

## SPIRITUAL BLOCKS TO HEALING

### Part 1

Many diseases have sin and iniquity as their cause. We refer to them as spiritually rooted diseases. Over the last 40 years records have been kept by 'Be In Health', helping us to be able to see if certain sicknesses match up with recorded spiritual roots. We know for sure, prayer, to be healed from disease, will not happen while someone is holding on to unforgiveness.

#### 1. Unforgiveness

The first block to healing is unforgiveness. The great commandment tells us we must forgive, God, self, and others, or we will not be forgiven for our sins. Jesus died on the cross so that all who come to Him, might be forgiven for their sins and iniquities when they repent, pray in faith, and ask to be forgiven.

Scripture makes this clear in **Mark 11:22-26 (KJV)**,

*22) And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.*

*23) For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.*

*24) Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.*

*25) And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.*

*26) But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.*

This set of scriptures has wonderful promises we all want to receive when we have need whether it be sickness, or some other trial or tribulation. We must have it very clear in our mind that unforgiveness will stop the hand of God.

#### 2. Ignorance or Lack of Knowledge

The second block to healing is ignorance or lack of knowledge, can be found in

**Isaiah 5:13-14 (KJV)** *13) Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge: and their honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst.*

*14) Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.*

**Hosea 4:6-7 (KJV)** 6) *My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.*

7) *As they were increased, so they sinned against me: therefore will I change their glory into shame.*

God does not expect us to have perfect knowledge of the entire Bible. However, **Proverbs 1:7 (KJV)** says, *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.* The Lord is looking for us to revere Him and to desire to grow in the knowledge of God, through the Holy Spirit.

**Proverbs 4:20-23 (KJV)** says 20) *My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.*

21) *Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.*

22) *For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.*

23) *Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.*

We have used these Scriptures, asking the Holy Spirit to help us to attend to God's Word, listen to His leading, keeping them in front of our spiritual eyes, retain them in our hearts, that we would have health and life.

### **3. No Relationship with God According to Knowledge**

The third block to healing is not a lack of knowing the Scriptures but neglecting fellowship with the Lord. God wants to be a part of our lives each and every day. He desires to commune and have a personal relationship with us.

**Isaiah 29:13 (KJV)** *Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:*

### **4. Personal and Family Sins**

In block number four we see both personal and family sins. In

**Isaiah 59:1-2 (KJV)** these Scriptures are referring to individual sin.

*Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.*

Here Isaiah is referring to individual sin that has not been repented of. The individuals continue to walk in unrighteousness believing that they will still be blessed by God.

Family sin or what we usually call generational iniquities carry heavy consequences not only for us but for the generations below us. We will let Scripture describe the cost for our loved ones.

**Exodus 20:5 (KJV)** *Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;*

**Deuteronomy 5:9 (KJV)** *Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me,*

The consequences of generational sin goes to the children, grandchildren, and the great grandchildren unless deliverance takes place. When deliverance has taken place, the Lord promises to bless up to a thousand generations.

## **5. Not Having Faith in God**

The fifth block of healing is not having faith in God.

**Hebrews 11:1 (KJV)** *says, Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. When we were Born Again were given a measure of faith.*

This Scripture

**Romans 12:3 (KJV)** *says, For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.*

The faith that we have is resident in us when we are saved.

**Galatians 2:20 (KJV)** *says, I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*

As we cooperate with the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit and grow in the knowledge of God so grows our faith. *Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God (Rom. 10:17) .*

**Hebrews 11:6 (KJV)** *says, But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

In order to hear faith, we need to listen to teaching, preaching, and thanksgiving. It helps us to read Scripture out loud and of course to pray out loud. All of this together, as we mature, so will of faith mature.

