

THE MARVELOUS POWER OF GOD

Indeed, the power of God is largely immeasurably misunderstood and, therefore, lightly esteemed. The word 'indeed' defined as meaning 'truly' or in taking action.

I believe the foregoing is especially true of the Word of God as applied to healing. Getting right down to business, I will state some scriptures, which have conceptually and realistically revolutionized my life; and I will discuss my thoughts and ruminations about each.

Matthew 4:1-4

¹*Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.*

²*And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.*

³*And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.*

⁴*But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.*

In verse three, an item caught my attention, regarding the tempter's words, '...[C]ommand that these stones be made bread.' The tempter prefaced his statement with a rhetoric, "If you be the Son of God. . ." The tempter (satan) knew full well Jesus was the Son of God, but was tempting Him to act upon His own fleshly need for food; therefore, the question. Significantly, the tempter *knew* Jesus is the Son of God, and, therefore, *knew* what He could do; change stones into bread!

Using our small thinking and rationale, we look upon the natural and think, "There is no way! Stone *can not* be anything other than stone!" Really? Why not? Is Jesus *not* the Son of God? Is Jesus *not* the creator, as the Word says in John 1, "All things were made by him; and without him wa not any thing made that was made? How the Jesus, being the Word in the flesh, dwelt among us? Then why can not Jesus, change stone into bread? Because Jesus *can* turn stone into bread then what is our problem believing Jesus for the healing of our bodies? Some folks believe He *can*, but does not all ways heal. Based upon the foregoing we *know* Jesus could turn the stones into bread *and* the tempter knew it!

Satan is defeated, but satan knows the power of God. He will do anything he can to keep people from the Word of God so they will not know, understand, and avail themselves of the presence and evidence of God through, and by, the Word through action.

The children of light are powerless only because they do not know the provisions of God in the spirit as revealed by the Holy Spirit; however, there are those who do know but do nothing about it. Example, a person may be hungry. They see something on a plate, but do not know what it is; so, they just stare at it, hungry. A person comes along and hears the person is hungry. They tell the hungry person the stuff they see on the plate is food and is good for them. Now, the hungry person has a choice as they may look at what is on the plate and think, "It doesn't look like food.

It must not be food.” Or, they take the food and eat it and are nourished. The downside is the person may see what the person told them is supposed to be food, but because it does not look like food they may leave it alone because what they see does not fit their idea of what food should look like; their pattern of thinking is violated; therefore, they, perhaps, hunger to death. On the other hand, the person may reject the food, but reach out in desperation, and grab it, and voraciously eat out and live.

The allegory is the same for the Word of God. When we know and understand the words we see on the page are spirit and they are life, John 6:63, even though they are over 2,000 years old, we will act upon the Word and eat it voraciously our spirit being fed by what we see written on the page, what a miracle. This knowledge comes by revelation of the Spirit of God and challenges our earthly sensibilities. As I told my daughter one time, “The words we see and read are spirit words with clothes on so we may understand them.”

In verse four, Jesus said, *It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.*”

Jesus is saying in the passage although earthly bread is important, man *shall live* by every word that comes out of the mouth of God! Do we want to live? Do we want life evident in *every* area of our life? Then we need to know what the Word of God says! Then, we need to act upon it. What I am talking about here is making a quality decision dropping our old way of thinking to *act* upon the Word of God; *see* it is good for food and eat voraciously. The ‘eating’ of the Word of God shall sustain us. We will be healthy in a sick world. Some of the children of God and certainly the ungodly shall marvel saying, “How is this so? How are you well?” Is there any doubt whatsoever folks will just shake their heads and continue to live among the rags and garbage? No, we are to be bold defying the elements of the world and its faulty thinking and feed unto life by the very Word of God, which is able to save our souls, body, and spirit.

Recently, I told another Christian about this scripture, lightly addressing the elements of the scripture; that is, satan’s tempt of Jesus about the stones and being turned into bread. When I made the statement, “Because Jesus *can* turn stone into bread then what is our problem believing Jesus for the healing of our bodies?” She said, “Well, I know God is able to heal, but will he? Is there any time when He healed everyone? Not everyone is healed.” I quoted James 5 and also where, in Matthew 4 how Jesus healed all manner of sickness and all manner of disease. Well, she continued onward with her thinking and said, “Everybody is going to die.” Then, I told her, “But why die sick? God wants to glorify Himself in our bodies.” She said, “God can glorify Himself in sickness, too.” I said, “Yes, when the folks are raised from their beds.” Then she said, “Either people are healed here or after they are in heaven.” I am sure you get the point of the foregoing. As I wrote earlier, what is seen may be identified as being food, but if it is not perceived as food, it is left alone.

Summarizing, satan knows what Jesus can do; mankind does not; therefore, it lies in sickness; but we need to see what Jesus can and will do by the Holy Spirit. I want Jesus to work His work in me, at all times.

Next we come to the following, which addresses the actual application of turning an earthly, physical, element from one thing into another; the water to wine.

