

HEALING:

The Shepherd & the thief

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Hello Australia for Christ Church!

It's Josh Wood here from Wood Family Ministries!

Today I want to share a little bit of my personal journey and testimony regarding healing and share some biblical keys with you to help you not only receive healing for yourself today but also in releasing the healing power of God to others.

I could preach all day long about healing as there are many different scriptures and aspects to it that we can consider, but today I really want to focus on understanding God's will in relation to healing according to scripture.

Starting passage;

John 10:1-10

(Prayer)

One of the biggest questions I have found that many Christians have is;

“What is God’s will for my life?”

I’m sure many can relate to that, either now or at some point in our lives. Of course we ask that question looking for a specific answer.

Maybe waiting for a prophet to call us out in church and tell us; “thus sayeth the Lord! Move to this city, marry this person. Take this job”.

The reality is; that in general, many in the body of Christ, have a lot of questions and confusion when it comes to the **will of God**.

And no more so than when it comes to the area of healing.

At the start of 2009 I had a life changing encounter with God. No vision or audible voice from heaven but a still small voice inside of me that transformed my life through one simple foundational truth.

I became a whole new man. I got set free in every way and stepped into a whole new life. I devoured the gospels, life and teaching of Jesus Christ and without self effort I began to see miracles and healings take place through my life. Since that time, over the last 11 years I’ve seen more miracles than I could possibly count!

(Josh shares a few healing testimonies in the video)

And they all came because of the foundation that the Lord laid in my heart that day back in early 2009 when I was driving home from work.

Do you want to know what God told me that day?

He said;

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life"

(Josh expounds in video)

Summary;

Jesus' life lived on earth and his sermons preached as given to us in the four gospels are the full, complete and perfect will and representation of the Father.

It's been said this way, that

"Jesus Christ is perfect theology"

Jesus tells us in **John chapters 5 and 8** that He only does what He sees the Father do. He only says what He hears the Father say. That He does not speak or do outside of the Father's will.

Jesus came to reveal to us that truth about who He is. And He also came to reveal to us the truth about who we were created to be as the children of God.

God's will is not supposed to be a mystery to us.

In fact...Ephesians 5:17 tells us;

"Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is."

Have you ever noticed that when it comes to our theology of healing in the church we believe and say a whole lot of things that if we were honest we don't actually find in the life and teaching of Jesus?

Some Examples:

Have you ever noticed that not one person who came to Jesus for healing was ever denied? Yet we tell people all the time; maybe it's not your time, maybe God isn't choosing to heal you.

You can search the whole four gospels and not find one account of a healthy person coming to Jesus and He makes them sick or diseased. Yet so many of God's children sadly believe that God sends sickness upon them or gives permission to the devil to make them sick.

Can you show me in the life and teaching of Jesus where that happened? You can't. It's not there. You can hypothesise, fill in blanks where there are none and make up your own gospel but you're not going to find anything like that displayed in the life example or teachings of Jesus Christ; when God walked the earth in a human body.

The truth is that if we believe something about God that does not hold up to the life and teaching of God incarnate when He walked the earth then we have need to question what it is and why it is that we believe what we do.

I want to show you something in;

Acts 10:38,

when Peter preached and explained the gospel to the gentiles, he said;

"how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him."

Referring back to John 10 and in verse 10, the Lord Jesus makes a clear distinction, He tells us;

"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

The thief as compared to Jesus;

One steals, kills and destroys and the other gives life, fullness of life.

In fact at the start of **John 10**, Jesus tells us that a thief doesn't enter through the door, "but climbs up some other way".

A thief breaks into your house illegally, unlawfully, uninvited to take what belongs to you.

If you opened the door to let the thief come inside, then he wouldn't be a thief, he would be your guest.

Jesus tells us that He is the door to the sheep. And the thief, the devil doesn't come in through the door. The door isn't open to the thief.

Jesus is not giving the devil access to your life to steal your health, steal your joy, rob you of your wealth, of your family.

It's only when we come into understanding and full agreement with God on this issue that we actually have legal legs to stand on in resisting the devil.

Do you know that the bible says time and time again, in both the Old & New Testaments that God desires ALL men to be SAVED.

God's WILL is that every person would be SAVED.

We tend to only think of Salvation in terms of the forgiveness of sin equating to our spirit living on with Jesus in heaven after we leave this earth.

But did you know that the Greek word for Saved is **SOZO**, which in your English bible that very word is also translated on more than one occasion as **HEALED**.

Jesus came not just to save your spirit but to save your whole man; Spirit, Soul & Body.

The word SOZO is directed translated as healing or in the context of someone being healed approximately 30% of the times the word SOZO is used in the Gospels. That's almost half of the time the word we know as SAVED is used in the Gospels, it's actually used describing physical healing.

You see friends, it's the devil's will that you be sick, diseased, oppressed, un-saved.

But it's Gods will that you be saved, healed, delivered, made whole and preserved.

One is a thief and a liar who illegally comes against you to steal, kill and destroy and One is the GOOD SHEPHERD, who gave His life so that you might live, be saved, be delivered, healed and made whole. Abundant life.

Conclusion;

- **Jesus is the perfect will of God**
- **The devil is the one who oppresses you.**
- **Demonic oppression results in sickness and disease**
- **Jesus is not only willing to heal you, but He has already paid the bill**
- **All that remains is for someone to believe Him, resist the devil and receive what lawfully belongs to you. Abundant life. Healing & Salvation for your spirit, your soul and your body.**