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Enjoy, and God Bless You!

Introduction:

One of the purposes of the Word of God is for healing which can come to us mentally, physically, and spiritually. As the healing Word and will of God comes into our hearts, we can expect to experience God's loving spiritual embrace as His Word begins living in our lives.

The Scripture used throughout this study is quoted from the King James Version unless otherwise noted. Any explanatory insertions by the author in any of the Scripture verses are enclosed in {braces}.

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One:

He Sent His Word and Healed Them

The Word of God has always been given to heal and mend the hearts and souls of believers. God's Word is the greatest thing that has ever been given, yet sometimes the Word has been one of the most neglected and rejected gifts that God, in love, has ever presented to humanity.

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I am reminded of the Centurion in the Gospel of Matthew 8:8 who said to Jesus, "speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed," and his servant was indeed healed. If the Word of God was that powerful when the Psalms were written and still as powerful when Jesus was here, it only stands to reason that the Word of God sent to us via the New Testament Epistle is still as powerful as it ever was at any time in history.

The main reason people do not see this power and healing is simply because people do not believe the Word as much as they originally believed it when the Word was first given to men and women by the inspiration of God. Not only is the Word of God currently profitable for healing, but it also can deliver us from all of our destructions.

Man is a master of self-destruction, he sometimes destroys his own endeavors in life, and unfortunately, sometimes he may fall into devilishly inspired destructions (John 10:10a). However, when we act upon and believe God's Word it will always produce positive deliverance in our lives. We must simply decide to trust in God's Word to see and experience His most precious blessings upon our lives!

Psalm 107:21:

Oh that *men* would praise the LORD for his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men!

This is a great verse of Scripture when we look at it in the context of verse 20 (above). For God's "wonderful works to the children of men" is our own deliverance from destructions, and "oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness" is man being thankful because God sent His Word and healed them.

Healing can come to us physically, mentally, and even spiritually as we look to God's Word and keep His Word up on the pedestal of our hearts. As we hold on to it as truth, we raise our own believing to the standard that the Words of Life reveal. God blesses you, so please enjoy this wonderful day in complete assurance that God has sent His Word to you, and His Word does indeed heal, as swiftly as His Word delivers us from destructions!

Two:

The Bread of Life

Matthew 4:4:

But he {Jesus} answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Obviously, we need bread to live — physical food gives man existence. However, to have real spiritual life empowering men and women, young and old, the biblical requirement is always to feed our spiritual lives with spiritual food. In the Greek text the word for “live” means to have and experience true life beyond mere existence, the life that only God can sustain by giving life out of (or from) Himself, “for in him we live, and move, and have our being” (Acts 17:28).

In the Greek, the word, “word” is *rhēma* and means that which is spoken. It is a small portion of the whole (Word of God). It can represent a single word, a sentence, or a sermon out from the Scriptures, and most assuredly, a *rhēma* is what you are reading now — a “Bible byte.”

The word “proceedeth” indicates the reaching of a goal and the goal that is to be reached is God (all the way to the very breath and mouth of God Himself), wherein God’s life that we are daily feeding on is becoming more and more received, acknowledged, assimilated, and lived.

John 17:8a:

For I {Jesus} have given unto them the words {*rhēma*} which thou {God} gavest me; and they have received *them* . . .

Oh yes, we indeed require physical food to live. But what about our spiritual lives, have we tapped into the storehouse that contains the bread of life? Just as we do not eat all the food that will sustain our physical lives in one day, eating all the spiritual nourishment we will need for life in one day is just as impossible. Rather, God’s Word is to be served, enjoyed, and lived on by receiving byte-sized morsels (*rhēma*), as Jesus explained in Matthew 4:4.

John 6:63b:

. . . The words {*rhēma*} that I {Jesus} speak unto you {these are words, which originally came “out of the mouth of God”}, *they* are spirit, and *they* are life.

When we feast on the bread of life contained in God’s whole Word, life itself will become a daily delight, giving us even greater satisfaction and fulfillment than we could have ever dreamed.

Three:

The Inspiration of God

II Timothy 3:16:

All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

The words “given by inspiration of God” literally mean that God breathed. All Scripture being the genuine breath of God is exhilarating to those of us who are searching for God and the meaning of life, for in God’s Word is contained “all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him” (II Peter 1:3).