John 2:3-11

³*And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have **no wine**.*

⁴*Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.*

⁵*His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.*

⁶*And there were set there **six waterpots** of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece.*

⁷*Jesus saith unto them, **Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.***

⁸*And he saith unto them, **Draw out now**, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it.*

⁹*When the ruler of the feast had **tasted the water that was made wine**, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom,*

¹⁰*And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now.*

¹¹*This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.*

Water turned into wine! No grapes, no grape gatherers, nothing. Jesus just directed the action. Know what? The scripture does not indicate He prayed over the water and asked the Father to change the substance. Stones to bread; water to wine; what a completely believable concept, in the spirit! Dare we believe the, by earthly standards, the impossible?

Jesus' words were recorded first in Matthew 19:26 saying, "With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible. Then in Mark 10:27 we read, "With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible." The Word says what it means; Jesus said what he meant. He should know, He not only lived the Word, He is the living Word! What is impossible? What Jesus did is completely possible for us, as well! Is there any place where God converts a stony heart to flesh? Yes!

In Ezekiel 36:26 we read the words, "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh." Here we read the promise God will remove the heart, the spirit man, of stone of unforgiveness, lovelessness, hatred, fear, unbelief, faithlessness, and more and replace it with

one of flesh. The flesh, of tenderheartedness, love, belief, faith, brotherly kindness, peace, joy, kindness, and more. The power of God's Word he promised, would perform the task.

What did Jesus do regarding healing? Was the supernatural changing of conditions and elements, displayed in the actions of Jesus? Read what follows! Emphasis is added by me.

Matt 4:23-24

²³And Jesus went about all Galilee, **teaching** in their synagogues, and **preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.**

²⁴And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him **all sick people** that were taken **with divers diseases and torments**, and those which were possessed **with devils**, and those which **were lunatick**, and those that **had the palsy; and he healed them.**

Jesus went about doing all the things mentioned in this passage. Just think, Jesus, by the working of God's Holy Spirit, absolutely killed *all* manner of sickness and *all* manner of disease. Killed them; dead. Life, the life in Jesus overcame death. Sickness is incipient death, which means death is beginning to exist or appear as in an initial symptom or later in an advanced stage; however, the Life of Jesus overcomes death and death is swallowed up in victory and life is restored. Is there anything too hard for the Lord? Sickness and disease is killed, overcome, by the Life of God through faith through Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit!

The Word says in Romans 12:21 Be **not overcome** of evil, but **overcome** evil with good. The statement from Paul is not a request, it is a command. Certainly, we will sooner or later, leave this earth, but there is no reason to leave it in a sick condition. We want the Lord to glorify Himself in these bodies as the scripture says, in 1 Corinthians 6:20, For ye are bought with a price: therefore **glorify God in your body, and in your spirit**, which are **God's**. The word 'glorify' means, a thing to become manifest and acknowledged. The word, 'body' means exactly as written; so, we glorify, praise, thank God, acknowledging, the thing, healing, being manifested, being seen and experienced in our body! There are those who, people say, as did the person I spoke with a few days ago, that God can bless sick people. She was talking about people remaining sick even to death and God using them as a blessing for others to see; etc. Well, as I asked her, "How much more when a person is healed?"

We plant a seed into the ground and wait expectantly for the evidence of the germination and growth of the seed as it manifests itself for what it is whether wheat or tree, or whatever. We do not open the dirt over the top of it every day to see whether the seed has begun to sprout. No, we leave it and live expectantly; so, too, in the Spirit the healing power of God's truthful Word is applied to our bodies through prayer. Through faith we are expectant of the manifestation of the power of God and the glorification of Himself in our body. We have, get, faith when read the Word and say, "Oh! I get it! I believe this!" Faith then comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. The Word which proceeds out of the mouth of God is faith and we are to live by it. Why is this point about our body glorifying God so important? Because our body is the temple of the Living God.

Jesus gave us the authority to do as He has done; that is, heal the sick; etc. Really? Where is this written? In Matthew 10:1 we read, “ And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.” Wow, just like Matthew described Jesus in Chapter four! Jesus passed the baton on to us to do the same in His Name. You and I have been deputized, authorized to act in Jesus Name and do so in faith without fear of whether laying hands upon the sick and speak God’s Words. Why? Because YOU are not the one doing the work! The work is being done by the Holy Spirit!

Summarizing, the marvelous power of God is available for all to experience. If, while you are reading this, sense the power of what has been written about the Word of God then the Lord has certainly spoken to you through His Rhema, the saying Word of God and has spoken it to your spirit. From there, you may take action by reaching out and touching the face of God. Ask the Lord to heal you and then thank Him for healing you. He will not fail you because you have His Word on the subject. God’s implicit will is to heal everyone. Reach out and ask Him. He will not fail you, but will watch over His word to perform it. God is not only *able*, He is *willing* to heal *all* who call upon Him!

Certainly, much more may be written about healing, but this is the word for the time. Amen.