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NOTE TO OUR READERS: Dear Friends who have sent offerings in support of the work here, we are certain that some of them have been sacrificial in that you could well have used the money for your own needs. This truly makes the offerings mean more to the Lord and to us. We thank you with all our hearts! The work continues to grow. I have lost track of how many people overseas are reproducing the Teaching Series and then mailing them to their own mail list. We help them financially as we can. We are hardly ever caught up in mailing out the material. Thank God for work to do everyday. You, dear friends, make it possible. I have said this many times, and I believe it's true; someday we will stand shoulder to shoulder on that other shore and greet those who have been helped by our united efforts. My prayer is: May we also hear our Lord say, "Well done!"

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<u>QUOTE: HEALING THOUGHTS</u> <u>BOOK</u>, "Jesus said, 'All things are possible to him that believeth.' (Mark 9:23). But what does it take to believe?

It begins with a thought. The mind is a battle ground where Satan strives to dominate the human spirit by sowing seeds of doubt and fear. The only way to win this battle is by taking the Word of God into our minds and hearts. thereby **`...bringing into captivity** every thought to the obedience of Christ." (II Corinthians 10:5) When we allow nothing but the Word of God to correct and control our thoughts. then His thoughts will become our thoughts.

His thoughts will bring us confidence.

His thoughts will ignite our faith, and drive away all fear.

His thoughts will create in us a

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spirit of believing that will over come all uncertainty.

When God's thoughts become a reality in the heart of a believer, the Spirit of God can be manifested. He challenges us to take Him at His Word: '...ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.' (John 15:7)

God always keeps His promises.

ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE. ONLY BELIEVE!" (End quote)

III John Verse 2, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

Can we believe that this is God, Himself speaking to His People, not only 2000 years ago, but also today? If so, then you are far down the road to your healing. All you have to do now is let God's Word come in and prosper your soul (Put faith in your soul). His Word received will do that!

QUOTE: BELIEVING GOD, BR. WILLIAM BRANHAM. "If God came down and healed mc – positive, right out, a miracle – it wouldn't be as great as it would be if I see the promise of God and take it into my heart.

Standing there, I can say, "Jesus is now healing me, for I have accepted His Word. It's in my heart. He is now interceding for me before the Father. I shall be well."

That is what God loves. Stand there on His Word and say, "It's right! He is healing me now, every day." (End quote) (This is the testimony of one whose soul has prospered in the Word concerning healing!!)

QUOTE: BR. F.F. BOSWORTH, "The message taught in the Gospels is one of complete healing for spirit and body, for all who will come to Him. Many today say, "I believe in healing, but I do not believe it is for everyone." If it is not for everyone, then how could we ever pray the prayer of faith?

Among all those who sought healing from Christ during His earthly ministry, there is only one who prayed for healing with the words, "If it be your will." This was an outcast leper, in <u>Mark 1:40</u>, who did not know what Christ's will was in healing.

UNCERTAINTY CORRECTED

"The first thing Christ did was to correct this uncertainty by assuring him, "I will."

It is no longer, **If it be your will** – It *is* God's will.

The leper said: "If you will, you can." Jesus answered, "I will." (Mark 1:41)

Let that settle it forever with you: God will heal the sick. If He wills to heal one, then He wills to heal all." (End quote)

God's will has never changed from the time 2000 years ago when His great compassion and power was unleashed to stop the suffering of His People! How can He change when He has said, **"I am the Lord, I change not."** (Mal. 3:6)

QUOTE: "HEALING THE SICK" by Br. T.L. Osborn (The man who helped preach Br. Branham's funeral.)

"I am the Lord who heals you." (Ex. 15:26) The purpose of this sermon is to acquaint you with what the Bible teaches: If you are sick, God wants to heal you.

Until you are fully convinced that God wants you to be well, there will always be a doubt in your mind as to whether or not you will be healed. As long as there is that doubt in your mind, perfect faith cannot exist; and until faith is exercised, without doubt or wavering, you may never be healed.

