



GOD'S
MEDICINE

live
in divine
health



Most people take medicine only when they're sick and trying to get well. But I want to talk to you today about a medicine you can take all the time. If you take it when you're sick, it will heal you. If you take it when you're well, it will keep you healthy.

This medicine is so safe you can't overdose on it. (I know because I've tried!) Yet, it's the most powerful medicine that exists.

Taken continuously in sufficient quantities, it will keep the power of God flowing out of your spirit and into your mind and body so that you're able to live continually in divine health.

What exactly is this wonderful medicine?

It's the written Word of Almighty God! It's the medicine Proverbs 4:20-22 is referring to when it says, "My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and *health* [also translated *medicine*] to all their flesh."

That's one of my favorite passages in the Bible! I like to use it when I'm teaching Healing School as a launching pad into the rest of the healing scriptures in the Bible. After reading it to the people—many of whom come with physical problems medical science can't solve, I often tell them they're about to get a big dose of God's medicine.

"It may take a few hours for us to get through all the verses," I'll say, "but if you'll listen and receive the Word like a little child, faith for healing will come into your heart, connect you with the power of God, and heal you from the inside out."

I remember one lady who attended wrote me a letter

afterward and said she almost couldn't take all the medicine I dished out in Healing School. She said that at one point in the service she prayed, "Lord, don't let Gloria give another scripture!" God didn't answer that prayer, of course. He let me go right on preaching the Word—and it's a good thing for her that He did, too, because after I read several more verses she got healed!

I've seen more people than I can count get healed that same way, just sitting in Healing School listening to the Word. Many times, I don't even get a chance to lay hands on them. God's medicine does its work in them before I've finished preaching. By the time I'm ready to pray for them, they're already healed!

That kind of thing doesn't happen just in Healing School, either. Although healing meetings can be great places to receive, God's medicine will work anytime, in any place, for anybody. All you have to do is follow the instructions in Proverbs 4: Keep God's Word in your ears, before your eyes, and get it in your heart in such abundance that it overflows from your mouth.

Many years ago, Brother Charles Capps wrote a wonderful little book titled *God's Creative Power for Healing*. It was filled with scriptures and included these instructions, worded in prescription form: *God's medicine: to be taken by mouth three times a day until faith comes. Then once a day to maintain faith. If circumstances grow worse, double the dose. There are no harmful side effects.*

If you want to live in divine health, that's the secret, right there! You keep God's Word—particularly what He says about healing—in your heart and in your mouth. You continually feed on that Word (Romans 10:17) so that your faith for healing stays strong and ready to be used all the time.

God Is a Good, Good God

"But Gloria," you might say, "what should I do about the verses in the Bible that undermine my faith for healing? What about the scriptures that say God sometimes gets glory from sickness, or that He puts sickness on us sometimes to teach us things?"

There are no such scriptures!

Those ideas are nothing but religious traditions. They're sometimes passed along by well-meaning Christians, but they're lies of the devil. He uses them to

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undermine the Church's faith and malign God's character.

God doesn't get any glory out of putting sickness on people. He doesn't put cancer on someone to make Himself look good. On the contrary! He reveals His goodness by taking cancer *off* people. He gets glory when people get healed, like they did when they came to Jesus. Matthew 15:31 says when He ministered, people "saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel."

What's more, the very idea of God putting sickness on His children to teach them things is ridiculous! No good parent would do that. Anyone who would give their child a disease to teach them a lesson would be considered a child abuser, and God is *not* a child abuser. He's a good Father! He never appointed sickness to be the teacher of

the Church. He gave us the Holy Spirit and His Holy inspired Word to instruct us (John 14:26; 2 Timothy 3:16).

This one revelation by itself will help you a lot when it comes to healing: God is a good, good God! As Psalm 145 says, "The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy. The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works" (verses 8-9).

Take a moment to think about those verses. They describe God as *gracious*, which means He is disposed to show favors. They say He is *full of compassion*, which means there's no room in Him for anything else. They tell us that God's mercy is *great and tender* and hovers over *all His works*.

The phrase *all His works* doesn't leave anyone out. It includes everyone—particularly those of us who are believers. According to Ephesians 2:10, we are God's "workmanship," so He's especially merciful toward us. When we come to Him to receive healing, we don't have to worry that He might ignore us or tell us we'll have to stay sick a while longer. He would never do that!

We're God's beloved children. He's always quick to show favor to us. He's always eager to do us good. James 4:8 says when we draw near to Him, He draws near to us. So we can be sure that, the moment we call on Him, He will respond to us immediately—with mercy!

Think about how He responded to each of us when we first received Jesus as our Lord and Savior. He didn't make us wait six weeks to get born again. He didn't even make us wait until the next day. The instant we believed, all our sins were wiped away and God made us new creations—as though sin had never been.

