

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NOT IN WORD BUT IN POWER

1st Corinthians 4:20

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*Journey to
healing and
wholeness*

Through correct philosophies
and right thinking

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Introduction



My motivation for writing this manuscript was not to write a book and see my name on the cover; rather, it was my way of writing a journal. The focus of this writing is the revealed truth within God's Word that was given to me, for His Word is unchanging and can bring life and life more abundantly. Whereby, our emotions and the situations that we go through are ever-changing and writing about them will produce no eternal value.

This is written as a "healing journey," not just as a book on healing. I think you will find it to be much broader in its scope than that. For I am writing this not just from academic knowledge, but as I write it, I am also going through this same journey to receive my healing. Some of the sections in this book you may not think are very relevant to the subject of healing, but they all apply. For the issues that we carry with us, whether physical or emotional, affect us as a whole person and should not be dissected into smaller components.

Just a little about me, At a early age, less than one year, I came down with a life-threatening and crippling condition that, after the smoke cleared, resulted in symptoms that looked very much like cerebral palsy (CP). Through my growing years, I overcame many of these limitations, learned how to walk and talk and afterward learned to be content and complacent with my condition. It took many years before I got to the point where I was no longer satisfied with my limited degree of healing and that is where this journey starts.

First, I wrote what I consider to be beginning mind-sets that I believe kept me from reaching my full healing at an earlier age, for I am now fifty-five years of age. The website PowerMinistries.info, where this healing journey also resides, was started about ten years ago, around the year 2000, out of an interest to learn God's Word and two years

later, I took off for a Bible college. After many years of saturating myself in God's Word, I knew it was time for my healing, not just more partial healing, enough to get by on or slow labor-intensive growth, but complete wholeness through God's Word.

As you go through these teachings, know that healing is a journey. By this, I do not mean a journey of slow physical improvement over a number of weeks, months or years. People use this as a justification, rather than to believe and receive healing solely from God's Word. However, even when physical healing comes instantaneously and overnight, it still took a process of time for us to renew our mind and get to the place where we could receive our healing. God has provided several ways within His Word to pursue healing. If one way doesn't seem to work for you pursue another way, but do not give up! I assure you that if you draw a line in the sand as to how far you will go to get your healing, our adversary will make sure that you cross that line. In many ways, it is your choice. Are you going to remain steadfast until the end, resting in the truth of God's Word and become that overcomer or are you going to give up, choose to make the best of your physical sickness or limitation and settle for second best?

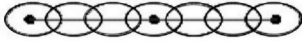
The sections I have written are by no means exhaustive, there is much more to be said about each point. However, I have tried to address most mind-sets that hinders us and most ways that allows us to receive healing from God.

It is my wish that everyone reading this, no matter what their condition might be, regardless of how it came upon them or how long they have had the condition, will find their healing. That a seed will be planted and they will rise up and say, "It is time for my healing," Knowing the truth that they are a child of God and that life and health are part of the gospel. If you cling to the truth, you cannot fail. For Jesus said, "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free," [John 8:32](#). This journey will first show you the truth of God's Word and in the truth you will find your personal healing.

Section One

*Beginning
mind-sets*

God's Word, the healing power



God's Word can heal you regardless of what you currently believe. Acknowledging that Jesus is the Son of God and being born again is not necessarily a prerequisite to healing. I write this to quench any personal bias you might have, that God is a respecter of only certain people groups or of only believers. Scripture tells us that God is not a respecter of persons, **Acts 10:34, Romans 2:11, James 2:1**. Everyone can be healed by God's Word, for Jesus said to the Jewish leaders, "if ye believe not on Me, believe in the works that I do, that you may know that the Father is in Me and I in Him," **John 10:38**. Jesus used physical healing and other tangible signs to give people an opportunity to believe in God.

During His earthly ministry, Jesus used healing to call people to God. For Jesus sent His disciples both to preach the kingdom of heaven and to heal the sick, in no certain order. When He sent out the twelve disciples, He sent them to "proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick," **Luke 9:2**. Later when He sent out the seventy, He said, "Heal the sick that are therein, and say to them, The kingdom of God has come near you!," **Luke 10:9**. Therefore, everybody is eligible to receive God's healing. However, if you wish to retain and walk in God's divine health and provision, you will need to have a knowledge of His Word and promises.

Whether Jesus is the Son of God, is a question that all of us must answer. It cannot come solely through book learning or by what someone else teaches us. Our quest may start out that way, but it must become a decision of the heart. Even historical records and most other religious beliefs acknowledge that a man named Jesus lived over two thousand years ago. However, we must believe in what He did and said, for Jesus made some incredible statements and did many mighty works. Ignoring the matter is not an option. We must either believe that Jesus is a liar, a lunatic,

or our Lord and Savior.

Understanding that Jesus is the Son of God is essential to receiving from the Word. Therefore I have listed verses that claim Jesus to be the Son of God. For a larger list, [click here](#).

Old Testament prophecy foretells of His coming;
[Isaiah 9:6](#).

