

## LESSON TWELVE

# THE DOUBLE CURE

### A. DIVINE HEALING WAS PROVIDED IN THE ATONEMENT.

Scriptural References:

*"Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses" (Matthew 8:17).*

*"I am the Lord that healeth thee" (Exodus 15:26).*

#### 1. WHAT IS DIVINE HEALING?

Divine healing is healing of the body apart from all remedies. It is the power of God manifested in a miracle of healing. It is the Spirit of God quickening our mortal bodies.

#### 2. WHAT IS MEANT BY THE DOUBLE CURE?

When Jesus died, He bore not only our iniquities, but also our sicknesses. In the atonement is salvation for the soul, and healing for the body. This is known as the double cure: salvation and healing.

A beautiful type of this is seen at Marah (Exodus 15:23-26). The tree that was cast into the bitter waters is a type of the cross of Calvary. The bitter water is a type of sin. With the sweetening of the waters was given a promise of health and healing.

### B. THE CAUSE OF SICKNESS.

In order to study the cause of sickness we shall divide it under two headings.

#### 1. PRIMARY CAUSE.

In the beginning God created Adam and Eve in perfect health. Sickness and death were unknown and obedience to God's commands would have insured the permanence of this blessed condition. As a result of disobedience, death came to the human race and with it, sickness. Here is seen the original cause of sickness.

One must be admonished not to take an extreme radical view that if a person is sick, he must have sinned to have brought it. This, of course, is wrong for even godly saints who are walking in all the light they have are often ill. However, it must be remembered that sickness and suffering may come as the direct result of wrongdoing.

#### 2. SECONDARY CAUSES.

(a). Sickness is sometimes brought upon an individual by sin. In Deuteronomy 28:58-61 is mentioned sicknesses that would come upon Israel if they disobeyed His commandments. *"If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of the law...he will*

*bring upon all the diseases of Egypt...also every sickness and every plague...until thou be destroyed" (Deuteronomy 28:58-61).*

- (b). Sickness can also be traced to the agency of Satan. An example of this may be seen in the experience of Job. Another example is the woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years. *"And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" (Luke 13:16).*
- (c). Sickness is permitted that the works of God may be manifested. *"That the works of God should be manifest in him" (John 9:3).*

### **C. SCRIPTURAL FOUNDATION FOR DIVINE HEALING.**

There are many Scriptures, which definitely teach the truth of Divine Healing. A few of the main Scriptures are given here:

1. *"...I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians; for I am the Lord thy God which healeth thee" (Exodus 15:25-26).*
2. Job. Here we have the source of sickness and the source of action, which brings healing.
3. *"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits; who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases" (Psalm 103:2-3).*
4. *"Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows...and with his stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:4-5).*
5. *"...Took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses" (Matthew 8:16-17).*
6. *"These signs shall follow them that believe...they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover" (Mark 16:15-18).*
7. *"Is any sick among you?...and the prayer of faith shall save the sick" (James 5:14).*

### **D. JESUS CHRIST, EVER THE SAME.**

Scriptural Reference:

*"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today and for ever" (Hebrews 13:8).*

The fact that Jesus Christ does not change is one of the greatest proofs we need that Jesus Christ heals today. During His ministry upon earth Jesus healed all that were brought to Him (Matthew 8:16). If He bore our pains in His own body on the cross, surely He will do for His children today as much as when He was here upon earth. This Scripture in Hebrews 13:8 is sufficient evidence for each of us to accept Him as the Great Physician. When we do this we are then ready to receive our healing.

### **E. ALL OBJECTIONS TO DIVINE HEALING ARE EASILY REFUTED.**

There are many objections brought against the truth of Divine healing, all of which may be readily refuted with a proper explanation. We shall content ourselves with examining only a few of these objections.

#### **1. THE AGE OF MIRACLES IS PAST.**

It is said that Jesus used miracles to establish the church but miracles are not needed to day. The statement is far from being true. If ever there was a time when the world needs a gospel with signs following, it is today. This is still the same church dispensation. There is

only one church whether in the time of the apostles or now. If Jesus is the same and we receive the Apostolic experience, then definitely the age of miracles is not past.

2. MEDICAL SCIENCE IS GOD'S MEANS TODAY FOR HEALING.

It is not the purpose of the writer to say a word against the skill, knowledge, or ability of medical science today to minister to the sick. It is recognized clearly what medical science is accomplishing today. However, God has a better plan. The creator never makes a mistake in diagnosing an illness. He is able to remove cancer without surgery. Why be content to rely upon the weak arm of flesh when it is God's plan to heal completely in a moment's time?

3. IT IS PRESUMPTUOUS TO PRAY FOR HEALING.

It is true that we should always pray for the will of God and be willing to surrender to it. However, we must recognize that it is God's will to heal. When we pray for healing we are praying according to His will.

4. MANY FALSE CULTS PRACTICE HEALING.

This is admitted. Whenever there is a genuine there is always a counterfeit. Just because there is the counterfeit we should never refuse the real thing. As the serpent of Moses swallowed the serpents of the Egyptian magicians, the miracles that follow the ministry of the true child of God should defeat that which is spurious.

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SELF HELP TEST

A. Explain clearly what is meant by the double cure.

B. Answer properly the following objection to divine healing: "The age of miracles is past."

C. How does Hebrews 13:8 prove that Jesus heals the body.

D. State the THREE secondary causes of sickness:

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