

**PREMINISTERIAL AND CHRISTIAN WORKERS'
BIBLE COLLEGE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES
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**COURSE NO. 1 HEALTH - HEALING - HOLINESS
LESSON NO. 1**

INTRODUCTION

In offering these Preministerial and Christian Workers' Bible College Courses, we are impelled by a sense of urgency to get the God-called layman and the ineffectual minister into an active, demonstrated, deliverance ministry with signs following.

Whom God called He qualified and if God called you He put within you the ability to attain to the ministry of your calling. That does not mean that you need not do the things the Bible says you must do, such as, "study to shew thyself approved unto God, . . . rightly dividing the word of truth." II Tim. 2:15. Or in the day that you seek Him, "thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul." Deut. 4:29. It does mean when you have sought God in fasting and prayer and in His written Word - when you have put on the whole armor of God - when you have made a perfect consecration - you shall have power to deliver the people and to do the work of the ministry.

BUT, my dear Christian friend, I believe with all my heart that you **MUST MOVE NOW**. **MIRACLE RESTORATION REVIVAL** was breathed into my soul while slain by the Lord during our International Convention and Winter Camp Meeting 1965. In a vision I was shown that the world was placed in my hands. I saw revival fires burst forth in many, many places on the globe. Other people came to me for a flame of fire and then went forth with their lighted torch to set other places afire. This is what I wish to do for you - give you a flame of revival fire in order that you may help me set the world aflame for **JESUS**. **THIS IS GOD' S LAST CALL**. If you expect to fulfill His call on your life, I believe you must prepare **NOW**.

To make it possible for you to have this preparation, I have made available seven Preministerial Courses. I have put into these courses every bit of the "know-how" that God has given me during 25 years of preaching and ministering to the sick and oppressed. Now I offer it to you **ABSOLUTELY FREE**. **HOW COULD YOU**

REFUSE IT, OR FAIL TO TAKE IT?

TAKE HOLD OF INSTRUCTION

“Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life!”
Prov. 4:13.

Your health, your healing, even your very life may depend upon the manner in which you grasp the instructions given in the lessons of this course.

No doubt, thousands who are now in their graves would be enjoying perfect health and happiness today had they received and believed and acted upon the right instructions dealing with the subject of divine healing, God’s promises concerning health, and His requirements of those who would receive the blessing of His promises.

God’s Word declares, “Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.” III John 2.

It is not God’s will that any person should be sick, any more than it is His will that any soul should be lost. Yet not all people are well and prosperous, any more than all people are righteous. There is a reason. It is the purpose of this course to help you to find and know and understand that reason (or reasons) as they apply first to your own case, and then to your family, your friends, and to the entire world.

The answers will be given from the Bible, in God’s own words, and not from speculation and theorizing. From time to time, authenticated testimonies will be given as confirmation of the manner in which God has promised to deal with certain situations, and has kept His promise. You are encouraged to examine the occurrences in your own life and in the lives of those you know well in the light of these amazing scriptural truths. Discover the parallels that exist and the amazing accuracy of God’s Word in twentieth century surroundings, even though the writing of the Bible was completed more than nineteen centuries ago!

ALL THINGS BY FAITH

Whatever we receive from God is received by, through, or because of FAITH.

“Let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord.” Jas. 1:6,7. Are you sick? Do you need healing? Then you are in need of faith. Jesus would say to you, as to the woman who touched the

hem of His garment: "Thy faith hath made thee whole." Mark 5:34.

Do you feel that you DO have faith, and yet the desired healing does not come? Then you need to re-examine your faith, and do something about your faith!

(1) Is your faith dead? "Faith without works is dead." Jas. 2:26. This may be paraphrased without changing its meaning: "Faith that DOESN'T WORK is dead!"

(2) It may be that your faith is alive and strong, but is easily shaken when the answer is delayed. "Ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. Heb. 10:36.

(3) It may be that your faith is starving. Your faith can only grow and be kept alive as you heed the admonition of I Pet. 2:2 - "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby." Do not expect to have effective faith if you neglect to seek it at its proper source. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:17.

