

Healing and the Kingdom of God

God's Kingdom Plan was established at Creation

- God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over all the earth.” Gen. 1:26.
- God blessed Adam and Eve and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over all living creatures that move along the ground.” Gen. 1:28.

God's kingdom plan for Adam and Eve

- God delegated his power and authority
- Adam and Eve had responsibilities
- Living in the Garden of Eden came with conditions
- Living in the Garden of Eden came with blessings



The Fall



For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
(Rom. 3:23)

For the wages of sin is death. (Rom. 6:23)

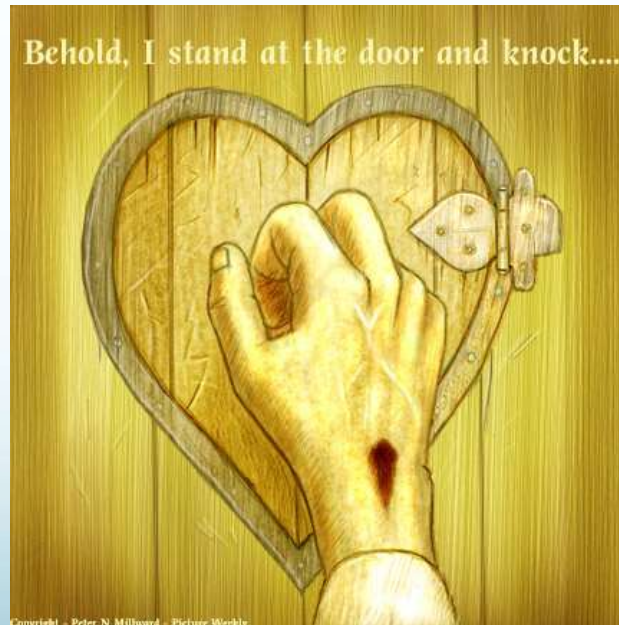
The Cross restored the Kingdom blessings

- Praise be to our God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For He chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. In love He predestined us to be adopted as His sons through Jesus Christ. Eph. 1:3-5



Salvation is the doorway to the Kingdom

- Christians can reclaim the blessings that God prepared for Adam and Eve
- They are available to those who actively seek them.



What are the Kingdom blessings?

God will provide all our essential needs of life

- So do not worry about what to eat, what to drink, and what to wear? Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. (Matthew 6:31 - 33)

God protects us from harm, disaster, pestilence

- He is my refuge and fortress (Ps 91)

God heals us

- But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5)

Keys to receiving Kingdom blessings

Abide in Christ

- “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

Be blessed and bless others

- Jesus said, “Freely you have received, freely give.”
Matt.10:8

Depend on God alone

Submit to God and the devil will flee (James 4:7)

Use the keys!

- “And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven: and whatsoever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” (Matthew 16:19)



Called to be disciples

The Great Commission

- Jesus said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” (Matt 28:18)

Healing is a sign of a Disciple

- Jesus said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.” (Mark 16:15-18)

What is our purpose?

- To be active disciples
- To demonstrate that the benefits of the Kingdom are here.
- To understand that we have been given power and authority and to take up our role as disciples

What is our role?

- To do as Jesus did
- Jesus is not here in the body, so we are His body to do as He did.
- We can choose to take up the kingdom promises and claim the blessings available to us.

We are called to work on behalf of Jesus

- I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. (Jn. 14:12)
- And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the son may bring glory to the Father. (Jn. 14:13)

What do we need?

- Faith in a supernatural God
- To know your purpose
- To live according to Kingdom principles

Faith that God will heal

- For truly I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move ; and nothing will be impossible to you. (Matthew 17:20)
- Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. (Hebrews 11:1)



Simple faith

Example 1:

- At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. (Luke 10:21)

Example 2:

- And Jesus said to the blind man, “Receive your sight, your faith has made you well.” And immediately he received his sight and began following Jesus, glorifying God. (Luke 18:42-43)



Example 3:

- Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind Him and touched the edge of His cloak. She said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak I will be healed.” Jesus turned and saw her. “Take heart daughter,” he said, “your faith has healed you.” And the woman was healed from that moment. (Matt 9:21-22)



Example 4:

- Multitudes of men and women were constantly added to their number to such an extent that they even carried the sick out into the streets, and laid them on cots and pallets, so that when Peter came by, at least his shadow might fall on any one of them. And also the people from the cities in the vicinity of Jerusalem were coming together, bringing people who were sick or afflicted with unclean spirits; and they were all being healed. (Acts 5:15-16)

God's power works through us

- Through the gifts of the Holy Spirit
- Act 1:8 “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you;”
- 1 Cor. 4:20 “For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power”.

A warning against pride

- I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.” (Luke 10:19-20)

ALL gifts for ALL believers

- Healing
- Word of knowledge
- Word of wisdom
- Gift of faith
- Prophecy
- Deliverance
- Miracles
- Wisdom

Persistence in prayer

- Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. (Matt 7:7)
- “I see men as trees walking.” (Mark 8:24)



Is healing the will of God?

- No sickness in the Garden of Eden
- No sickness in Heaven
- So who causes it?

Does God send sickness to test and refine us?

- The Lord said to Satan, “Very well then, everything he has is in your hands, but on the man himself, do not lay a finger.” Job 1:12
- And in all this Job did not curse God as Satan said he would. Job 42:10-17

Natural



& Supernatural



Live according to Kingdom principles

- Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 6:19-20)
- Show wisdom in caring for your body
- Keep fit to serve

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principles for good health:

Nutrients

Exercise

Water



Sunlight

Toxin avoidance

Air

Rest

Think happy thoughts & trust in God



Other Kingdom principles for right living

- The Ten Commandments
- The 11th and 12th commandments: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength and love your neighbour as yourself. (Luke 10:27)

Types of healing available to us

- Spiritual
- Physical
- Mental
- Emotional

- This is the confidence we have in approaching God, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us, and if we know that He hears us – whatever we ask – we know we have what we asked if Him. (1 John 5:14)