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TO GIVE AND BE GIVEN – LESSON 11

DIVINE HEALTH

The Lord has made provision that we can “be given” good health. Divine intervention is conditionally available to us. What is the condition for this promise? It is obedience to His ways.

When God delivered Israel from slavery in Egypt, He did so by bringing disease and plagues upon the Egyptians. Eventually, they had enough and sent the Hebrews out of their land. The Lord then made them a conditional promise of health.

It is recorded in Exodus 15:26 (NKJV) where God said, ***“IF you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to his commandments and keep all His statutes, (then) I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the LORD that heals you.”***

What undermines our health? Disobedience to God’s ways allows the destroyer, Satan, to afflict you with disease brought on by his evil spirits. Most diseases have their manifestations originating from the hidden and unseen spiritual realm.

We often do things (unwisely) that work against our health. The Bible tells us in I Corinthians 3:16-17 that our physical bodies ***“are the temple of God, and that the (Holy) Spirit of God dwells in you.”*** It further tells us that ***“if any man defile the temple (body)”*** God will allow his body to be destroyed, which is usually accomplished by disease.

However, God responds to repentance. Part of His response is to give healing to our physical bodies (His temple). The stripes laid on Jesus body from the vicious whippings leading up to His crucifixion provide for our healing. He bore our illness and disease through those bloody stripes when he was beaten beyond recognition.

Isaiah 53:5 prophesied of Messiah that ***“He was wounded for our transgressions (sin, offenses to God) ...and with His stripes we are healed.”*** Jesus suffered greatly so that we don’t have to suffer these maladies.

I Peter 2:24 cites it as an already “done deal.” It says, Christ ***“Who his own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree (cross), (so) that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness, by whose stripes you were healed.”*** Healing is awaiting us; we must take it by faith.

There have been objective studies (scientific) done that prove that faith and prayer promote healing. James 1:6 says, ***“...let him ask in faith, nothing wavering.”*** When you repent of any sin and ask in a solid unwavering faith on Jesus for healing, it shall come to you.

Unfortunately, many people use it as a “formula” hoping to get healed, but that is not true faith; they harbor a little doubt or hesitancy about it.

God provides divine health for those who truly trust Him and obey Him.