(4) It may be that your faith is being weakened and destroyed by incomplete obedience. Real faith is not a matter of simply taking the benefits God offers through believing that they will come, nor even through believing His promises. Real faith is believing everything God says - His commands and His warnings as well as His promises!

GOD'S PROMISES CONCERNING HEALTH AND HEALING ARE DIRECTLY CONNECTED WITH HIS COMMANDS CONCERNING HOLINESS!

The purpose of the Preministerial and Christian Workers' Bible College Correspondence Courses is to present the Scriptures in such a manner that every student of the courses will have acquired a firm foundation for his own faith, and will be able to receive healing when needed. Or better still, to fulfill his days of service for the Lord in a state of perfect health, and will at the same time acquire a strong and abiding faith in order to be able to bring health and healing to others. Laymen, exhorters and ministers will find the lessons of this course to be an untold blessing.

GOD HAS GUARANTEED TO HEAL YOU!

It is only when you are aware of this that you can confidently expect that God WILL heal you. Without this knowledge, you may plead with Him to heal you, and you may hope that He will consent to do it. You may believe that He is ABLE to heal you. That is not enough. If He is able but not willing, that will do you no good. You may KNOW that He has healed others. That means little to you. But when you know that He is not only able but also willing to heal YOU, then you can pray with absolute assurance. Therefore, we shall find proof in the Scriptures that (1) God is ABLE to heal anyone whom He chooses to heal; (2) that it is His will to heal EVERYONE --

including YOU! Then we shall show from the Scriptures why, under these circumstances, there are some who are not healed.

Among the questions answered in the course will be:

How can I know that it is God's will to heal me?

How can I overcome my doubts, and be sure of effective, unwavering faith?

Why do some apparently sincere, devout Christians remain sick, even after prayer?

Did the gift of healing cease when the apostles died?

Who has power to heal the sick today? Can I have that power?

Why did Job, called by the Bible a perfect man, have boils?

What was Paul's thorn in the flesh? Are some sick for the glory of God?

Is it possible for one whom God has healed to lose that healing? How is it possible to avoid this?

How can I have power in my own life to bring healing and deliverance to others?

HOW TO STUDY YOUR PREMINISTERIAL AND CHRISTIAN WORKERS' COURSES

The manner in which you prepare your Bible Course lessons will determine to a large extent the value of the lessons to you. Listed below are some helpful suggestions. You will also find that when you have completed your course, the same methods of study carried on into your independent study of the Word of God will bring forth much fruit.

PREPARATION FOR STUDY

First of all, before you can expect to acquire an understanding of God's Word, you MUST meet God. Be sure that you have been born again. (See John 3:5.) If you are not sure of this, we shall be happy to help you to make sure. Do this before you proceed any further.

Second, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" Acts 19:2. Jesus said, "The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." John 14:26.

Third, HUNGER AFTER GOD! "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." Matt. 5:6.

Fourth, provide yourself with a good Bible, not too large to carry but large enough to be easily read. Select a study Bible with type that can be easily read. Avoid unnecessary notes and helps, which only serve to detract the reader into the pre-cut channels of interpretation. It is to be your purpose in this study to find your answers from GOD' S WORD, AND TO ACCEPT THE WORDS THAT YOU FIND IN YOUR BIBLE AS THE FINAL AUTHORITY IN ALL THINGS. Only the Word of God itself can measure up to that. Too many people have fallen short of God' s blessing because they have lived by the notes in their Bible instead of by God' s Word itself. You cannot have effective faith unless you are ready to believe that God means exactly what He says!

Quotations in the lessons will be taken from the King James Version of the Bible.

If possible, choose a clear type Bible with only center column or marginal references and possibly a concordance. Many feel that even these helps are crutches, and that one knows his Bible better who can find his Scriptures without the use of such helps.

Fifth, set apart a time for study, as definitely as if you were attending a class, sitting with other pupils and listening to a teacher. Some will prefer to set this study time early in the morning; others may prefer to choose a later hour. Choose the time in which you are least likely to meet with distractions or necessary breaks in your schedule; then stick with it!

