

# 5. Divine Healing in God's Covenant

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Subtitle: Our faith is demonstrated by our words & actions

We're studying divine healing in God's covenant that He established with us.

God makes covenants with His people & He enshrines certain blessings within those covenants, so we can have faith, confidence & certainty about His promises. This includes His promises on healing.

God heals people, not randomly, but based on His covenant promises.

## Summary of last week's message:

A. God's Power is always present to heal

B. A paralytic man was healed by the power of Gad

Mark 2:5,11 (NKJV) *When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic ... 11 ... arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." 12 Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all ...*

- Their faith could be seen - by their actions
- Faith can also be heard - by our words

C. Ten lepers were healed "as they went"

**Luke 17:14b, 19 (NKJV)** ... *And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. ... 19 And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."*

- Ten lepers demonstrated their faith by acting on what Jesus said

### 1. A blind man is healed as he "went and washed"

**John 9:1-7 (NKJV)** *Now **as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth.** 2 And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3 Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. 4 I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the*

light of the world.” **6** When He had said these things, **He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay.** **7** And He said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which is translated, Sent). So **he went and washed, and came back seeing.**

- Jesus saw a man who was blind from birth
- He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva
- He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay & said to him “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam”
- The blind man **went and washed, and came back seeing**
- This blind man demonstrated his faith for healing by his actions
- He “went and washed”, as Jesus commanded, and “came back seeing”
- Suggestion:
  - The healing was neither in Jesus’ saliva nor in the pool of Siloam
  - The healing was in the man’s faith actions as he “went and washed”
  - (If he power of God was in the clay, the blind man did not “connect” with the power until he “went and washed”)
- Following simple instructions “connects” us with the power of God

## **2. A young girl is set free as her mother speaks words of faith**

**Mark 7:25–30 (NKJV)** *For a woman whose young daughter had an unclean spirit heard about Him, and she came and fell at His feet. 26 The woman was a Greek, a Syro-Phoenician by birth, and she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter. 27 But Jesus said to her, “Let the children be filled first, for it is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs.” 28 And she answered and said to Him, “Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs under the table eat from the children’s crumbs.” 29 Then He said to her, “**For this saying go your way; the demon has gone out of your daughter.**” 30 And when she had come to her house, she found the demon gone out, and her daughter lying on the bed.*

- A woman whose young daughter had an unclean spirit heard about Jesus
- She came to Jesus and fell at His feet (She honoured & worshipped Him)
- She **kept asking** Him to cast a demon out of her daughter
- Initially, Jesus did not reply
- Then, He told her that He has been sent (primarily) to the lost sheep of the house of Israel (Matthew 15:24)

- He said: It is not good to take the children's bread & throw it to the dogs
- She replied: Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs under the table eat from the children's crumbs
- He replied: For this saying go your way; the demon has gone out of your daughter
- In other words:
  - Woman, you have spoken the right words
  - You have spoken words of faith
- The Syro-Phoenician woman came to Jesus, & would not leave until she had obtained the deliverance & healing for her daughter
- Jesus called her persistence "great faith"
- The "crumbs" of the power of God set the young girl free from a demon

**Matthew 15:28 (NKJV)** *Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.*

- Our words will either "help" or "hinder"
- They will either:
  - connect us with the power of God
  - or keep us disconnected

**Numbers 14:28 (NKJV)** *Say to them, 'As I live,' says the Lord, 'just as you have spoken in My hearing, so I will do to you:*

- God listens to our words
- Our words communicate either words of faith, or words of doubt/unbelief
- Life & Death are in the power of the tongue (Proverbs 18:21)
- Sickness & disease are also in the power of the tongue

### **3. A Centurion got his servant healed because he spoke words of faith**

**Matthew 8:5–10 (NKJV)** *Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, **6** saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." **7** And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." **8** The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. **But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed.** **9** For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." **10** When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!"*

- A centurion pleads with Jesus for his servant to be healed from paralysis
- Jesus said to him: I will come & heal him
- The centurion said: Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed
- He proceeded by saying: I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me:
  - I say to this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes
  - to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes
  - and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it
- When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said: Assuredly, I say to you, **I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel**
- The centurion demonstrated his faith by the words that he spoke
- The most profound words of faith that the centurion spoke to Jesus were: “... only speak a word, and my servant will be healed”

### **Observations:**

- The centurion compared faith-filled words to be like his soldiers & servants
- His soldiers & servants do exactly what he tells them to do
- He says:
  - Go, and they go
  - Come, and they come
  - Do this, and they do it
- Our faith-filled words will do the same:
  - Our faith “goes” when we speak
  - Our faith “does this” when we speak and say “do this”

### **Faith Confession:**

Father God, I thank you that You have saved me from my sins & redeemed me from the curse of the law. I declare that my life is fully surrendered to Jesus Christ - He is my Lord & my Saviour. Thank you also that healing belongs to me by covenant. I agree with your word and declare that I am now healed by the stripes of Jesus. I declare that I walk in the full liberty to which Christ has set me free. I am now free from oppression. I am blessed with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. I am strong in my spirit. I am strong in my soul. I am strong in my body. I live at peace in all my relationships. I am strong in my financial affairs. I dwell in the secret place of the Most High, and I abide under the shadow of the Almighty. No evil befalls me & no plague comes near my dwelling.

I pray and declare this in the mighty name of Jesus Christ, Amen.