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DEDICATION

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INTRODUCTION

I have studied divine healing from the Word of God and the great masters of faith for over three decades, and of all the messages that I have absorbed, one continues to speak to me. Believe it or not, it is on death.

I suppose, most of us are afraid of dying. We want to live forever and ever and ever, AND we will. But there will be a day of transition, of relocation through the door of death. Every man is an eternal spirit-being made in the image and likeness of God. Through sin, we are separated from God, our Creator, and united with Satan. But God loved us and sent Jesus to be our Savior. Through Jesus' death and resurrection, our sins are remitted, God becomes our Father, and heaven is our home. What wonderful news!

However, if we do not receive Christ as Savior and Lord, heaven is not home. We remain in Satan's kingdom, and his nature rules our lives. The Scripture is very clear. Jesus said to the Jews, "Ye are of your father the devil."¹ This is true for all who reject God's bountiful provision through Jesus Christ.

Both saint and sinner will pass from this life into the future they have chosen. Physical death comes to all. Yet in spite of this inevitability and the glorious future prepared for every Christian, fear of death often dominates the hearts and minds of God's children. This fear of death is a hindrance to health and healing.

Although God has spoken, "I am the Lord that healeth thee,"² usually when medical science unveils a potential sickness or disease, fear easily dominates our mind and emotions. The Word from God is too far removed, even from the hearts of Christians, and fails to be of comfort.

So, what was it about a lesson on death that calmed my fears and set me free? It was these two simple words, **SO WHAT**. These words are significant because they embrace several powerful truths. First, sickness does not eliminate my eternal destiny, and it cannot separate us from our God. Secondly, sickness does not alter God's healing word or His promise of long life.

The Word of the Lord says:

With long life will I satisfy him.³

God wants us to live a long time. He said so. It is not hard to face sickness and say SO WHAT when we understand these truths.

¹ Jn 8:44

² Ex 15:26

³ Ps 91:16

What then about those precious Christians that have died prematurely? The apostle Paul gives God's glorious answer, "To die is gain."⁴ Oh, what marvelous words of comfort! When the door of death closes to earth's captivity, the gates of heaven open to the presence of God our Father and Jesus our Lord.

In His presence, "There shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain."⁵

Yet I cannot and I will not allow disease to shorten my life. I am God's ambassador. I am commissioned to "go into my world" with the good news that Jesus is Lord. I can, without fear of death, cherish every minute of time laboring with God.⁶

Therefore, I say to death, SO WHAT.

I will "fight a good fight and finish my course."⁷ I will run with God every mile of the way and finish the job God has assigned to me. When sickness attacks my body, I will stand with the Word of God in my heart and in my mouth. God will perform His Word!

This is why we have written this book. We want everyone to understand God's healing Word and enjoy the fullness of His provision. He is the Lord, our healer.

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⁴ Php 1:21

⁵ Rev 21:4

⁶ Mk 16:15, author's paraphrase

⁷ 2Ti 4:7, author's paraphrase

SECTION 1

NO MORE DOUBT

Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free (Jn 8:31-32).

CHAPTER 1

THREE WORDS

Religion today often makes disease an endowment of heaven used for divine purpose. Yet when our body is wracked with pain, we don't want to suffer. Instead, we actively seek relief. We want to be free. Disease simply is not a relaxing experience.

According to the Word of God, sickness is the bondage and oppression of Satan. It is not the work of our heavenly Father's compassionate heart or a reflection of His goodness. In fact, the Word of God declares that God, our Father, gives good and perfect gifts.¹ Certainly, sickness is NOT a good and perfect gift! **Sickness is an enemy – a thief!**

Our heavenly Father will not oppress us or bind us with disease. He never uses sickness to steal our comfort, our time, or our finances. He does not challenge our lives with the curse of sickness to glorify Himself or to teach us a valuable lesson.

After many years of instructing sick people, I can assure you they are very poor students. It is difficult and even impossible to focus on God's Word when your body is tormented by disease. Sickness is a very ineffective teacher, and after all, the Holy Spirit is our Teacher.²

Oh, how great it is to be well! When we are well—healed and made whole—God is glorified. The Scripture consistently declares this truth. After the man with palsy was healed, the multitudes marveled and glorified God.³ The women with a spirit of infirmity also glorified God after she was healed.⁴ The Scripture records:

When they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see ... they glorified the God of Israel.⁵

Healing always glorifies God!