## 6. The Need to See a Miracle

The sixth block to healing is your believing you need to see a miracle in order to receive from God. Thomas is famous in the Scriptures for being a doubter. He made the statement after Jesus had risen, that for him to believe he would need to see Jesus' nail scarred hands. And Thomas did in fact see this in

**John 20:28-29 (KJV)**, *And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.*

## 7. Looking for Signs and Wonders

A seventh block to healing from God is looking for signs and wonders. This is slightly different to block number 6. However, what Henry is saying here is that we need to be seeking the Word of God as it is overflowing with examples of signs and wonders. Jesus scolded the religious people of His day, in

**Matthew 12:38-39 (KJV)** *Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee. But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas:*

## 8. Expect God to Heal on One's Own Terms

The eighth block to healing is expecting God to heal you on your own terms. A good example of this is in

**2 Kings 5:8-14 (KJV)** *And it was so, when Elisha the man of God had heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel. So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha. And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean. But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper. Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage. And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean? Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.*

## 9. Looking to Man Rather Than to God

The ninth block to healing is looking to man. We are not at odds with the medical profession. We believe in particular that the diagnostic abilities can be priceless. We also believe that very responsible medications are also very valuable. However, we cannot look to the scientific community to deal with spiritual roots of sickness and disease. In Jeremiah 17:5,7, 9-10 we see the Lord's position on trusting in man alone. Unfortunately, many Christians are not being ministered to at all.

**Jeremiah 17:5 (KJV)** *Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.*

**Jeremiah 17:7 (KJV)** *Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.*

**Jeremiah 17:9-10 (KJV)** *The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.*

## 10. Not Being Honest and Transparent

The tenth block to healing is not being honest and transparent. As we stated in the beginning often sin causes sickness in the spirit, soul, body, work of our hands and relationships with the Lord and our mates. Now

**Proverbs 28:13 (KJV)** *says, He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.*

**1 John 1:9 (KJV)** *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

To confess some sin and avoid confessing others is dishonest and foolish as God knows everything. Also

**Galatians 6:1-2 (KJV)** *Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.*

We cannot bear one another's burdens if we are not aware of them.

## 11. Flagrant Sin or Habitual Sin

The eleventh block to healing is flagrant sin or habitual sin.

**Hebrews 4:15-16 (KJV)** *says, For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*

We see here that Jesus had much compassion regarding our sin and iniquity. It is hard for us to imagine Jesus having the same temptations that we have, thankfully, He did not sin. But when we do, He wants us to come boldly to Him. I am reminded of Peter asking Jesus how many times we are to forgive someone. Peter was being generous and offering 7 x 7. Jesus was being our Lord and Savior, His response was 70 x 7=490 times. This does not mean we can be casual about sin and iniquity. God judges our hearts. We might be struggling to rid ourselves of some type of sin, maybe even addicted. I believe when a person desperately wants to be free, God honors this.

## **12. Robbing God in Tithes and Offerings**

The twelfth block to healing is robbing God in our tithes and offerings.

**Hebrews 7:1-8 (KJV)** *For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually. Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils. And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham: But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises. And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better. And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth.*

Abraham paid tithes to Melchizedek 400 years before the law was established. Melchizedek was a type of Christ. When the law was established, the Levites collected tithes as they still do today. In v. 8 Scripture says not only do the Levites collect tithes but men that die receives tithes.

In addition, we are going to add the Scriptures of

**Malachi 3:8-11 (KJV)** *Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.*

The Lord has promised that He will bless us for honoring Him with both tithes and offerings. The blessings go beyond money. There are many different types of blessings. One of them is shown in v. 11, where God says, He will rebuke the devourer on our behalf and protect the fruit of our fields.

### **13. Some Are Just Not Saved**

The thirteenth block to healing is some are just not saved. They do not know Jesus or the Father. They perish because they received not the truth so they might be saved.

**2 Thessalonians 2:10-11 (KJV)** *And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:*

### **14. Sometimes the Sickness is unto Death**

The fourteenth block to healing is sometimes the sickness is unto death. Scriptures say that there are certain sins unto death. We know that unforgiveness also includes hatred, and in 1 John Scriptures says *that if you hate your brother, you are a murder*. Jesus also said, *if you harm a little child, it would be better for you to die, with a millstone tied around your neck*. The other would be blaspheming the Holy Spirit.

### **15. Our Allotted Time in Life is Fulfilled**

The fifteenth block to healing is simply that our allotted time in life is fulfilled. There are several different opinions regarding the length of life God is willing to give. In Genesis He said 120 years, in Psalms 90 God said 70-80 years. However, we also see many Scriptures, i.e., Psalms 91, where God has stated, with long life, He will bless those who love and obey Him.