"Without faith it is impossible to please him; for they that come to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." (Hebrews 11:6)

"But let them ask in faith, nothing wavering. For they that waver are like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not those (who waver) think they shall receive any thing of the Lord." (James 1:6-7)

Once people are fully convinced that God wants to heal them and that it is not God's will for them to be sick, they almost always receive healing when prayed for, if not before. Knowing God's will concerning sickness provides the ground on which perfect faith can act.

GOD IS HONEST

To one puzzled about faith, who said to me, "I just can't seem to get faith to be healed," I asked, "Have you confidence that God will keep His promise to you?"

"Oh, yes," she affirmed.

"That is faith," I assured her, then added, "Isn't it simple?" And she was healed."

"God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: has he said, and shall he not do it? Or has he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" (Numbers 23:19) (End quote)

What simplicity! If we understand that God always keeps His Word (a way of saying He cannot lie), then we already have faith to be healed. All we have to do is testify to the fact of it.

Once we have a clear revelation of God's will and desire to heal His People, we will get well from every sickness.

There is no such thing as <u>Perfect</u> <u>Faith</u> until we know for certain what God's will is concerning what we are trying to believe for. So let's list His Word which declares His will about sickness and healing!

We will examine the Scripture that we have already quoted, <u>Numbers</u> <u>23:19</u>, "God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: has he said, and shall he not do it? Or has he spoken, and shall he not make it good?"

In this verse, God is testifying about Himself, telling us it is impossible for Him to lie. All real Christians know that is true! Let's compare that with something else God said. John <u>8:44</u>, (Speaking of the Devil, Jesus said this.) "....For he is a liar, and the father of it." (How foolish is any man who will believe the Devil's lies and doubt God's confirmed truths!

Now listen to God's charge against us when we doubt something He said. <u>I John 5:10</u>, ".....he that believeth not God has made him a liar."

When believed, these scriptures will produce in us faith to be healed! If we had been let into the secret chambers of Heaven; if we could have seen God's Hand holding over the top of the men's hands that wrote this Bible, then surely we would know that this is *His Will!* It is His authorized statements.

God wrote this book! Let's be careful lest any of us despise it by doubting it and end up calling God a liar!

If I had written the Bible, or if you had written it, then the Devil could tear it to pieces. It would be full of flaws. It would be flawed if the greatest mind on Earth had written it. No man could have written it's hundreds of pages, from Genesis to Revelations, putting God's plan together through the ages, without flaws.

But, the Bible is a vein of pure gold; there is no dross in it. This book is light without any darkness at all. It is our <u>Son-Light</u> without a blot! This Book is the judge that ends all the arguments that the minds of men bring up! It settles every <u>yes, but...</u>! Men talk a lot about Jesus, but that

Men talk a lot about Jesus, but that which is the real Jesus (His inspired written Word), they try to cast it away by saying *yes*, *but*...!

I cannot say to every unconverted person, "The Gospel will save your soul!" But, I can say to every lost person, "If you *believe* the Gospel, <u>it will</u> save your soul." I can't say to every sick person, "The Gospel will heal your body." But I can say to any man, "If you will *believe* the Gospel <u>it will</u> heal your body!"

Believing is trusting! If I owe a debt and I can't pay it, and I have a friend that says to me, "If you will *trust me* to pay your debt, I will give you the money on a certain date," we would look at the friend and consider his ability to pay the debt. We find that he definitely has the money! Then we consider his character. Does he have a reputation of keeping his word? And you have double checked with him and know he means what he has promised and we make up our mind that he is a truthful and honest person. Then, how could we look him in the eyes and say, "I don't believe you." And in like manner, if Jesus Christ has declared that He came into the world to live and die for our sins and to bear our sicknesses (Matt. 8:17), how can we look at His written promises and say, "I don't believe it?"

Scriptures proving His Will to heal the sick:

<u>Psalm 103: 1-5</u>, Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, [bless] his holy name.

