

POWER ACADEMY

Switching On Your Faith

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1. Healing is for Today

- a. Healing is a contentious subject with different camps within the church:
 - Some believe and receive healing today! – Carlie’s camp
 - Some believe God can heal but don’t know if He will.
 - Some say there’s no healing today; it ended with apostles.
 - Most agree that healing is very predominant in the New Testament.
- b. You cannot separate healing from Jesus or from salvation.
- c. Luke 5:17 — “...*and the power of the Lord was present to heal the sick.*”
 - Power: *dunamis*, miracle-working power of God
 - The word “present” is not in the original text. In some translations it’s italicized to show it’s been added by the authors.
 - Young’s Literal Translation: “*and the power of the Lord was to heal them.*”
 - Healing power wasn’t just present then in that moment; it’s always there! The power of the Lord is to heal. It was then, it is now, and will be forever.
 - The word “present” has no business in this sentence.
 - His power will always be for healing and will always be for us.
- d. Healing is an inseparable part of the Gospel and an inseparable part of the atonement.
- e. We can’t just pick up bits and pieces of the atonement and expect to live the abundant life Jesus paid for.

2. Take Healing by Faith

- a. Maybe we don’t see much healing or feel much healing, but we have to take healing by faith, just like salvation.
- b. When you got saved, you may not have seen fruit immediately, but that doesn’t make your salvation experience any less real or permanent.
- c. We received healing the moment we received salvation. It may take some time to see the fruits of healing in our physical flesh.
- d. Our spiritual position in Christ is that we contain the Healer. **The Healer took up residence on the inside of us, so healing is now positioned on the inside of us.**
- e. Don’t let your physical condition determine your spiritual position.
- f. Evidence of sickness in our bodies doesn’t diminish the fact that healing power lives on the inside of us because the power of God was then, is now, and forever will be to heal.

- g. The power of God is to heal your body just as surely as it is to deliver you from sin.

3. Healing is part of the Great Commission

- a. Mark 16:15-18 — *“¹⁵ He said to them, ‘Go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶ He who believes and is baptized will be saved. But he who does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ These signs will accompany those who believe: In My name...they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.’”*
- b. Healing is part of Jesus’ final instructions on earth.
- c. The Gospel is the power of God and contains healing (Romans 1:16).
- d. It takes faith to access the promises of God. *“The just shall live by faith”* (Romans 1:17).
 - Just as we access salvation by faith, we access healing by faith.
- e. *“In my name”* in some translations is written *“in my authority.”*
 - Jesus has given us His name and His authority. As we preach the Gospel of power, which contains healing, it’s normal for signs and wonders to follow.
- f. *“These signs will accompany those who believe...they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”*
 - Recovery from sickness was the ministry of Jesus that He passed on to His disciples. It’s part of the Great Commission.
 - You are a disciple! That means when you lay hands on the sick, you have authority in Jesus’ name to command sickness to leave and for healing to come.
- g. Mark 16:20 — *“Then they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs.”*
 - The phrase “working with them” is the Greek word *synergos*, meaning working together, to be in partnership, to put forth power together with and thereby assist.
 - When we go forth and preach the Gospel, signs and wonders will accompany the Word because God is working with us, partnering with us, putting forth power to assist us.
 - When we preach the Word, power is released in the form of healing.
- h. Healing is part of the Great Commission. Jesus instructed His disciples to go forth and replicate His ministry.
- i. There’s no expiration date on the Great Commission until Jesus comes back.
- j. The only place healing won’t be available is Heaven because we won’t need it! We’ll already be saved, healed, and delivered completely.
- k. Here on earth, healing is part of the calling of every believer—to go forth and preach the Gospel of power and dispense healing to people.
- l. If healing passed away with the apostles, it wouldn’t be part of the Great Commission.

4. God Is Not the Author of Sickness

- a. Sometimes we allow our experience, our lack of experience, or our ignorance to cement our misconceptions. Just because we don’t understand or haven’t experienced healing doesn’t mean it’s not available.
- b. The enemy couldn’t stop you from getting saved, so he wants to have you bound up in sickness, defeat, or condemnation.
- c. Did Jesus ever put sickness on someone to teach them a lesson? NO, not once, not ever!
- d. We’re New Covenant believers. Jesus changed everything.
 - We read the Old Testament in light of the New Covenant, and there’s plenty of healing in the Old Testament, too!
- e. Sickness is not a tutor, meant to teach us a lesson. This is a convenient lie the enemy placed in the church.
- f. If you have an underlying belief that God is the author of sickness and disease, you’re not going to search out healing. This is a toxic belief that puts an invisible barrier between us and intimacy with God.
- g. James 1:17 — *“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above...”*
 - God only gives good gifts and healing is a good gift. God never gives sickness as a gift.
- h. Scripture says people will call evil good and good evil (Isaiah 5:20).
 - If you’ve been taught that God is using sickness and disease to teach you, then someone has helped you misunderstand the Word of God.
- i. Jesus said, *“I only do what I see my father doing”* (John 15:19).
 - All He did was bring life, love, healing, forgiveness, and freedom.
 - He never asked anyone if they were good enough for their healing, if they earned it or deserved it.
- j. The leper said to Jesus, *“If you’re willing you can make me whole.”* and Jesus said *“I’m willing. Be cleansed!”* (Matthew 8:2).
- k. The devil invented the lie that God is author of sickness because the devil wants you sick! But Jesus came to destroy the lies of the enemy.
- l. Luke 13:12-13 — *“¹² When Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, ‘Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity.’ ¹³ Then He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight and glorified God.”*
 - Glory to God happens when people are healed, not when they’re sick.
- m. Luke 13:15-16 — *“¹⁵ The Lord answered him, ‘You hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the stall and lead it away to water it? ¹⁶ Then should not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham whom Satan has bound these eighteen years, be loosed from this bondage on the Sabbath?’”*

