

The School of Healing

Lesson 6

God's Will to Heal the Sick is Revealed by Our Redemption from the Curse of the Law

I. Intro: In order to receive healing by the power of God, we must first be convinced that it is God's will for us to be healed.

- A. As long as doubt exists concerning the will of God to heal you, your faith will not operate to receive healing from God.
- B. *Faith is the God given ability to act on the revealed will of God.*
- C. *Consequently, faith will only operate where the will of God is known.*
- D. If we want to receive something from God, we must first be assured that what we are praying for is in line with the will of God. (1 John 5:14, 15 NKJV) describes the confidence we can have in prayer when we are assured of God's will concerning the thing we are praying for. *¹⁴Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.*

II. One way to know and be assured of God's will is to look at our redemption from the curse of the law.

- A. (Gal. 3:13, 14 NKJV) *¹³Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), ¹⁴that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.*

B. Notice that it says that Christ redeemed us from something.

- 1. The Greek word that was translated redeemed in this passage means "to buy up, that is, to ransom; figuratively, it means to rescue from loss."
- 2. So we see clearly from this passage that Jesus ransomed us from something and He rescued us from some distinct loss.

C. The thing that He rescued us from is identified in this passage as the curse of the law.

- 1. What is the curse of the law? It is the list of curses that God warned Israel would come upon them if they rebelled against Him.
- 2. The curse of the law is extensive, and it primarily consists of poverty, sickness, and death.

D. The curse of the law is specifically stated in Deuteronomy 28.

1. The first fourteen verses describe the blessing of Abraham that God said would come upon Israel if they obeyed His voice.

2. (Deut. 28:1-3 NKJV) ¹"Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. ²"And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God.

3. Then He enumerates all of the blessings that would come upon them if they obeyed.

4. However, in verse 15 God warns them about the curses that would come upon them for disobedience.

5. (Deut. 28:15 NKJV) ¹⁵"But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you.

E. In verses (58-61) we see that this curse includes every kind of sickness and disease. ⁵⁸"If you do not carefully observe all the words of this law that are written in this book, that you may fear this glorious and awesome name, THE LORD YOUR GOD, ⁵⁹"then the LORD will bring upon you and your descendants extraordinary plagues—great and prolonged plagues—and serious and prolonged sicknesses. ⁶⁰"Moreover He will bring back on you all the diseases of Egypt, of which you were afraid, and they shall cling to you. ⁶¹"Also every sickness and every plague, which is not written in this Book of the Law, will the LORD bring upon you until you are destroyed.

1. Notice that the curse of the law includes every enumerated sickness as well as every sickness that is not enumerated in the curse.

2. Please observe that according to the Bible, all sickness is a curse, not a blessing.

3. Sickness is never a blessing in disguise. It is a curse that is sent to destroy.

4. Sickness is never included in the list of the blessings of Abraham.

5. So, if you truly want to receive from God, you must be clear on what a blessing is and what a curse is.

F. Now this is the redemptive truth that we need to see.

1. In redeeming us from the curse of the law, Christ redeemed us from sickness, because sickness is included in the curse of the law.

2. In redeeming us from the curse of the law Christ ransomed us and rescued us from the curse of sickness.

G. So how did Christ redeem us from the curse of the law?

1. Our text tells us that He became a curse for us.

2. (Gal. 3:13, 14 NKJV) ¹³*Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree").*

3. In the Greek it says that Christ became an accursed thing for us.

4. That means that He literally bore the curse of the law for us when He hung upon the tree which was common terminology for the cross.

H. Since Christ bore the curse of sickness for us, then it is not His will for us to bear it as well.

1. As a matter of fact, our text tells us that Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law so that the blessing of Abraham could come upon us.

2. (Gal. 3:13, 14 NKJV) ¹³*Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), ¹⁴*that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.**

3. The Blessing of Abraham includes health and healing.

4. (Deut. 7:15 NKJV) ¹⁵*"And the LORD will take away from you all sickness, and will afflict you with none of the terrible diseases of Egypt which you have known, but will lay them on all those who hate you.*