Sixth, start each class session with prayer. Your Bible and the lesson sheets are your textbooks. THE HOLY GHOST IS YOUR TEACHER. Be sure that you have invited His presence and yielded yourself into His hands as you search God' s Word. You will find every day' s study a time of spiritual refreshing as well as enlightenment.

Seventh, secure a loose leaf notebook, 8 1/2" X 11", either two hole or three hole: in which you can keep the lessons of your Bible Courses in order.

NOW YOU ARE READY FOR STUDY

Start at the first and read the lesson through quickly, keeping in mind the general thought content. Mark portions that you feel are of particular interest to you, and which you feel you particularly desire to study deeply.

Re-read the lesson more slowly, making an outline consisting of the leading thoughts and contributing thoughts of each lesson. Such an outline will prove useful

now in helping you to organize your thinking and understand thoroughly the subject matter. Later, you may find it an excellent basic sermon outline.

You will note that quotations from Scripture are set off by quotation marks, so that you will realize it is Scripture when you make your first hasty reading. But do not be satisfied with merely reading the quotations from the lesson sheet. Keep your open Bible beside you. Find each quotation in the Bible. Read the entire verse and the context. Discover for yourself that there has been no wresting of the meaning of the Scripture. (See II Peter 3:16.) Be sure for yourself that the meaning attributed to the quotation in the lesson is the same as that intended by its author. Make this a practice in ALL your study of religious writings. If you will do this, you will not be led astray by false doctrines.

MEMORIZE the principal Scripture quotations from each lesson, including the references. Effective faith is faith which has a broad and deep foundation of Scripture hidden away in the heart. Power filled preaching is preaching that comes out of a reservoir of Scripture, well learned, well understood, and firmly believed.

“Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.” Ps. 119:11.

Study hard, pray earnestly, and do your best. Purpose in your heart not only to learn the subject matter, but to put into practice EVERY DAY the new truths which you have learned, and to use them not only for your own blessing but to bring blessing to others.

RECOMMEND THE PREMINISTERIAL AND CHRISTIAN WORKERS' BIBLE COLLEGE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES to your friends.

ARE YOU READY TO STUDY?

Lesson 1 will be a short lesson, since so much time has been spent in introduction and directions for study. But the truths presented in Lesson 1 will be the basic fundamentals upon which the entire course revolves. Start your memorization program with the quotations listed in the introduction.

Memorize today: “Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go; keep her; for she is thy life.” Prov. 4:13.

Question: How can I know it is God's will to heal me? Why is it important for

my healing that I should know it is God's will to heal me? Should I pray for healing and include the words, "If it be Thy will"?

Millions who are sick today could be perfectly well. God laid the plan and purchased healing for them at great cost, and made it available to all His people for the asking. Yet many of these sick people pray a great deal. Many of them have prayed for healing, and have passed through healing lines again and again in some of the most successful healing revivals of our time. They pray much but receive little.

Thus, practical experience and observation tell us that there is something more needed. Prayer alone is not enough to bring deliverance. And God's Word tells us the same thing. "Ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord. Jas. 1:6,7.

Many of those who ask and fail to receive add to their prayer the words, "If it be thy will." They feel certain that this is the pattern of prayer that Jesus set for His people to follow. They fail to realize that when the disciples asked Jesus, "Lord, teach us to pray," Luke 11:1, the pattern which Jesus set did not contain the word "if"! He did indeed include a petition that God's will should be done in earth. But every petition in the entire prayer is a positive request. Give us. . .forgive us. . .lead us. . .deliver us.

Many have quoted Christ's prayer in the garden, when He cried out in agony of soul, "Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done." Luke 22:42. Let it be remembered that Christ was not praying to change anything. He had known from the foundation of the world that He must drink this cup. He had chosen before He came into the world to drink it. He was compelled by His love for lost humanity to pass through this bitter agony. Nevertheless, He declared that He could yet have been spared. In Matthew's account: "Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?" Matt. 26:53, 54.

"This is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us:" I John 5:14. You cannot even be assured that God hears your prayer unless you know that you have prayed in His will.

"And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him." I John 5:14,15.

So then, all that is necessary in order to receive healing -- or any other petition that we might ask of God -- is to be assured that our prayer has been heard. And all that is needed to be sure the prayer is heard is to be ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN that we have asked a thing which God wills to give us. It is that simple.

