

## The Sun of Righteousness is shining With Healing in its Wings... Healing in the Year of God's Favor

### Introduction

Key scripture: Malachi 4:2

(Note:

1. This scripture prophesies of the birth of Christ. Ref - Malachi 4:1 & John 12:48
2. Jesus is referred to as the light of the world. Ref - John 1:1f The Msg; & Jesus confirms it Himself John 12:8 I am Light that has come into the world so that all who believe in me won't have to stay any longer in the dark.)

Revelation points:

1. the darkness is gone, morning has come and the sun is shining
2. mustard seed faith
3. we contend . the difference between healings and miracles

### 1. The Night Is Over, The Day Is Here, The Sun Is Shining ...

Key scripture: John 11:25 . 40

1. Context of the scripture is the death of Lazarus  
 Mary gets the revelation (personal relevance). Ref - vs. 27 "you are the Messiah"  
 John gets the revelation (corporate relevance). Ref - Matthew 11:2-14  
What is the revelation? . Jesus' birth marked the dawn of a new age. The age/night of darkness (sickness, sin and death was over) and the dawn of God's favor (glory and grace) was peaking through. Ref - John 11:40 Jesus Himself tells us that He is the fulfillment of scripture . end of 1 age heralds in the beginning of another . the Age of Jubilee. Ref . Luke 4:14-21. We are living in the Year of Jubilee!

Effects of revelation in our lives:

- Revelation precedes the miracle but not the reason for it!
  - God's miracle working ability is not limited to our revelation!
  - It opens the doorway in our hearts for faith to come in.
  - It switches the light on so we can see clearly what we have missed before.
  - It puts the missing pieces of the puzzle in place so we have a clearer picture of what the hand of God is doing.
  - It causes the tide of belief to swell up in our hearts until we have to act on our revelations in faith.
  - Revelation is organic and authentic and flows from God's heart to ours . it's not synthetic and manufactured.
2. Jesus Reveals to us that sickness is not in the will of God for us:
    - a) Through what He says and does. Ref - John 14:7 "you know me you would know my father as well. From now on you do know him and have seen him" . flows out of relationship
    - b) How people react under pressure / in a crisis often shows us what is in their heart. His heart was to seek and to save what was lost. Ref - Luke 19:9

- c) His mission statement / life's ambition or goal in life: that we would have and enjoy line and in abundance to the full until it overflows. Ref - John 10:10

### 3. Forensic Evidence:

- d) Luke 23 describes the death of Jesus: "The whole earth became dark, the darkness lasting three hours . a total blackout. The temple curtain split right down the middle. Jesus called loudly "Father, I place my life in your hands!"+Then he breathed his last.+ He had defeated the darkness the night was truly over.
- e) Blood of Christ. Ref - Hebrews 9:1 . 10:39

## 2. Mustard Seed Faith

Key scripture: Matthew 17:14-23

1. My own experiences (prayer for Colin, cancer etc.)
2. God's grace . vs. our effort (How do we activate healings? Through our own efforts? Can we make the sun shine?)
  - a) Faith the size of a mustard seed ref - Matthew 17:14-23.
  - b) It's not such a big deal . mustard seeds are small! We don't have to work to drum up faith!
  - c) We don't have to do anything except believe . it's all been done for us through the cross by the grace of Christ.

## 3. What Happens When the Clouds seem to get in the Way?

1. Understand there is a difference between miracles and healing
  - a. miracles . instant and obvious
  - b. healings . slower process but never underestimate what God is doing
2. We contend! Ephesians 6 "A Fight to the Finish+ The Msg . when you are contending you find you own word to stand on . flows out of relationship . don't allow the distraction of our experiences to keep us from relating with the Father
3. Need to keep encouraging each other; don't give up meeting together; seeking God out; worshipping etc.
4. Reading from "In the Grip of Grace" by Max Lucado re Abraham and Sarah's faith (pg 87f). Key idea: "But Abraham decided to trust the promise rather than focus on the problems+.

## Conclusion

2009 is the year for us to see supernatural break through in healing!

All we have to do is posture ourselves correctly, like a cat catching the sun's warmth . put ourselves in a place to catch the healing power that is in heaven so that it can be replicated on earth. The night is over and the sun is already shining!

It's His grace and love working in our lives that makes a way for healing to happen. Remember His words to Mary (John 11:40 Amplified Version):+ Did I not tell you *and* promise you that if you would believe and rely on Me, you would see the glory of God?+