God wants us to receive healing the same way. And we would, if we had been taught about it like we've been taught about the new birth. If we had developed our faith for healing to the point where we were as confident of it as we are of forgiveness of sin, we'd draw near to God as simply as little children, expecting to receive it immediately. We'd be so confident in the goodness of God that we'd have no doubt that right

here, right now, He wants us to be well!

You Don't Have to Choose Just One

"But isn't this perspective on healing something you faith preachers just recently came up with?" someone might ask. "Isn't it relatively new?"

Not at all. Healing has always been God's will for His people—not only under the New Covenant but also under the Old. That's why, in my own personal life and when I'm teaching Healing School, I read verses from every part of the Bible. All the promises of God are YES and AMEN to us in Christ (2 Corinthians 1:20), and in the Old Testament there are some very powerful healing scriptures.

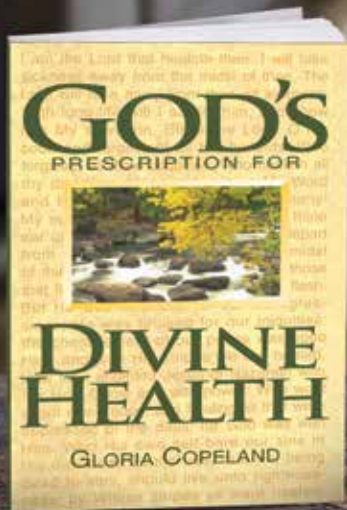
Take Psalm 103, for instance. It says: "**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's**" (verses 2-5).

Talk about some powerful medicine! Those verses can strengthen your faith for healing in a lot of different ways. First, they can help you get free of the religious lie that receiving healing shouldn't really be a big deal to you. Yes, it is a big deal! Those verses can keep your faith from being shaken when people say things like, "We don't emphasize healing in our church. We just teach the new birth because it's more important."

Whenever someone says that to me, I always think about how Psalm 103 says we're to remember *all* God's benefits. It doesn't say we have to pick just one—and that's all we can have. It doesn't say that since healing only affects our temporal body, and the new birth affects our eternal spirit, we should just forget about healing and go for the new birth.

God has never had that attitude! He's a God of abundance. He's so generous that He forgives all our sins AND heals all our diseases.

I've seen people healed in Healing School of conditions they had forgotten



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Prov. 4:10

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LOOK UP THE FOLLOWING
VERSES AND READ THEM
ALoud DAILY. REFUSE TO GIVE
IN TO DOUBT AND UNBELIEF.
AND REMEMBER, GOD'S
WORD WORKS!

Ex. 15:26	Mark 11:22-24
Ex. 23:25	Mark 16:14-18
Deut. 7:14-15	Rom. 4:16-21
Deut. 30:19-20	Rom. 8:2, 11
1 Kgs. 8:56	2 Cor. 10:3-5
Ps. 91:9-10, 14-16	Gal. 3:13-14, 29
Ps. 103:1-5	Eph. 6:10-17
Ps. 107:19-21	Phil. 2:13
Ps. 118:17	Phil. 4:6-7
Prov. 4:20-24	2 Tim. 1:7
Isa. 41:10	Heb. 10:23
Isa. 53:4-5	Heb. 10:35-36
Jer. 1:12	Heb. 11:11
Jer. 30:17	Heb. 13:8
Joel 3:10	Jas. 5:14-16
Nah. 1:9	1 Pet. 2:24
Matt. 8:2-3	1 Jn. 3:21-22
Matt. 8:16-17	1 Jn. 5:14-15
Matt. 18:18-19	3 Jn. 2
Matt. 21:21	Rev. 12:11

they even had. I've seen them come in believing to be healed of one thing and go out having been healed of something else as well.

For example, one man, who had been a general and a pilot in the Air Force, was suffering from injuries he received when he had to eject from an airplane several times. The impacts had so compressed his spine, that they left him several inches shorter and in tremendous pain. He primarily wanted to be delivered from the pain, but while he was listening to the Word he got something extra. Not only did the pain disappear, his spine decompressed and he grew several inches—back to his original height!

Later, when he shared his testimony, I realized God had done for him just what Psalm 103 says: He'd redeemed that man's life from destruction and renewed his youth like the eagle's!

God gives us lots of those kinds of healing scriptures in the Old Testament:

"I am the Lord that healeth thee"
(Exodus 15:26).

"I will take sickness away from the midst
of thee" (Exodus 23:25).

"I will restore health unto thee, and I will
heal thee of thy wounds" (Jeremiah 30:17).

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"The Lord will keep you free from every disease" (Deuteronomy 7:15, *New International Version*).

"With long life I will satisfy [you] and show [you] my salvation" (Psalm 91:16).