- This woman had a covenant right to be healed as a daughter of Abraham. You have a covenant right to healing as a child of God adopted into His family.
- Healing is your legal right!
- Satan bound the woman for 18 years, not God!
- Sickness and disease come from the enemy. Jesus came to free us from bondage and crush the lies of the enemy.

5. The Prayer of Faith and God’s Will to Heal

- a. A legalistic spirit still exists in the church today.
- b. Despite being spirit-filled, Jesus-loving believers and church leaders for many years, Ashley and Carlie had never heard the real Gospel. The moment they heard the real Gospel and the goodness of God for the first time, they realized what they’d heard before was a legalistic twist with no power in it.
- c. James 5:15 says, “*the prayer of faith will save the sick.*”
 - Ashley and Carlie couldn’t pray a prayer of faith until they knew God was good and He was not the one putting sickness on their daughter Hannah.
 - You can’t be fully persuaded and pray a prayer of faith until you know that it’s God’s will for you to be well and God isn’t the author of that sickness.
- d. People told Ashley and Carlie that Hannah’s sickness might be God’s judgement, which is like saying God was holding their sins against them. Unfortunately, they didn’t know better to see that as a lie.
 - If you don’t know the truth of what Jesus paid for, you’ll buy into the lies.
- e. Begging and pleading with God, saying “if it’s your will to heal” is an ignorant prayer.
- f. God’s will regarding healing is so clear in scripture. Everywhere Jesus went he healed.
 - Hannah was healed in an instant once Ashley and Carlie prayed in faith, understanding it was God’s will to heal her.
- g. “*The truth will set you free,*” (John 8:32) but only the truth you know can set you free.
- h. If the gospel you’ve been listening to has no power, then it’s not the Gospel.
- i. We need to let God get in the way of our doctrine. We need to let the power of God interfere with our misconceived ideas of who God is.
- j. John 10:10 — “The thief does not come, except to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”
 - Sickness kills, steals, and destroys, so sickness is from the enemy.
- k. Sickness is not from God. When we understand that, we’ll stop tolerating it in our body.
- l. As believers, we don’t embrace sin; we avoid it! We should feel the same way about sickness.

6. **Healing Is a Blessing for Us**

- a. Acts 10:38 — “...*who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil...*”
 - Satan is clearly the author of sickness, disease, bondage, lies, and captivity.
 - Jesus brings life, deliverance, health, and healing.
- b. Deuteronomy 28 lists blessings and curses. Sickness is always listed as a curse, never a blessing.
- c. Galatians 3:13 says Jesus became cursed for us and defeated the curse, therefore we only receive the blessings.
- d. **Healing is a blessing from God that has been provided for you by Jesus’ death, burial, and resurrection.**
- e. Healing is a free gift and it’s always good.
- f. If sickness comes your way, return it to the sender.
- g. Declare: I will not tolerate sickness and disease to stay in my body a moment longer. Jesus has provided healing for me.
- h. Sickness and disease are a plan of the enemy, and we don’t want any part of his plan operating in our lives.
- i. Be as emphatic about resisting sickness in your body as you are about resisting sin. The same payment, Jesus, bought your freedom from both.

Healing Lesson 2 Scriptures

Luke 5:17 (YLT) — *And it came to pass, on one of the days, that he was teaching, and there were sitting by Pharisees and teachers of the Law, who were come out of every village of Galilee, and Judea, and Jerusalem, and the power of the Lord was to heal them.*

Mark 16:15-20 — ¹⁵ *He said to them, ‘Go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶ He who believes and is baptized will be saved. But he who does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ These signs will accompany those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; ¹⁸ they will take up serpents; if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.’ ¹⁹ After the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven and sat at the right hand of God. ²⁰ Then they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.*

James 1:17 — *Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom is no change or shadow of turning.*

Isaiah 5:20 — *Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who exchange darkness for light, and light for darkness; who exchange bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!*

Luke 13:12-16 — ¹² *When Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, “Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity.” ¹³ Then He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight and glorified God. ¹⁴ But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, and said to the people, “There are six days in which men ought to work. Therefore come and be healed on those days, but not on the Sabbath day.” ¹⁵ The Lord answered him, “You hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the stall and lead it away to water it? ¹⁶ Then should not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham whom Satan has bound these eighteen years, be loosed from this bondage on the Sabbath?”*

James 5:15 — *And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven.*

John 10:10 — *The thief does not come, except to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*

Acts 10:38 — *how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.*

Galatians 3:13 — *Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law by being made a curse for us—as it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”*