We are dealing with the subject of HEALING. A man is sick. He longs to be well. His suffering has become unbearable. He has prayed again and again, " Oh God, if thou wilt, thou canst make me whole! If it be thy will, heal me!"

The person who prays for healing and then adds the words, "If it be thy will," is openly confessing that he is not at all sure of receiving healing. The "if " in your petition denotes doubt. That sort of prayer cannot possibly be classified as asking "in faith, nothing wavering." Time spent in praying this way is time wasted, so far as obtaining your healing is concerned, for God has said of such a prayer, "Let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord!" Jas. 1:7.

In fact, such a prayer is an insult to the character of God. None of you, as Christians, would dare declare that God COULD NOT heal you if He so desired. You know that He created the worlds with a word, and hung the stars in space. You know that He made the first man out of the dust of the earth, formed perfectly every nerve and sinew, and then breathed into his nostrils the breath of life so that he was no longer a lump of clay nor a natural brute beast, but a living soul. You know that whatever He willed to do with man, He has the power to do it. Yet you feel that, having that power, He might as a matter of caprice prefer to see His creature suffer? What would you think of a man who enjoyed seeing his servant suffer? "Cruel! Sadistic!" you would say. Yet that is the accusation that many thoughtlessly make against the character of God.

Let me put you on notice, and I will give you the Scripture to prove it, that God is not such a God!

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." III John 2.

"For there is no respect of persons with God." Rom. 2:11.

"Is ANY sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith SHALL save the sick, and the LORD SHALL RAISE HIM UP;" Jas. 5: 14, 15.

When Jesus was upon earth in the flesh, there is no record that He ever refused

to heal anyone who came to Him for healing.

“And great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all; Matt. 12:15.

“And Jesus went about all the cities ... healing every sickness and every disease among the people.” Matt. 9:35.

“And he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed ALL that were sick:” Matt. 8:16.

“God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.” Acts 10:38.

Health and healing were God’s will for His people before Jesus came to earth.

Nearly 1500 B.C., God promised, “ If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight ... I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee.” Exod. 15:26.

By believing God’s promises today, God’ s people can still be as healthy and strong today as His people were in 1500 B. C. , for we are still serving the same God. But we are under “a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.” Heb. 8:6.

UNDER THE OLD COVENANT, GOD PROMISED HIS PEOPLE:

Health:

“Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily:” Isa. 58:8.

“If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee.” Exod. 15:26.

“Neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.” Ps. 91:10.

Healing:

“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;” Ps. 103:2,3.

“Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them ALL.” Ps. 34:19.

“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.” II Chron. 7:14.

“For I am the Lord that healeth thee.” Exod. 15:26.

The Old Testament is filled with accounts of healings: Naaman, the leper (II Kings 5); Job and his friends (Job 42); the Shunamite’s son (II Kings 4).

Nearly three million people comprised the Israelites at the time that they came out of Egypt. God had said to them, “ If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight . . . I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee.” Exod. 15:26. God was faithful to His covenant, for we read, “There was not one feeble person among their tribes.” Ps. 105:37.

Nevertheless, when some among them failed to keep their part of the covenant, they learned to their sorrow that God was not blind, and that He meant what He said! This will be taken up in a later lesson.

(Find and list with references, as many healings and promises of healing in the Old Testament as you can. You will find some through your own searching that you will want to add to your memory files.)

A BETTER COVENANT

Much religious teaching today would make God merely the once-great “I Was.” But we are told: “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.” Heb. 13:8, and: “am the Lord, I change not;” Mal. 3:6.

So then, if He has never changed He is still the great “I AM.”

By believing God’s promises -- and His commands and warnings as well -- we

can still be as healthy today as His covenant people were 1500 years ago. If the people of God's church would believe His promises and obey His commands, there need not be one feeble person among their number. We are still serving the same God, but under "a better covenant, which was established upon better promises." Heb. 8:6.

"For if that which is done away was glorious, much more that which remaineth is glorious." II Cor. 3:11.

