

WEDNESDAY FAITH & HEALING CLASS
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MARK 13:34 Authority means the right to **COMMAND** obedience, to **ENFORCE** obedience, and to act **OFFICIALLY**. Jesus had authority over **SICKNESS** and **DEMONS**. He had the right to enforce obedience and act in the official capacity as the Son of God. Sickness **OBEYED** His command, and so did demons.

MATTHEW 8:5-10 What brought **HEALING** to the Centurian's servant was his **FAITH** in the **AUTHORITY** Jesus possessed over sickness and disease.

- 1.) Healing comes to us as we **RECOGNIZE** the authority we have in the Name of Jesus over **SICKNESS** and **DEMONS**. As we **APPROPRIATE** faith in the mighty Name of Jesus, and **COMMAND** sickness or demons to obey, they must respond appropriately.
- 2.) **LUKE 9:1** Christ gave His followers **AUTHORITY** and **POWER** over all devils and diseases. Authority is something that must be **GIVEN** from someone of greater authority.
- 3.) **LUKE 9:2** They were to use their God-given authority to **PREACH** the kingdom of God and to **HEAL** the sick.
- 4.) **MATTHEW 10:7-8** Jesus **PREACHED** and **PRACTICED** healing, His disciples were told to preach and practice healing, and all believers are commissioned to **PREACH** the Gospel and **HEAL** the sick and cast out devils. This couldn't be done unless we were given authority.
- 5.) **MATTHEW 28:18-20, MK. 16:15-20** When Jesus commissioned believers to use His Name, He gave them the **POWER** of **ATTORNEY** to act on His behalf.

1.) Lay our own scriptural foundation. **MT. 7:24-27**

A.) Our faith must rest upon the great **PRINCIPLES** and **PROMISES** of the Bible. If not, we won't be able to stand against the **CHALLENGES** that are sure to come. We must be so certain that healing belongs to us, that all the **REASONINGS** of the best of **MEN** and **DEMONS** can't shake our faith.

B.) Most of the practical failures of faith result from **DOUBTFUL CONVICTIONS** concerning the divine word.

* A woman suffering from severe depression embraced Christ as healer and was immediately strengthened emotionally and physically. She shared her faith with her pastor who objected to her views calling them **FANATICISM**. He said her belief was exclusively for the **APOSTOLIC AGE**. She changed her **VIEWS** and in less than a month, sunk into such a depression that she scarcely knew if she **BELIEVED** the Bible to be true. With the help of another minister, she laid down her own **FOUNDATION** and said, "I know it is true, if all the world should deny it". She then asked forgiveness for her **WEAKNESS** and **UNBELIEF**. She renewed her profession of faith and was completely restored to health. The very pastor who caused her to stumble admitted her recovery was of God.

* **NUM. 20:8-12** If we think what we believe doesn't matter, just remember what Moses suffered for not **FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS**.

2.) Be assured of God's will. **1 JOHN 5:14-15**

A.) Those who pray if it be Thy will, don't know God's will. Therefore, they can't **HONOR** this scripture.

B.) True faith implies confidence in God's **WILLINGNESS** to heal as well as His **POWER** to heal. Any doubt will paralyze our faith for healing.

C.) "If it be Thy will" carries with it no **CLAIM** for which Satan will **RELEASE** his hold.

D.) In **MK. 1:40** God's will is questioned. Jesus' response is **ETERNAL** and **UNIVERSAL**.

E.) **JOHN 5:6** "Wilt thou be made whole?" Why ask **HIS** will in the matter? **JOHN 15:7** God's word reveals His will. **KNOWING** God's will enables us to ask "accordingly".

* A woman was anointed and prayed for to be healed. She returned a few weeks later saying she was no better. Asked what she believed, she replied "I believed that I should be healed **IF** it was His **GOOD PLEASURE**, and if **NOT**, I am **WILLING** to have otherwise". Told that the Word reveals His will and that it's a **MOCKERY** to imply a doubt of His **WILLINGNESS**, she went away and the very next morning claimed the promise. She said now I believe that He **COULD**, **WOULD** and **DID** remove the trouble. In less than half an hour, an external tumor of considerable size had wholly and visibly disappeared.

3.) Be sure you are right with God. **IS. 59:1-2; PS. 66:18-20.**

A.) Walking in **DARKNESS** opens the door to **SICKNESS**. Bitterness will defile us and cause a fountain of **DISEASE** to spring up in us.

B.) Unless we repent and ask forgiveness, God will neither **HEAR** or **HELP**. But if we judge ourselves, He will **FORGIVE** us and we can draw near with a true heart in **FULL ASSURANCE** of faith. **HEB. 10:22; JAMES 5:15-16**

4.) Delight, commit and trust. **PS. 37:4-5**

A.) To delight means to spend **TIME** with God in **WORSHIP**, **MEDITATION** and **WAITING** in His presence.

* **IS. 58:13-14** Instead of rehearsing the **PROBLEM** and **COMPLAINING**, we speak the Word and exalt it above the report of the **SENSES**.

B.) To commit means to **RELEASE** it to God. To place it in His **CARE**. To turn the situation over to Him.

C.) To trust means to firmly believe in God's **RELIABILITY**, **STRENGTH**, **ABILITY** or **TRUTH**.

* We trust our banking institutions, why not God?

