

In every case of healing, there are three witnesses:

The Word

The Word of God declares, "By His stripes, ye were healed."

The Pain

There is the witness of pain in the body, and that pain declares that it is not healed. The pain is severe and the sick person can hear nothing but the pain.

The Sick One

The sick one declares, "By His stripes, I am healed", placing his witness or testimony along the side of the Word of God. He refuses to take his testimony back. He declares in the face of pain - in the face of sense evidence - that he is healed and he holds fast to his confession and God makes it good. He is healed.

But often, when we open the Word and prove that, "By His stripes they were healed," they say, "Yes, I can see that, but the pain is still here; the pain has not left my limb." They have repudiated the Word of God. They have accepted the testimony of their senses rather than the Word. I can pray for them again, but I get no results because they witness against the Word of God.

Take this as an illustration:

Here is a woman who is weak; she cannot walk. I bring her the Word that, "The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?" She says, "Yes, I see that Scripture, but I cannot walk". She repudiates the Word of God. The testimony of her lips joined with the testimony of her senses disavows the Word of God, and she remains ill.

On the other hand, had she steadfastly maintained the testimony that the Word was true in the face of contrary sense evidence healing would have been hers. But she rejected the Word because of the witness of her pain.

You take another case. A gentleman came to me with a very bad knee. The doctors had told him that amputation might be necessary. He was instantly healed when I prayed for him.

Five or six days afterward, while he was walking on the street, that old pain returned. He said, "This cannot be; I am healed by His stripes. In Jesus' Name, pain, leave my knee". That man stood on the Word and the pain left, never to return.

The others stood on sense evidence, what they could see, what they could feel or hear. They lost their healing because there was no "depth of soil", as Jesus put it in the parable of the sower.

What do I mean by sense evidence? I mean the evidence of their sight, hearing and feeling. They were like the sick folk that came to the Master. They had heard that He had healed some of their friends. They said, "If can get to Him, I will get my healing." As they drew near they saw men healed. The blind were made to see; the deaf were made to hear.

They cried out for their share of the blessing and were healed. Today there are many that come to us for healing because the Father has been gracious in healing many in our ministry. Many have no time to be taught in the Word. They have no interest in the Word; all they are interested in is getting their deliverance. We pray for them. They are instantly healed.

In a little while they come back again and say, "I can't understand it. That healing did not stand up. All the symptoms are back again."

Where was the difficulty?

It lay in this: they had no faith in the Word of God. They knew nothing about the Word as far as healing was concerned. Their faith was in me or in some other person, but not in the Word.

I discovered something else. He says, "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord, and shall believe in thy heart that God raised

Him from the dead thou shalt be "saved" or "healed". Many confess it with their lips, but deny it in their heart. They say, "Yes, the Word of God is true".

But in their heart they say, "It is not true in my case. He hasn't healed me. He healed others but I am no better".

The confession of your lips has no value as long as your heart repudiates it. There must be the testimony of your lips and the confirmation of the Word in your heart. I am sure that the majority of people who have been prayed for and do not get their healing have no assurance in their hearts. They are desperate.

Sense knowledge has failed. They turn to God but have no real faith. *Healing is always in response to faith's testimony*.

The pain may be fearful, but you have seen that, "By His stripes you are healed". You are convinced in your innermost being that God has healed you.

You look up and say, "Father, I thank Thee". You pay no attention to the pain. You ignore the symptoms because you know in the Father's mind you are healed. The Word declares you are healed. What the Word says is true.

You maintain your testimony in the face of evidence that is contrary to the Word, and God makes it real in your life.

David said the most unique thing. "Thou preparest a table before me, in the presence of mine enemies, my cup runneth over".

In the presence of failure, in the presence of the witnesses that sense knowledge can bring to contradict the Word of God, I shout David's song of praise that "God has prepared a table for me in the presence of mine enemies."

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Colossians 2:15:What the Lord Did on Our Behalf

Having stripped the principalities and the powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

(World English Bibles)

Having stripped the principalities and the authorities, he made a shew of them openly--having triumphed over them in it. (Young's Literal Translation)

And the hostile princes and rulers He shook off from Himself, and boldly displayed them as His conquests, when by the Cross He triumphed over them.

(Weymouth New Testament)

Principalities and powers he disarmed, and openly displayed them as his trophies, when he triumphed over them in the cross. (Montgomery New Testament)

Having made himself free from the rule of authorities and powers, he put them openly to shame, glorying over them in it. (Bible in Basic English)



He disarmed the rulers and authorities and disgraced them publicly; He triumphed over them by Him. (Holman Christian Standard Bible).

And by putting off his body, he stripped the Principalities and the Powers and shamed them openly in his Essential Self. (Aramaic Bible in Plain English)

And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. (New International Version)

In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.

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