 107:19-22) to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty (freedom – John 8:36) to the captives, and the opening of the prison to all those that are bound . . .”* Isaiah 61:1

The sense of sin has poisoned the springs of life. But Christ says, “I will take your sins; I will give you My peace (John 14:27). I have bought you with My blood, *and* you _____ (your name) are Mine. My grace* (divine Influence) shall strengthen your weakened will; *and* your remorse for sin I will remove !”

– Ministry of Healing, p. 84

Quote –

“This world is a vast lazar house, but Christ came to heal the sick, to proclaim deliverance to the captives of Satan. He was in Himself health and strength. **He imparted His Life to the sick, the afflicted, those possessed of demons.**

ref: John 10:11 and Colossians 3:3 and II Corinthians 4:10-11

He turned away none who came to receive His healing power. He knew that those who petitioned Him for help had brought disease upon themselves (Hosea 13:9-14 and John 11:23-26); **yet He did not refuse to heal them**. And when virtue* (Mark 5:25-34) from Christ entered into these poor souls, they were convicted of sin, and many were healed of their spiritual disease, **as well as** of their physical maladies.

ref: Matthew 14:35-36

The gospel (Glad Tidings) still possesses the same power, and why should we not today witness the same results ?”

– Desire of Ages, p.823

“For unto you that fear (hold in awe) My name, shall the Sun of Righteousness arise, with healing in His wings (the extremity, borders of the garments). And ye shall go forth, and grow up . . . as calves (well fed) of the stall !” Malachi 4:2

The sense of sin has poisoned the springs of your life . . . ?

“My son (and My daughter), **attend unto My Words**; yea, incline thine ear unto My sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes, and keep them in the midst of thine heart . . . **For they are Life unto those that find them** (ref: John 6:63), **and they are health to all their flesh. Keep thy heart with all diligence**, for out of it are the issues (springs) of your life . . . !”

Proverbs 4:19-23

“For as a man thinketh in his heart . . . so is he !”

Proverbs 23:7

Quote -

“Grief, anxiety, discontent, remorse, guilt, distrust . . . all tend to break down the life-forces and to invite decay and death.

This feeling of guiltiness must be laid at the foot of the cross of Calvary. The sense of sinfulness has poisoned the springs of life and true happiness. Now Jesus says, Lay it all on Me; **I will take your sin, I will give you peace**. Destroy no longer your self-respect, for I have bought you with the price of My own blood. You are Mine; your weakened will I will strengthen; your remorse for sin I will remove.

Then turn your grateful heart, trembling with uncertainty, and lay hold upon the hope set before you. God accepts your broken, contrite heart. **He offers you free pardon !**

Satan seeks to draw our minds away from the mighty Helper, to lead us to ponder over our own degeneration of soul. **But though Jesus sees the guilt of the past, He speaks pardon;** and we should not dishonor Him by doubting His love.

ref: Isaiah 45:11-19 and 63:1 and Luke 5:12-15

The love which Christ diffuses through the whole being is a vitalizing power. Every vital part - the brain, the heart, the nerves--it touches with healing. By it the highest energies of the being are roused to activity. **It frees the soul from the guilt and sorrow, the anxiety and care, that crush the life forces**. With it come serenity and composure. It implants in the soul, joy that nothing earthly can destroy--joy in the Holy Spirit--health-giving, life-giving joy.

If you feel yourself to be the greatest sinner, Christ is just what you need, the greatest Saviour. **Lift up your head** and look away from yourself, away from your sin, to the uplifted Saviour; *look* away from the poisonous, venomous bite of the serpent (Deuteronomy 32:29-33) to the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world . . . !

He has borne the burden of our guilt. He will take the load from our weary shoulders. He will give us rest (Matthew 11:28). The burden of care and sorrow also He will bear . . . !”

- 2 Mind Character and Personality, p. 451-452

Quote -

In the healing of the paralytic at Capernaum, “Christ again taught the same Truth. It was to manifest His power to forgive sins that the miracle was performed. And the healing of the paralytic also illustrates other precious truths. It is full of hope* (assurance) and encouragement, and from its connection with the caviling Pharisees it has a lesson of warning as well.

Like the leper, this paralytic had lost all hope of recovery. His disease was the result of a life of sin, and his sufferings were embittered by remorse (Satan - the accuser, Revelation 12:10-11). He had long before appealed to the Pharisees and doctors, hoping for relief from mental suffering and physical pain. But they coldly pronounced him incurable,* and abandoned him to the wrath of God.

The Pharisees regarded affliction as an evidence of divine displeasure, and they held themselves aloof from the sick and the needy. Yet often these very ones who exalted themselves as holy were more guilty than the sufferers they condemned. {Desire of Ages, p.267}

The palsied man was entirely helpless, and, seeing no prospect of aid from any quarter, he had sunk into despair. Then he heard of the wonderful works of Jesus. **He was told that others as sinful and helpless as he had been healed; even lepers had been cleansed.** And the friends who reported these things encouraged him to believe that he too might be cured if he could be carried to Jesus. But his hope fell when he remembered **how the disease had been brought upon him.** He feared that the pure Physician would not tolerate him in His presence.

Yet it was not physical restoration he desired so much as **relief from the burden of sin.** If he could see Jesus, and receive **the assurance of forgiveness** and peace (Isaiah 38:12-19, Isaiah 43:25, Isaiah 12:1-6 and Jeremiah 30:17 and 29:11-14 and Zephaniah 3:14-15) with Heaven, he would be content to live or die, according to God's will.