A CURSE

Certainly, God's Word is true, and it says disease is a curse, not a blessing. According to the American Dictionary of the English Language, a blessing is "any means of happiness," and "that

¹ Jas 1:17

² Jn 14:26

³ Mt 9:8

⁴ Lk 13:13

⁵ Mt 15:31

which promotes temporal prosperity and welfare.”⁶ A curse vexes, harasses, and torments us.⁷ With every curse, there is the expectation of pain and suffering. We do not expect a “curse” to provide happiness and prosperity.

The curse of sickness is as persistent as a child begging for permission to leave home just before dinner time. Following you from room to room, he pleads, “Can I go to Mark’s house? Please? I’ll be right back. Please, let me go.”

In like manner, sickness unrelentingly attacks our bodies. It speaks continually to the mind saying, “Do you feel that? Can you sense that? You’re really, really sick.” Then it makes the grand announcement, “You may not get well. You probably will die.”

Sickness is a curse!

In Deuteronomy 28:15-68, God enumerates the curses that would overtake His people if His commandments were broken. There are a number of diseases listed here and although we may not recognize them by these archaic names, we are sure each one is a curse. In verse 22, God mentions consumption, fever, inflammation, and extreme burning. In verse 27, we read about botch, emerods, scab and itch. God also lists mental distress described as madness, blindness, and astonishment of heart. No human malady is excluded because verse 61 says “every sickness and every plague” will destroy us.

Each of these diseases harasses us, torments and vexes us. Over and over again, they invade our lives proving the truth of God’s Word. It declares that they are a curse, and a curse is never a blessing!

BONDAGE

In Luke 13, Jesus healed a woman whose body had been bowed over for eighteen years. When He laid His hands on her, immediately she stood up straight. However, the ruler of the synagogue was indignant because Jesus healed her on the Sabbath. Jesus response to this religious adversary was:

*Ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?*⁸

There are two very enlightening facts in Jesus’ answer. First, she was bound by disease.

⁶ Webster’s 1828

⁷ Webster’s 1959

⁸ Lk 13:16

When anything is bound, it is tied and restricted. A policeman binds or handcuffs suspected criminals before he locks them in his car to transport them to a secure facility. They are not free! When they are later granted a court appearance or a trial, they are again handcuffed and often their feet are chained. Then if they are convicted of a crime, they are confined to a prison facility. In this facility, they are constantly guarded and every activity is dictated by those in authority.

Sickness always binds us and steals our freedom.

It dominates our life, restricting our activities and altering our schedules. It commands us, saying, 'You can't go to work today. You have to stay in bed and you can't eat anything.' Yet the Word of God declares:

Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.⁹

But there isn't any freedom or liberty in disease. Disease binds, tie, and restricts.

Furthermore, this bondage is orchestrated by Satan. In Luke 13:16, Jesus testified to this fact saying the woman with a spirit of infirmity was bound by the devil. **The devil is the enemy that holds us captive.** Our magnificent Father certainly does not imprison His people, not by ignorance, not by poverty, and certainly not by disease.

Sickness is never a joint venture between Satan and God.

Satan invades our lives with disease and calamity, but Jesus is our Healer. In Him, we are free.

OPPRESSION

In Acts 10:38, the apostle Peter also identifies Satan as the author of sickness and disease. Here, he declares:

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power:

⁹ Jn 8:32

*who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil.*¹⁰

This proves that **sickness is an oppression that comes from Satan**, not from our great and marvelous Father.

According to Webster's New Collegiate dictionary, the word *oppression* means to crush or burden by abuse of power or authority. This fitting description of Satan's work is confirmed in the New International Version.

[Jesus] went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil.

The Knox Translation says Jesus was:

...curing all those who were under the devil's tyranny.

Jesus routed this work of Satan by the power of the Holy Spirit. He healed every sickness and every disease among the people, pouring out heaven's mercy on the sick.¹¹ With the anointing of heaven, He set the oppressed free. Then by His death on the cross, He spoiled Satan, disarming him and stripping him of his power.¹²

Now, Satan cannot successfully oppress our bodies and our minds. He cannot conquer or bind us with the curse of sickness because he was defeated by the risen Christ. **Boldly, we declare, "Jesus has destroyed the works of Satan, and I am free. Healing is mine."** Satan and sickness must bow their knee because Jesus is my Lord and My Physician. AMEN!

¹⁰ Act 10:38

¹¹ Mt 9:35

¹² Col 2:15

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