The new covenant is a covenant of salvation for the soul and healing for the body of the believer, simply on the basis of faith in and acceptance of the atonement brought about by Christ's suffering and death as our substitute.

In the beginning the death penalty was pronounced against man because of sin. (See Gen. 2:17.) God in His holiness could not tolerate sin. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Ezek. 18:4. Death is the price of sin. But Christ paid the price for us - for you and for me.

The old covenant, expressed and carried out through the Old Testament, was a covenant of continual sacrifices, offering year by year continually, the blood of bulls, goats and turtle doves which were merely symbols of a greater sacrifice to come. (Read Heb. 9.)

The new covenant is a covenant of simple faith. It is expressed in Mark 16:16-18:

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Mark 16:16-18.

Millions are sick today because they refuse to believe God's promises:

"The prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up;" Jas. 5:15.

"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." I Pet. 2:24.

"Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses. Matt. 8:17.

When Jesus was on earth, he went everywhere healing the sick. The four gospels record more healings than salvation sermons. His ministry of healing was the means of both drawing the attention of the people, and of proving to them that He had power on earth to forgive sins.

“ Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.” Mark 2:9-11.

Before He returned to heaven, He gave His disciples a commission: “ Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matt. 28:19, 20.

Among those things “whatsoever he had commanded” is found in the following:

“Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.” Matt. 10:8.

As the disciples went forth teaching, as He had commanded, and laying hands on the sick as commanded in Mark 16:18, the Lord was true to His Word.

“And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.” Mark 16:20.

What signs? Read again, Mark 16:16-18. Then read the book of Acts and list one example of each of the signs mentioned having been in evidence in the life and ministry of Paul or the apostles.

“EVEN UNTO THE END OF THE WORLD” Matt. 28:20.

The healings, signs, wonders and miracles listed in the book of Acts are merely a sample of the things which Jesus began to do in working with His disciples through the power of the indwelling Holy Ghost after He had gone back to heaven. Nowhere in the Word of God is there any Scripture which states or implies that He would cease to be with His disciples (those who believe), and to confirm the Word with signs following, before the end of the age! He is still healing the sick today. As believers lay hands upon them in faith, the deaf hear, the blind see, the lame walk, and all manner

of disease is healed.

Many receive healing as they reach out to God by faith through their own prayers.

Handkerchiefs and bits of cloth are taken from those whom God is using today to bring healing and deliverance and healing comes to many who cannot reach the great healing campaigns.

There are many methods that God has set out in His Word whereby those in need of healing may avail themselves of His promises. These will be discussed in a later lesson. One thing that they all have in common is: FAITH IS AN ABSOLUTE NECESSITY.

Nothing can be received from God without faith. Faith must be based upon promises. Promises are of no value unless they are made by one who is faithful.

We can safely place our confidence in Him and in His promises.

“Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)” Heb. 10:23.

RECOMMENDED MEMORY WORK FOR THIS LESSON:

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| * Proverbs 4:13 | Romans 2:11 | * Psalms 103:2 and 3 |
| * 3 John 2 | * James 5:14, 15 | Psalms 34:19 |
| * James 1:6 and 7 | Matt. 12:15 | 2 Chronicles 7:14 |
| Hebrews 10:36 | Matt. 9:35 | * Hebrews 13:8 |
| 1 Peter 2:2 | Matt. 8:16 | 2 Corinthians 3:11 |
| Romans 10:17 | * Acts 10:38 | ** Mark 16:16-18 |
| John 14:26 | * Exodus 15:26 | * 1 Peter 2:24 |
| Matthew 5:6 | Hebrews 8:6 | Matthew 8:17 |
| Psalms 119:11 | * Isaiah 58:8 | Mark 2:9, 10 and 11 |
| * 1 John 5:14, 15 | * Psalms 91:10 | * Matt. 28:19 |
| Mark 16:20 | Psalms 105:37 | * Matthew 10:8 |

References marked (*) are especially important. Do not consider the work of this lesson satisfactorily completed until these quotations have been hidden away in your heart.

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This lesson is yours to keep, absolutely free and without obligation. We trust that you will desire to complete the course. Every lesson is filled with sound and scriptural teaching which will build your faith and make it stronger and stronger.

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