Let us first note that all Scripture is profitable, and secondly that all Scripture is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness. These are the reasons for God breathing His Scriptures into existence. God inspired many different writers (Prophets) through the years to have all the Scriptures written. Nevertheless, all Scripture came from God.

II Peter 1:21:

For the prophecy {of God’s Word} came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake {and wrote} *as they were* moved {or rather; as they were inspired} by the Holy Ghost {by God, Who is the Holy Spirit}.

We want to handle the Word of God with this respect; that the Scriptures are truly the way to know God’s heart, and are profitable for us, and that we have the God-given right to them in never ending abundance.

The first time God breathed was in Genesis when God gave man life, for He “breathed into his {Adam’s} nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul” (Genesis 2:7). The second time (recorded in the Bible) that God breathed, man received “all Scripture.

This all Scripture contains the God-given profit and instruction (the manual of life) to live in the complete righteousness of our God. He created man, and then He gave us

the written instructions on how to live perfectly within the heavenly designed structure that God created.

It is the Word inspired in our own hearts, which gives us purpose and reason for life itself. It is our heartfelt inspiration of and for God that encourages and gives you and I hope to continue walking with Him in complete satisfaction that He is our maker, and our every reason to continue looking to Him through His revealed Word, the inspiration of God.

Four:

The Word of God is Quick and Powerful

Hebrews 4:12:

For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

The word “quick” means living and real, for the Word of God is alive, unlike the average book that simply contains information that usually becomes obsolete and/or outdated. In contrast, our God’s Word is living and becomes more renewed and concise in the hearts of our own understanding. The word “powerful” is the Greek word *energēs*, and means powerful in its action and effectual in its operation; the English word for kinetic energy comes from *energēs*. One way that Hebrews 4:12 could read is that “the Word of God is living energy,” because the words in the Scripture are the very life and essence of God Himself.

God’s Word is also sharper than any two-edged sword dividing between the soul and the spirit. Sometimes we confuse the soul and spirit, using them interchangeably, quite often thinking they are the same thing. However, the wonderful Word of God shows us a unique distinction, for whenever the word “soul” is used in the Bible it means our breath life (Genesis 2:7). We were born with soul, and when we take our last breath – our soul is gone. On the other hand, the spirit that we have is a gift created by God and given to us at the very moment of our salvation (Romans 8:15, II Corinthians 5:5).

The spirit gives man eternal life.

The soul gives man physical life.

I am told that science has yet to distinguish between where the marrow of any joint ends and where the joint actually begins, and thus there is no scalpel that could sever the two parts perfectly. True or not, the Word is so sharp that it can distinguish the difference. After all, God should know for He formed, made, and created the human body.

Isaiah 55:11:

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void {useless}, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it.

Contrary to some very popular thought (and ignorance), God is not dead! God is real, and His Word is not only quick and powerful but it accomplishes everything that it says it will do. The wonderful Word, which came from the mouth of God, He sent and gave to us, and is priceless; for all Scripture is the inspiration of God. Remember Psalms 107:20a, He sent His Word and healed them. Thus, God's Word will prosper us, for we are those who have received His healing Word. God's Word is also "a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." The word "discerner" means that it critiques, and what the Word critiques is the heart. The "heart" in the Bible represents our innermost being, where we think and talk to ourselves. The word "thoughts" means our emotions, and the word "intents" means our ideas or notions.

Hebrews 4:12 shows that the living Word will critique the very thoughts and emotions that men and women have about God. The living Word itself critiques the very thoughts and emotions of our hearts (Ephesians 1:17-20), guiding us into deeper understandings and revelations of God Himself.

Five:

The Magnified Word

Psalms 138:2b:

. . . for thou {God} hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

The Psalmist says that God magnified His Word above His entire name. What is in a name? Well, when it is the name of God Who created the universe, then a lot is in that name. The power, the glory, and the eminence of God Himself is what is in His name. Yet the Word of God is magnified even above God's good name. For His Word is perfect, greater than perhaps we have ever realized, for it has stood the test of time and it still stands for something. God never magnified the stars or planets, He never magnified any of his created Angels, but He did indeed magnify His precious Word.

John 17:17:

Sanctify them {believers} through thy {God's} truth: thy word is truth.