"[God] sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions" (Psalm 107:20).

"[God] brought them forth also with silver

and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes" (Psalm 105:37).

You can find even more verses like that in the New Testament. In the Gospels, for instance, you can read about healing in the ministry of Jesus, who always did God's perfect will and never refused to heal anyone. Instead...

"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" (Matthew 4:23).

"Great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all" (Matthew 12:15).

"Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people" (Matthew 9:35).

"They brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses" (Matthew 8:16-17).

Notice, the last verse in that list ties the Old Testament and the New together. It quotes Isaiah 53 that prophesies about the Messiah bringing healing to His people and declares that Jesus is the fulfillment of that prophecy. In other words, it tells us that healing is no longer a future-tense promise, it's a past-tense fact. As 1 Peter 2:24 says, by Jesus' stripes "ye were healed."

When Ken and I first got a revelation of that, it changed our lives! We realized that if Jesus had already borne our sicknesses and diseases, we were no longer the sick trying to talk God into healing us; we were the healed and the devil was trying to steal our health!

If you're a born-again child of God, the same is true for you. Healing hasn't just been promised to you, it's already been provided for you. Through what Jesus did on the cross, the price for it has been paid. Healing belongs to you right now, so go ahead and start receiving it.

Take the Proverbs 4 prescription. Get God's medicine on the inside of you in such abundance, it overflows from your mouth. Develop the faith to connect every day with God's healing power...and live healed! ⑦

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Where to, Jesus?

As surely as night turns into day, Jesus is calling your name, Superkid. Now what? When someone calls your name, it's usually because they want something. They may want your attention or something you have. They may want you to do something for them or they may want to do something for you. Why is Jesus calling you?

First, let's establish that all of the above are true about Jesus' purpose. He wants your attention and everything you have. He wants you to do something for Him, and He wants to do something—no, everything—for you! He can only do big things in your life if you really belong to Him.

Last month, we discussed an important verse about our connection with Jesus. John 10:3 (*New Living Translation*) says: "The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out."

Superkid, you hear Him calling and you recognize His voice and you come, but where is He leading you? The most important thing to understand about your life with Jesus is that He is calling you into His presence, into Himself!

Today, He wants us to get a clearer picture of what that really means. We literally live IN Him. There are many verses about this in His Word. Let's start with Hebrews 4:16: "So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most" (*NLT*).

Jesus absolutely understands you and is there to help you! He wants it to be very clear that you belong with Him, so the Bible says to come boldly to His throne! He has every bit of forgiveness (mercy), ability (grace) and HELP whenever you need it. Let this sink into your thinking: "I can be bold with Jesus because I belong with Him!"

I had to ask Him for help today. I needed the ability, the grace from Him, to write what He wanted you to hear. I love this next

truth that He showed me! It will be with me forever because it changed how I think!

I have always prayed in the Name of Jesus—that is where my authority is, and He is the One who has the power. Today, however, He took me to a new and deeper knowledge of His Name! In Proverbs 18:10, *NLT*, it says, "The name of the Lord is a strong fortress; the godly run to him and are safe." The *King James Version* says His Name is a strong tower. Can you picture this? His Name is where we run to and are safe! Today, He opened my eyes—I don't pray in the Name of Jesus because He is not right here with me, I pray in His Name because I am right there WITH Him! I live in that strong tower of His Name and in His presence because I came to Him when He called me! This describes you too, Superkid! Stop for a minute and reread that again so it can really get into your thinking. His Name is Himself and it's WHERE YOU LIVE!

That's big! But let me stretch you a bit more. In Acts 17:24-28, Paul was speaking to people in Athens at the foot of a temple to their god. This was to them a "fortress" or "strong tower." He said:

"God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. And He has made from one blood every nation of men



to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring'" (*New King James Version*).

I highlighted parts so you can see that Paul was sharing with the Athenians, this same truth. Jesus is not far off in heaven looking down on us. He wants us to realize that IN Him, JESUS, in HIS Name, we actually LIVE, MOVE and we have our very existence—ALL THE TIME, 24/7, SUPERKID!

THIS is His purpose for calling your name! He wants you to be with Him all the time. This is the only way He can truly be your helper, your shepherd, your healer and your friend. Say His Name out loud right now. Say, "JESUS. I live IN You. I move IN You and I stay IN You today. Please help me understand what this means to my life, not just today, but always."

Now, Superkid, when you say this, really think about where you are in it: "IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN." YOU are IN Jesus and IN His Name! And, AMEN means "finished or done." That is how He sees you, and He wants you to see yourself the same way.

Let the truth of YOUR presence IN Him become as real to you as His presence in you is, and let it be the beginning of a full-time awareness of just how ONE you really are with Jesus!

I can hardly wait until next month to see where our journey into Jesus takes us! 💖

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