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;"

4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good [things; so that] thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

<u>I Peter 2: 23-24</u>, "Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when

he suffered, he threatened not; but committed [himself] to him that judgeth righteously:

24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed."

25 For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls. (And when our souls prosper in the Word, We will be healed. God said so!)

Psalms 34: 19 & 22, "Many [are] the afflictions of the righteous: but the J ^RD delivereth him out of them all.

22 The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate (deserted)."

Is God playing games with His Children or does He really mean what he says? James 5:14-15

14 Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."

We've all been bit by sin and it's caused sickness, but look to Jesus and be healed. <u>Numbers 21: 8-9</u>, "And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.

9 And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.

Jesus played no favorites. All who came and were willing to receive forgiveness were healed. The Prayer of Faith healed them (allowed God to heal them). <u>Matthew 12:14-15</u>, "Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him.

15 But when Jesus knew [it], he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all;

There is one Healer; His name is Jesus Christ. <u>Exodus 15:26</u>, "And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I [am] the LORD that healeth thee."

Spirits of Satan cause all germ related disease. <u>Matthew 8:16-17</u>, "When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with [his] word, and heaked all that were sick:

17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took *our* infirmities, and bare [our] sicknesses.

Exodus 23:25-26, "And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and <u>I will take sickness away from the</u> <u>midst of thee</u>.

26 There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land: <u>the</u> <u>number of thy days I will fulfil.</u>"

<u>I Kings 8:56</u>, "There has not failed one word of all his good promise."

<u>Psalm 119:89</u>, "Forever, O Lord, your word is settled in Heaven."

Jer: 1:12, "I will hasten my word to perform it."

The word *hasten* means: "to watch over," "to look after," "to protect," or "to stand behind." In all of His unlimited power, God is standing behind His word to accomplish it. Believe that.

There is no reason for doubting God. Unbelief in what God has said is a sin!

Listen to this, it will help you. Satan will call you a liar and a hypocrite for testifying that you are healed while the symptoms are still there! But remember, *he* has been declared *the liar* by God Himself. Here is the real truth. It is always backwards to what the Devil says. God says, "If you don't *believe*, and then *say* what I have said, then you have made me a liar!"

Think about that! Let's repent if we need to.

QUOTE: HEALING THE SICK, T.L. OSBORN, THREE MILLION HEALED, "God announced Himself to be the healer of His people with these words: I am the Lord who heals you. (Ex. 15:26) He spoke these words to about three million people. (Ex. 12:37) Every one of them believed God's words were true. The result: Every one of them who needed healing was made perfectly whole.

We are told: **He** (God) **brought them forth...and there was not one feeble person among their tribes.** (Ps. 105:37) Can you imagine three million people all well and strong? Not one feeble, not one weak, and not one sick?

If that was true in Israel under the law, it is much more true for you, who have been redeemed by the Blood of God's Lamb and are living under grace, mercy, and truth.

Let this become a settled truth that you know, as well as you know two plus two are four: Healing is for you – all may be healed." (End quote)

It is God's will for every person to be well and strong, when His conditions are met and His Word is believed! To know that God will heal us from every sickness is powerful indeed.

When Jesus laid His hands on every one of them and healed them, He was revealing and doing the will of the Father for all people.

<u>Hebrews 10:7</u>, "Lo, I come, to do your will, O God."

John 6:38, "I came down from Heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him that sent me."

Everything Jesus did for needy humanity during His earthly ministry was a direct revelation of the perfect will of God for the human race. And He healed all the sick that came to him and forgave their sins.

God is just as willing to heal people as He is to save people. Both the soul and the body have been redeemed and if people were taught that, they would be healed.

Any man that comes to Jesus Christ and answers the call for salvation gets saved. And any man that comes to Jesus Christ for healing, believing His Promises to heal, gets healed!

Did you notice in the Scriptures we've been reading the words *whoever* and *whoever will* are always used to invite the unconverted to be saved? The words *as many as*, *everyone*, *all*, and *any* are used to invite the sick and the diseased to be healed.