We are sanctified through the truth, for the magnified Word of God is truth! To be sanctified is to be set aside, to be cleansed by and for the Creator, and to be His chosen children with access to God through His truth, which is His Word. When the Word of God begins holding us up, when His Word has a place in our hearts, and when His Word becomes our guiding light, then we will begin to realize our unique standing in the household of God sanctified in Him to hold His magnificently magnified Word. The Psalmist further said:

Psalms 119:11:

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

We can hide God's Word in the hearts of our conscious minds and His Word will help us from falling away from Him. God's Word is the greatest thing ever given to humanity, and all we have to do is accept it at face value to begin experiencing true confidence and sanctification in His Word. God never said we were perfect, He only asks that we try, and when we do try, God through the Word will do more than we could ask or even think.

Ephesians 3:20:

Now unto him {God} that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

It certainly is wonderful to be learning about the greatness of the magnified Word of God, and it will become even greater the more we begin holding God's Word high and esteemed as the Psalmist did. Consider that God already knows everything about us and He still loves us! He gave His Word, which is actually His heart laid bare to us so that we can truly know Him, and so that our relationship could be a two-way knowing and loving relationship. These are the keys to true spiritual life with God, and this life is more than abundant, so please enjoy your day knowing that you have complete access to all of God's perfect truth - the magnified Word.

Six:

Thy Words Were Found

Jeremiah 15:16a:

Thy words were found, and I did eat them . . .

The Prophet did not literally eat the Bible, like a group from Florida, I once met who actually ate their Bibles and then went on a walking pilgrimage around the country, thinking that they instinctively knew the Scriptures simply because they ate them. However, in Jeremiah the Prophet realized that his life was spiritually nourished by feeding his mind with the words that came out from the mouth of God. The word “found” means discovered. Rocks are found, but genuine treasures are always discovered. Every Christian who continues looking to the words of God will come to the place in their own understanding that they actually discover for themselves the enormous value of the Scriptures, and when we individually discover the Word of God, the Word will cause our souls to rejoice.

Jeremiah 15:16b:

. . . and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.

Within the tremendous joy and rejoicing of our hearts, we can begin to realize that the Lord our God has absolutely called us. As we continue on a daily diet of spiritual food, our understanding of God and His marvelous Word will become the same joy and rejoicing of our hearts as it was for the Prophet. There is no wonder that the words of God are called “wholesome words” in I Timothy 6:3, for the words of God do taste so very good to our spiritual senses, and they are quite fulfilling as well.

I Peter 2:2-3

-2: As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

-3: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord *is* gracious.

As a newborn desires and needs his nourishment to live and grow, we are also to desire in a like manner the sincere milk of God’s wonderful Word, for with the milk

of God's Word we will spiritually grow in the wisdom of God. When God's words are discovered deep within our hearts and we esteem them like a valued treasure, we then can sincerely and honestly acknowledge the delectable graciousness of our God.

So today as you continue discovering for yourselves God's own words: may His words be for you the joy and rejoicing of your own heart.

Seven:

While He Opened to Us the Scriptures

Luke 24:32:

And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?

Jesus had joined up with two of his disciples as they were walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus, and they did not recognize Jesus because they thought him to be crucified and buried. However, the power of God resurrected Jesus, and his two disciples could not even conceive that the man walking with them was actually the Christ, the Son of the living God. As they walked, Jesus began teaching them the Scriptures.

Luke 24:27:

And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

This is a wondrous thing that Jesus had just done, explaining how the Scriptures were written of him. Jesus opened their eyes to the magnificence of God's Word and how the Word itself is a testimony of Jesus. That is one fellowship teaching that I would have loved to attend, because Jesus had opened their understanding of the Scriptures. The expounded Word caused them to say, "Did not our heart burn within us" because when the Scriptures begin to make sense, life itself takes on a new exciting meaning, for we begin walking hand in hand with the Savior and in fellowship with the Creator.

They did not recognize Jesus until he prayed at their dinner table and when Jesus prayed he vanished before their eyes. Jesus did this with his new resurrected body, this kind of body we will receive when Christ returns for us (Philippians 3:20-21). We will receive a body that will live forever, that can appear and disappear at will, a body that can travel the lengths of the universe and back in the blink of an eye, a body that will never wear out or tire, and this is fathoms beyond (and above) walking on water! For now, we have the glorious hope of our complete redemption when

Christ returns to take us home to heaven, and we have the greatness of God's wonderful Word that causes our hearts to burn with excitement and joy.

Acts 20:32:

And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

This is a fitting verse of Scripture to close out our seven studies concerning God's healing Word. His Word spiritually builds us up, and shows us that we have an eternal inheritance with Him. We all can enjoy in the current sanctification with which God has set us apart for heaven.