His name will be, Emmanuel, Jesus – the Son of God;
[Matthew 1:23](#), [Luke 1:35](#).

God acknowledged Jesus as His Son; [Matthew 3:17](#),
[Mark 1:11](#), [Mark 9:7](#).

His disciples acknowledged Jesus as the Son of God;
[Matthew 14:33](#), [John 6:69](#), [John 20:28](#).

Jewish leaders accused Jesus of being the Son of God;
[Matthew 27:43](#), [John 19:7](#).

The sick referred to Him as, the Son of David or the Son of God; [Matthew 8:29](#), [Mark 3:11](#), [Luke 8:28](#).

Jesus said that He was the Messiah, the Son of God;
[Matthew 26:64](#), [Mark 14:62](#), [Luke 22:70](#), [John 4:26](#),
[John 9:37](#), [John 10:36](#).

If people were healed in the earthly ministry of Jesus and afterwards by the disciples and apostles, God's Word can heal us today. For, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today and forever," [Hebrews 13:8](#). Jesus Christ came to us as God's Word (*in the*) flesh, [John 1:14](#), therefore we can also say that God's Word is the same yesterday, today and forever. The Word has the same power to heal today as it did yesterday.

Action to be taken:

God's Word, the healing power

- Work up within yourself a desire to know the truth of God's Word. Teachings and a way of salvation can be found on <http://PowerMinistries.info>

Knowing that God is your Father



Everyone was created by God, but God only becomes our true Father at the time of our genuine salvation. Unless we believe that Jesus is the Son of God (God's only-begotten Son) and that God raised Him from the dead, [Romans 10:9](#), scriptures tell us that we do not have God as our Father.

Whosoever denies the Son, the same has not the Father: he that confesses the Son has the Father also, [1st John 2:23](#) (ASV).

Jesus said unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes unto the Father, but by Me, [John 14:6](#).

Unbelievers and those who do not acknowledge Jesus as the Son of God, cannot claim God as their rightful Father, for, Jesus spoke to certain Jewish Pharisees who acknowledged God and told them that they were of their father the devil.

⁴² Jesus said to them, If God were your Father, ye would love Me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of Myself, but He sent Me. ⁴³ Why do ye not understand My speech? *even* because ye cannot hear My word. ⁴⁴ Ye are of *your* father the devil, . . . , [John 8:42-44](#).

Without having God as our real Father, we cannot understand who we are in Christ and this will hinder us from receiving from God. The theory of evolution has misconstrued the truth that we are children of God. It denies or at the least, minimizes our rightful identity in Christ. We must realize that we are in the family of God, rather than just an animal that now walks on two feet. Scripture tells us that, "All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds," [1st Corinthians 15:39](#). And that we are fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God, [Ephesians 2:19](#). To have access to Christ's inheritance, we must be a family member. For an inheritance goes only to someone within the family, otherwise it is called a will. God created both male and female in the image of God. We did not

evolve from monkeys or apes; we were made in the image of God, [Genesis 1:27](#). The theory of evolution, claiming that all life evolved from a primitive single cell and evolved into many different species, is just plain wrong.

This section is not meant to go into depth on the issue of evolution. If you wish to look into this further, I have a paper called, "[The Big-Bang Theory, Evolution and the Creation Account](#)." Building on a proper foundation of our creation origin, is essential to knowing who you are in Christ. For the way that you view your origin will either become an aid or a hindrance to you as you grow in Christ.

If we have been born-again and realize that we are made in God's own image, [Genesis 1:26-27](#), understanding that we are children of God. We will then not only accept the fact that we are rightful heirs of Christ's inheritance, [Romans 8:17](#), but we will also expect to receive the blessings and the inheritance that have been made available to us, [Ephesians 1:3](#), understanding that God is our rightful Father.

Action to be taken:

Knowing that God is your Father

- You must be born-again to truly realize your true identity in Christ and to be able to receive the full inheritance that is rightfully ours in Christ Jesus.
- Praise Him because He is Father to all those who acknowledge His Son and He has provided for all believers His Spirit to live within us. And scripture says, "If God is for us who can be against us?" [Romans 8:31](#).

Realizing that God is a good God



Knowing that God is good is foundational and essential to receiving anything from God. For no one expects to receive good gifts from someone they perceive to be less than good. This also holds true for our thoughts about God. I started writing this healing journey shortly after I realized that God was good. It was a gradual learning process for me taking over fifty years and realizing this became the turning point to truly believing that my healing would come. It is one thing to say that God is good (most Christians know that this is proper church etiquette), but believing and knowing this in your heart is a very different thing. This new foundational knowledge made such an impact on me that I knew my healing was just around the corner and that I needed to share my journey with others.

We can have great knowledge of the Word, knowing that sickness is not of God and realizing that healing is of God. And without knowing that God is good, you will stay stuck and you will be wondering why God does not heal you. From an early age, I attended church and was told that “God was good,” but the questions that I had about my condition and infirmity were never addressed. It was simply understood that you were not to question this, you are just to, “bear your own cross” and realize that God is good. And to darken my understanding even more, the doctrine of the traditional church I went to was that God makes all things happen or at the least approves of all things that do happen. This is a terrible doctrine and has caused many people to view God in a negative light. If we base our decision on our feelings, it is little wonder why we see God this way.