The cry of the dying man was, **Oh that I might come into His presence!** There was no time to lose; already his wasted flesh was showing signs of decay. He besought his friends to carry him on his bed to Jesus, and this they gladly undertook to do. But so dense was the crowd that had assembled in and about the house where the Saviour was, that it was impossible for the sick man and his friends to reach Him, or even to come within hearing of His voice.

Jesus was teaching in the house of Peter. According to their custom, His disciples sat close about Him, and "there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judea, and Jerusalem." These had come as spies, seeking an accusation against Jesus. Outside of these officials thronged the promiscuous multitude, the eager, the reverent, the curious, and the unbelieving. Different nationalities and all grades of society were represented. "And the power of the Lord was present to heal."

The Spirit of Life brooded over the assembly, but Pharisees and doctors did not discern its presence. They felt no sense of need, and the healing was not for them. "He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich He hath sent empty away." Luke 1:53.

Again and again the bearers of the paralytic tried to push their way through the crowd, but in vain. The sick man looked about him in unutterable anguish. When the longed-for help was so near, how could he relinquish hope?

At his suggestion his friends bore him to the top of the house and, breaking up the roof, let him down at the feet of Jesus. The discourse was interrupted. **The Saviour looked upon the mournful countenance**, and saw the pleading eyes fixed upon Him.

He understood the case; He had drawn to Himself that perplexed and doubting spirit. While the paralytic was yet at home, the Saviour had brought conviction to his conscience. When he repented of his sins [and believed God's promise – that the blood of Christ has cleansed us from all sin], and believed in the power of Jesus to make him whole, the Life-giving mercies of the Saviour had first blessed his longing heart. Jesus had watched the first glimmer of faith grow into a belief that He was the sinner's only helper, and had seen it grow stronger with every effort to come into His presence.

Now, in words that fell like music on the sufferer's ear, the Saviour said, "Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee !"

The burden of despair rolls from the sick man's soul; the peace of forgiveness rests upon his spirit, and shines out upon his countenance. His physical pain is gone, and his whole being is transformed. The helpless paralytic is healed! the guilty sinner is pardoned!

In simple faith he accepted the Words of Jesus as the boon of new life. He urged no further request, but lay in blissful silence, too happy for words. The light of heaven irradiated his countenance, and the people looked with awe upon the scene. {DA 268.4}

The rabbis had waited anxiously to see what disposition Christ would make of this case. They recollected how the man had appealed to them for help, and they had refused him hope or sympathy. Not satisfied with this, they had declared that he was suffering the curse of God for his sins. These things came fresh to their minds when they saw the sick man before them. They marked the interest with which all were watching the scene, and they felt a terrible fear of losing their own influence over the people.

These dignitaries did not exchange words together, but looking into one another's faces they read the same thought in each, that something must be done to arrest the tide of feeling. Jesus had declared that the sins of the paralytic were forgiven. The Pharisees caught at these words as blasphemy, and conceived that they could present this as a sin worthy of death. They said in their hearts, "He blasphemeth: who can forgive sins but One, even God?" Mark 2:7, R. V.

Fixing His glance upon them, beneath which they cowered, and drew back, Jesus said, "Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?"

For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, **Arise, and walk?** But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins," He said, turning to the paralytic, "Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house."

Then he who had been borne on a litter to Jesus rises to his feet with the elasticity and strength of youth. The life-giving blood bounds through his veins. Every organ of his body springs into sudden activity. The glow of health succeeds the pallor of approaching death. "And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion." Mark 2:1-12

Oh, wondrous love of Christ, stooping to heal the guilty and the afflicted! Divinity sorrowing over and soothing the ills of suffering humanity! Oh, marvelous power thus displayed to the children of men! Who can doubt the message of salvation? Who can slight the mercies of a compassionate Redeemer?

It required nothing less than creative power to restore health to that decaying body. The same Voice that spoke life to man created from the dust of the earth had spoken life to the dying paralytic. And the same power that gave life to the body had renewed the heart. **He Who at the creation "spake, and it was," who "commanded, and it stood fast," (Psalm 33:9), had spoken Life to the soul dead in trespasses and sins (ref: Isaiah 45:11-19 and 63:1).** The healing of the body was an evidence of the power that had renewed the heart. Christ bade the paralytic arise and walk, "that ye may know," He said, "that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins."

The paralytic found in Christ healing for both the soul and the body. **The spiritual healing was followed by physical restoration. This lesson should not be overlooked.** There are today thousands suffering from physical disease, who, like the paralytic, are longing for the message, "Thy sins are forgiven" (Isaiah 53:4-12 and II Corinthians 5:21 and I Peter 2:24).

The burden of sin, with its unrest and unsatisfied desires, is the foundation of their maladies. They can find no relief until they come to the Healer of the soul. The peace which He alone can give, would impart vigor to the mind, and health to the body.

Jesus came to "destroy the works of the devil." "In Him was Life," and He says, "**I Am come that they might have Life, and that they might have it more abundantly.**" He is "a quickening (Life-giving) Spirit." 1 John 3:8; John 1:4; 10:10; 1 Corinthians 15:45.

And He still has the same Life-giving power as when on earth He healed the sick, and spoke forgiveness to the sinner. He "forgiveth all thine iniquities," He "healeth all thy diseases !" Psalm 103:3.

- Desire of Ages, p.267-270