My prayer for you is that God will continue to open your understanding of His healing Word so that your heart can burn with excitement for having received the Word of God's grace.

"GOD BLESS YOU!"

Benediction:

Acts 19:32 (The Amplified Bible): **

And now [brethren], I commit you to God [I deposit you in His charge, entrusting you to His protection and care]. And I commend you to the Word of His grace [to the commands and counsels and promises of His unmerited favor]. It is able to build you up and to give you [your rightful] inheritance among all God's set-apart ones ({and you are} those consecrated, purified, and transformed of soul).

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He Sent His Word

(The study below is an expanded version of chapter one.)

In the Gospels, there are many references to Jesus healing people. What empowered his ability to heal was his believing faith that released the power of God. When we receive God's healing Word and discover Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, then unequivocally the vim of our believing faith will also aspire us up to the standards that God's Word sets forth, as spiritual healing becomes ever more realized, administered, and enjoyed.

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When we believe God's Word, then the Word itself will begin producing positive results of deliverance. Whenever men and women decide to put their trust in God's Word with a believing heart of expectation, he or she will begin receiving His blessings!

I Thessalonians 2:13:

For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received *it* not *as* the

word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that {do one thing, and one thing only,} believe.

When we receive the Word of God, believing that we are receiving the thoughts of His heart opened to us, then the Word itself begins working within us *effectually* i.e., energetically.

Psalm 107:21:

Oh that *men* would praise the LORD for his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men!

This is a great verse of Scripture; let us compare it with the context of verse 20 (above). For God's *wonderful works to the children of men* is their own deliverance from destructions, and *Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness* is man being thankful because "God sent His Word and healed them." God has sent His Word, and His Word does indeed heal, as swiftly as His Word delivers us from destructions, for His Word is Jesus Christ!

Man on his own is sometimes a master of self-destruction by impeding his own hopes and dreams because he is not perfect. However, God's healing Word is perfect, and when we follow the instructions within God's Word with a believing heart, then true spiritual deliverance must follow.

Proverbs 3:5-8:

-5: Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

-6: In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

-7: Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear {respect} the LORD, and depart from evil.

-8: It shall be health {healing} to thy navel {meaning that healing can begin at the center of our lives}, and marrow {moisture} to thy bones.

The word *marrow* means moisture that nurtures the human structure of life. The word *fear* in verse 7 means to have respect, awe, and reverence for our heavenly Father, and acquiring this kind of respectful honor for God takes walking with Christ who is the Master Teacher and Physician of the spiritual heart and who heals the repentant sinner (Luke 5:31-32). We are often taught that we need to fear God, and that He will only care for those of us who are genuinely afraid of His power and judgments; however, this is simply a fallacy. God loves us and His desire for us is to respect and

honor Him, as He has total admiration, honor, and respect for us in that He so loved the world that He gave (John 3:16)!

Psalms 91:15:

He {the believer} shall call upon me {our God}, and I will answer him: I *will be* with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

In the Gospel of John 1:14 it reads, “And the Word was made flesh.” This refers to the birth and life of Jesus Christ, for he lived and spoke the Word of God. Jesus spoke God’s healing Word and as people believed on him, healing abounded. When God becomes clearly understood from the Scriptures, then His healing Word becomes a reality in our lives.

God sent His Word and healed them in the same manner that God sent Jesus Christ and healed them because Christ and God’s Word are inseparable. God sent His Son who said, “I have given them thy word” (John 17:14). Jesus gave of himself, giving his all in all even unto death. He is completely inseparable from the healing Word of God, in as much as the healing Word of God is inseparable from the true story of Jesus’ life.

In the Gospel of Matthew, as Jesus spoke the Word of God, healing became prevalent before his eyes, “For he taught them as *one* having authority” (Matthew 7:29), and his authority came from the healing Word of God.

Matthew 4:23–24:

-23: And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching {the Word} in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

-24: And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy {paralyzed}; and he healed them.

Today the Word of God still reveals Jesus Christ who reveals God, and when we truly find God and His honor bestowed upon our lives, the more abundant life (John 10:10) becomes known and enjoyed. As the healing Word of God begins to permeate and uplift our believing and searching souls, we can say (and receive) with believing conviction: *He sent his word and healed them*, for our healing comes through Christ who is the healing Word and will of God.