If you blame God or accredit God with your infirmity, I assure you that you do not believe that God is good, this holds true in my experience. For the first twenty years, I believed that God caused or at least allowed my disability. For the next thirty years, I believed all the false worldly teachings that nothing happens

that God did not make happen, approve or allow. After I completed three years of Bible college and had been praying with people on their prayer-line, my view of God slowly began to change. I was not even trying to adjust my viewpoint, for like all of us, I thought there was nothing wrong with my view of God. However, since I have started viewing God, not as my foe but rather as being for me, I have experienced more supernatural blessings than in the first fifty years of my life. If you attribute God with causing or allowing your sickness, you do not see God as the good God that He actually is. For the question still remains, why did God do this to me or let this happen to me? And the resentment grows as you see all of your friends well. And we continue not seeing Him as a good Father, who wants the best for His children. And by holding on to this belief, you are actually stopping yourself from receiving.

In the parable of the servants left with their master's money, the servants were told to do business until the master returned. The servants who did business and made a profit, were rewarded with a "well done." However, the servant who did nothing with the master's money, gave the reason in Matthew's account, that he knew the master was a hard man. Luke's account says that the servant feared the master. In both versions, this servant was judged harshly, according to his own perception, of how he believed the master to be, for the master said, "I will judge you out of your own mouth," [Luke 19:22](#). This parable is in both [Matthew 25:14-30](#) and [Luke 19:12-27](#).

Our first thought when looking at this parable is usually that this servant did nothing with the money or talent that was given to him. Instead of looking at the action done, we should focus on the attitude of the servant, ie., "I knew you were a hard man" and "I feared you". For our thoughts always foretell what we are willing to do in a certain situation. When we see God as a good Father, we will act differently and thus we will be able to receive His blessings, goodness and mercy.

How we perceive and judge a situation is a reflection on us, for our judgment always returns to us. Jesus said, "For with

whatever judgment you judge, you shall be judged," **Matthew 7:2**. Likewise, He said, "Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you shall be forgiven," **Luke 6:37**. Neither scripture speaks of the action or the sin being done, but rather about the returned effect on the person doing the judging. For years, I thought of God as impersonal and uncompassionate and that is exactly what I reaped. Not believing that, "God is a good God," will keep us from receiving. For we have judged Him to be less than good and that is what we shall reap, (less than good).

We must understand that God is a good God, because His Word says He is, not because of our circumstances or emotions. If we are trying to conclude that God is good by our circumstances, we will always be wavering back and forth. This world can be a cold and harsh place and none of us leave this world unscathed. If we base God's goodness on our worldly circumstances, we will be up one day, perhaps neutral or unmoved most days and down on certain days.

I have seen several situations in which people were on an emotional high, perhaps they were entering into marriage, or found their dream job, etc., and suddenly, their praise to God entered into a higher level. Then, when they came off of their emotional high, even though they still read the Word and praised God, their level of praise returned to where it once was or perhaps even a bit lower. We must not perceive God's goodness by our emotional highs and lows, for "God is the same yesterday, today and forever," **Hebrews 13:8**. Hence God is good all the time. We need to praise Him because His Word is true and His Word tells us that He is a good God. "God is love," **1st John 4:8**. The attributes of love are, "Love suffers long, is kind; and does not envy, is not vain or puffed up. Does not behave itself indecently, seeks not her own, is not easily provoked, thinks no evil. Rejoices not in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth. Bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails," **1st Corinthians 13:4-8**. Since love thinks no evil, there can be no evil in love. If we meditate on this truth,

we will realize that God is always good.

We must believe by faith and not by human logic. Believing that God raised Jesus from the dead takes a step of faith. Likewise, we must believe that God is good from a foundation of faith. The world only believes in their physical senses, thus they reap only known physical things. We cannot realize God's love through our physical senses. Believing that God is good cannot come from our intellect alone it must also come from our heart by faith.

God is good, is a truth rather than just a fact. The difference between a fact and a truth is that a fact over time will change, but a truth is eternal. Two plus two is four, is a true statement and will be true tomorrow and always. Mike, the postman, delivered my mail today, that is a fact, but over time, Mike will not be delivering my mail. A fact may be true for a given time, days, years, or even entire generations, but it is not an eternal truth. Our eternal truth is God's Word, Jesus Christ, God veiled in the flesh, and the Word says that God is good. If we believe His Word to be true, we must believe all of it to be true, we cannot pick and choose what we want to believe and discard, ignore or justify the rest.

Action to be taken:

Realizing that God is a good God

- Examine your belief, do you believe God is good?
- Meditate on the goodness of God and on things that are uplifting and edifying, **Philippians 4:8**.
- Count your many blessings.
- In this section, praise God because He is good, He has good thoughts towards you, **Jeremiah 29:11** and mercy and goodness shall follow you all the days of your life, **Psalms 23:6**.