

Faith Christian Fellowship
Sunday, May 8, 2016
Healing Fire
God is Good

TEXT: 2 Timothy 1:6-7 NLT This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you. (7) For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. Leviticus 9:23-24 - Leviticus 10:1-2

We are talking about this word: Desire Fresh Fire, not strange fire. In Acts 3:1-10 we found the first documented healing in the Book of Acts. Peter let us know that we have three things that allow us to do wonders: The Name, faith, and hands.

Today we want to press on into the fire of God for healing. God is good, and He is a healer. Acts 4:7-14. On trial for the healing in Acts 3, Peter called healing a "good deed."

Here's the question for today: **Question:** If we believe God is good, why would we blame Him for sickness and disease? Isaiah 5:20

1) Healing is good. Disease is bad.

- a) Healing, making people whole, is a good deed Notice Ch 4: (9)
 - i) Healing is a good deed. *euergetēs*, benefactor. A good deed, benefit (Act_4:9). Generally meaning well-doing.
 - ii) Wholeness comes in the Name of Jesus Christ. It is representative of who He is. **Question:** What is your favorite story of Jesus healing in the Gospels? Why do you like it? John 14:9
- b) Acts 10:38 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.
 - i) The Holy Spirit brings power. **Question:** Compare this verse with Luke 4:18 and Acts 1:8. What conclusions can you draw from these verses?
 - ii) Jesus exercised power by doing good
 - iii) The good He did was to heal
 - iv) Sickness is the oppression of the devil. **Question:** How does the devil control people using sickness? Lk 13:11-17

2) God is good

- a) Matthew 7:7-11
 - i) He is so much more loving than you!
 - ii) His goodness impels Him to want to answer your prayer.

- iii) When you ask for something good, God never, ever gives you some perverse, evil substitute.

b) Common "Bad God" fallacies

- i) FALSE: "Sickness glorifies God." TRUTH: There is no place in the Bible where sickness is said to glorify God. Healing always glorifies God. Luke 5:25, 26 / John 11:40(4) / Luke 17:15 / Acts 3:8 / Note John 14:13
- ii) FALSE: "God uses sickness to teach us". TRUE: Holy Spirit is our Teacher:(John 14:26, 16:13-14, 1 Cor 2:10-14, Mk 6:34-Lk 9:11)). God does not need the devil's help to instruct His children. **Question:** What has the Holy Spirit taught you about receiving healing from God?
- iii) FALSE: Because God is sovereign, He heals some and not others." TRUE: Note Acts 10:38 and John 14:7, Mk 6:1-6. Jesus is the will of God in action. What do you see in Him? There are different kinds and reasons for healings. The will of God is not the variable.

3) Questioning the goodness of God is the beginning of defeat.

- a) James 1:16-17.
 - i) Remember Eve? Gen 3:1-6
 - ii) Her questioning of the goodness of God was apparent in her words.
- b) Your mouth will tell you if you have doubts about His goodness: Luke 6:45. **Question:** Spend today listening to what comes out of your mouth. What are you saying about God and His goodness toward you?
- c) James 1:2-6 Don't question God's goodness or His will to heal you. Ask Him for wisdom to win.
 - i) When the trial comes, cheer up.
 - ii) Stay consistent in the trial. **Question:** What action can you take to help yourself stay steady when sickness comes at you? What keeps you from doing it? Joshua 1:8 / Mk 4:15
 - iii) Ask for wisdom on how to get through it.
 - iv) Don't Blame God!!!!!!!

**God is glorified through healing and deliverance,
not through sickness and suffering.**

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