

# Covenant Health Sunday

**House of the Lord**

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A proper perspective, in relation to appropriating the provisions of our New Covenant, must be pursued to attain the benefits of our Father's promises.

Miracles and healing have one thing in common, they defeat the lie arrayed against a persons Covenant provision.

A miracle is ministered to a person, by another person, through the agency of God's anointings. *1 Corinthians 12:10 "to another the working of miracles by the same spirit"*. But, healing is a separate and distinct operation. *1 Corinthians 12:9 "to another the gifts of healing by the same spirit"*.

Miracles work in accordance with one flow of the Holy Spirit, while healings flow out of another operation of the Holy Spirit.

Miracles are delivered to your front door, and for the most part, are the result of the operation of another person's gifting or faith. A miracle is a gift of God.

Healing is a blank check God has written to you and for you, on His Covenant account. Healing is the product of your Covenant. "with His stripes, you are healed," not can be healed, or will eventually be healed, but ARE, a finished truth of your Covenant keeping God.

" you shall be unto me a people  
and I shall be unto you, your God." (Jeremiah 11:4)

Healing is activated by faith in an established truth of God's Word.

Healing may occur in an instant of time, or over the course of a period of time. But whether immediate manifestation or progressive manifestation, both are prior truth, never future possibility.

Hope to be healed is powerless. Hope has no foundation on which to stand. Hope is a desire. It may be accompanied by belief, but being un-established, as a truth already firm, it is faithless.

Belief - a weak and powerless substitute for faith

Hope - a step above belief, but no authority or foundation truth to empower it

Faith - a total reliance on an established truth of God's Covenant dependability, that takes hope to a higher level

Belief - it's possible

Hope - it's possible, or even probable for me

Faith - I have a promise, it's already mine

Belief, looks for, hope anticipates, faith celebrates.

A person is not in full faith, until they can embrace the excitement, truth foretells. They are not walking the faith walk until they can celebrate a truth they believe, have hope in, and now taken ownership of.

He is God to those who seek Him

He is a rewarder to those who receive His Lordship

He is King to those who perform His will and live out His truth, to reign in life.

To receive healing, a person must believe,

God is the healer

Healing already exists

Health is God's will for their life

That they are the healed and not the sick

A person cannot believe in two opposite estates at the same time.

- One estate says, I'm sick trying to get well
- Another estate says, I am the healed and sickness is trespassing on my covenant position

Sickness, disease, infirmity, may present itself to your mind and body, but it cannot remain without your belief in it, acceptance of it, or accommodation of it.

Healed, NOW, is a truth of God that belongs to the Believer.

Sick is a lie that has come to deceive you into an alter reality, where you relinquish your right of health.

- A healed of the Lord person does not need healing,
- Although they may need to evict sickness and its lies,

- They remain the healed in mind and spirit and never surrender their superior position of healed, to accept, embrace or tolerate the cursed position of sick.

"A double minded man obtains, retains or sustains nothing"

Am I sick trying to get well, or  
Am I well and sickness (a temporary lie) is trying to lie against my covenant position of healed?

I act, react or respond to a thing, based upon the reality I have accepted.  
God's - Healed, whole, free  
Satan's - sick, diseased, bound

The reality I embrace will either rule me or allow me to rule. I can be damned by the lie I believe.

Satan comes to steal your health, he cannot take it by force, he has to do it by deception and trickery. What you will not accept he cannot force.

The question must be settled. Which reality have I accepted?  
God's Word - "with His stripes you were healed"  
Satan's lies - you're coming down with something

Am I returning God's Word to Him?  
Am I presenting satan's stealing lies to Him?

God and His truth is reality = Blessed manifest  
Satan's lies and deceptions = an altered state of "perceived reality" that leads to failure and bondage.

God has prepared channels for me to walk in my Covenant health provision:  
Believe, adhere to and walk in His Word  
Make a stand of faith in celebratory expectation  
Call for the elders who can pray (James 5:14)  
Appropriate Covenant provision

Romans 8:16 "the spirit (of God, of truth, of power) agrees with our spirit, when we are one (bound together in faith, based on the reality of God's truth and Covenant promise)."

## **1 Corinthians 11:26-31**

:26 For as often as you eat this bread, and drink this cup, you are retelling the message of our Lord's death, until He returns.

*Receiving communion is a re-stating of what His sacrifice provided, and how it redeemed.*

:27 Because it is a witness, whoever eats the bread, or drinks of the Lord, in a wrong spirit, in an unworthy manner, must answer for a sin against the body and blood of the Lord.

*Not the sins one has committed prior to communion, but the sin of not participating in communion in a manner that reflects its triumph.*

28: Let each man, look into his own heart, and only then should he eat the bread

*Why am I taking the Lord's body into me?*

and drink of that cup.

*Why am I receiving His shed blood?*

29: For if he eats the bread and drinks the wine in a manner not befitting the sacrifice celebrated, he brings judgment upon himself by his participation.

*If he does not recognize what is provided for him in the Lord's Table, he opens himself up to all the curse that was defeated in the Lord's sacrifice.*

:30 \*\*\*

It is the careless, thoughtless participation, which is the reason for the many feeble and sickly Christians in your church, and explains why some have experienced death.

*If one does not recognize the benefit and respond accordingly, they will forfeit the provision.*

:31 If we carefully examine our motives in this celebration, we would not bring on ourselves the curse it freed us from.

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:32 But if punishment does come,

we are being disciplined, trained and instructed by it,

that we would not incur the damnation, curse, and condemnation the world

has,

being outside Covenant.

