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Switching On Your Faith

Healing

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1. An Unbreakable Contract

- a. Although we have the potential to break the terms of a contract, based on our imperfections, God will never break His Word!
- b. The only part we play in the contract with God is faith, simply believing that God keeps His word to deliver the benefits to us.
- c. The contracts in the Old Covenant were never perfect, because mankind was never able to keep their part of the bargain perfectly.
- d. The New Covenant contract is not dependent upon our ability to keep it. It has been signed by the blood of Jesus and is an everlasting covenant with God.
- e. Now we get all the benefits of salvation—eternal life, deliverance from the power of the enemy, forgiveness of all sin, freedom from bondages, physical healing, peace in our minds, provision, protection, safety, favor, and relationship with God—because of Jesus, not because of us!
- f. For the first 1500 years after creation, God only said three times that man was blessed: once in the Garden, and then twice to Noah. But when He made a covenant with Abram, he made an everlasting covenant with him and all generations following!
- g. Jesus didn't do away with that Covenant; He perfected it. Now we have the benefits of that covenant, and more!

2. Healing in the New Covenant

- a. Matthew 15:21-28 – ²¹ Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." ²³ But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." ²⁴ But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" ²⁶ But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs." ²⁷ And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.
- b. Note that this woman used a Jewish title for Jesus—Son of David was part of the Davidic covenant.
- c. This woman was not part of the covenant family of God. God had told the Israelites to destroy everyone in Canaan, but they hadn't, resulting in a mixed people, of which this woman was a part.

- d. She was approaching Jesus through a Jewish covenant that she had no legal right to. She was pretending to be someone that she wasn't.
- e. He was sent to the covenant people of God. However, she stayed persistent!
- f. Rather than leave, it says she came and worshipped Him, then said, "Lord, help me!"
- g. She knew two important things: Her problem was caused by the devil, and Jesus was her answer.
- h. If you are not born again today, you are not part of the covenant family of God! Accept Jesus and gain the right to the New Covenant, with all of its benefits.
- i. This woman realized that she *wasn't* part of the covenant, but that she needed to be! In essence, when she began to worship Jesus, she became "born again"!
- j. She was desperate. The definition of desperation is an action or attempt based in hopelessness when all else has failed, with little to no hope of success.
- k. She came to Him in faith, and that faith got Jesus' attention!
- l. Here Jesus described healing as the "children's bread". Healing is a basic food for us. Healing is the most simple provision that comes through our covenant with God! Healing is a basic provision as a child of God, and it is part of your contract.
- m. She began to call Him her Lord, her master. She humbled herself to recognize that she wasn't part of this covenant, but that she wanted to be and she made a commitment to it.
- n. John 1:12 – *But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name, who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*
- o. When we believe in Jesus, we become part of the covenant relationship with Him. We gain legal access to the benefits of the covenant.

3. Keys to Receiving

- a. When we are born again, we have access to this covenant with Jesus, but we need to understand the things that the Syrophenician woman did.
- b. The enemy is the problem.
- c. Jesus is the answer.
- d. Come in faith.
 - Hebrews 11:6 – *But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*
- e. Persist in faith!
 - The Syrophenician woman could have gotten offended when He ignored her, when He dismissed her, and then when He called her a dog!
 - She persisted in her faith and did not give up.

- f. Sometimes people miss out on healing because they get offended.

4. The Importance of Worship

- a. In verse 25 it says that she came and worshipped Him.
- b. We will not be able to receive from God beyond the level of our worship.
- c. When we worship God, we are allowing Him to be Lord, the master of our lives.
- d. James 4:7 – *Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.*
- e. Submission to God is done through worship and agreement with the Word of God.
- f. Worship will break the power of the enemy over our lives and allow us to enter into that covenant relationship with God.
- g. John 10:10 – *The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*
- h. This woman entered into covenant with God through submission and through worship, and she left having received healing for her daughter.

5. Bartimaeus

- a. The difference between the Syrophenician woman and Bartimaeus were their covenants. She didn't have one before she came to Jesus, but she did by the time she left. Provision for healing has been made available to everyone, even those who are unsaved!
- b. God will keep His side of the contract, even if we don't! The only requirement to receive is to be willing to receive it, to accept the healing and not reject it.
- c. Mark 10:46-52 – ⁴⁶*Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging.* ⁴⁷*And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"* ⁴⁸*Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"* ⁴⁹*So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called. Then they called the blind man, saying to him, "Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you."* ⁵⁰*And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus.* ⁵¹*So Jesus answered and said to him, "What do you want Me to do for you?"* *The blind man said to Him, "Rabboni, that I may receive my sight."* ⁵²*Then Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.*
- d. Bartimaeus had a similar response from the people around Jesus, telling him to be quiet. But he persisted in his faith.
- e. Notice, Jesus didn't go over to Bartimaeus. He told His disciples to tell him to come to Jesus. Bartimaeus still had to walk to where Jesus was. Sometimes we want to sit still and wait for something to happen. But faith is our response to the covenant of God, and it comes with action.

- f. Both of these people had to move themselves toward Jesus. He is not going to force Himself upon you, otherwise it wouldn't be free will.
- g. There is an active response to our faith in what Jesus is providing to us.
- h. James 2:17 – *So too, faith, if it does not have works [to back it up], is by itself dead [inoperative and ineffective].*
 - We have to RSVP the invitation and show up to the party.
 - Faith doesn't move God; faith is what moves us!
- i. Just like He called Bartimaeus, Jesus is calling you today.
 - Healing is simply a byproduct of relationship with the Healer.
- j. Bartimaeus had to walk to Jesus, even while he was still blind. That took faith!
- k. Respond to what Jesus is saying to you, move toward it, and don't give up.
 - God is not holding out on you. You will win if you don't quit!
- l. Bartimaeus threw away the garments that identified him as a blind beggar. He didn't have to beg Jesus.
 - The Syrophoenician woman *did* have to beg Jesus because she didn't have the same covenant identity that Bartimaeus had.
 - He said, "Have mercy on me!" He was placing a demand on that covenant.
 - It is wrong for us to beg and plead with God, because we are part of God's family and we have a covenant right to healing.
- m. We simply have to come to God in faith and place a demand on the covenant that Jesus paid for!
- n. Then we have to be persistent in the face of obstacles, naysayers, or our flesh trying to keep us from taking what rightfully belongs to us.

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