QUOTE: HEALING THE SICK, T.L. OSBORN, THE UNIVERSAL IN-VITATION, "Both invitations are always universal, and the results are always positively promised: shall be saved; shall have life; shall recover; shall raise them up; healed them all and as many as touched Him were healed."

<u>Matthew 12:15</u>, "Great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all."

<u>Matthew 14:36, "As many</u> as touched (him) were made perfectly whole."

Luke 6:19, "The whole multitude sought to touch him: (and he) <u>healed</u> them,"

<u>Psalm 89:34</u>, "My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips."

Luke 4:40, "When the sun was setting, all they that had <u>any sick</u> with various diseases brought them to him; and he laid his hands <u>on everyone of</u> them, and healed them."

Healing was for all in those days, and Christ the Healer has never changed. (End quote)

After all this Word, I will ask a question? Does the Bible teach that it's God's will to heal all who believe it? Did our Prophet, who had a Message from God, teach that it's God's will to heal all who will believe it? Let's read what he said:

QUOTE: POSSESSING THE EN-EMY'S GATE, PAGE 12, BR. BRAN-HAM "Now we have a right to conquer all sickness. We don't have to conquer it; it's already conquered. We just have to claim the promise and go take it. It's already conquered. Death is conquered. Hell is conquered. Death is conquered. Hell is conquered. Sickness is conquered. Hell is conquered. All devils is conquered. Hell is conquered. Death is conquered. Hell is conquered. Death is conquered. The grave is conquered. We stand in the gate, taking it; don't have to fire a shot. It's already been paid for. (End quote)

QUOTE: POSSESSING THE EN-EMY'S GATES, PAGE 12, "Aren't you happy, this morning, to know that we stand now more than a conqueror, more than a conqueror? Oh, there's nothing to fight about. The fight is over. The whistle has blowed. The flag has rose. And in the midst of every sin pile, midst of every sick room is the old rugged Cross, planted by the Blood of Jesus Christ. a Conqueror. Only thing we do is believe, look and live." (End quote)

If we have proved it with Scripture, then we are wrong not to believe it!

QUOTE: HEALING THE SICK, T.L. OSBORN: HEALING IS FOR All AND SHOULD BE PREACHED TO ALL, "Philip preached Christ at Samaria:

And the people with one accord gave heed to those things which Philip spoke, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. And there was great joy in that city. (Acts 8:6-8)

Jesus proved to be exactly the same when Philip told the people about Him.

Peter preached Christ to the cripple (Acts 3:6), to the multitude (Acts 5:14-16), to Aeneas (Acts 9:34). All were healed. Jesus was the same for Peter.

Wherever and whenever Jesus Christ is proclaimed as our sacrifice for sin and sickness, *physical healing* as well as *spiritual salvation* will result.

Paul preached Christ.

And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked: the same heard Paul speak: who steadfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed, said with a loud voice, stand upright on your feet. And he leaped and walked. (Acts 14:8-10)

Paul must have preached the Gospel of healing, because the lame man received faith to be healed while listening to Paul's message." (End quote)

We have set before you the same message that Paul, the First Church Age Messenger preached and that was repeated by God's last (Seventh) Church Age Messenger, Br. William Branham. Now it behooves us who are sick to cast aside every doubt, every fear, and for the Glory of God receive our healing! How do we dare trample His terrible suffering, in Pilate's Judgment Hall, under our feet by not receiving our healing? How dare we trample His Blood, shed on the Cross, under our feet by not receiving forgiveness of our sins, past, present, and future?

<u>Romans 8:31-33</u>, "What shall we then say to these things? If God [be] for us, who [can be] against us?

32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? [It is] God that justifieth."

And it's by His stripes we are healed. (I Peter 2:24)

Receive ye your Salvation in the Name of the Lord, receive ye your healing by the same name, Jesus Christ of Nazareth and let the world know that it was "Him" that forgave you and healed you. Worship Him and give Him Glory! Amen.