

# WORD AT WORK

## VOLUME XXXV NUMBER XI Goodness of the Lord VI

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Scripture: Psalm 65:11

Psalm 65:11 is the Scripture God gave me for the year 2015. It says, *“You crown the year with Your goodness and Your paths drip with abundance.”* There is no greater challenge to believing this verse than to be swamped in the last quarter of the year by so many prophetic voices declaring judgment upon the nation and destruction for the economy. Sometimes prophets prophesy their theology. We need to be reminded that God is our Source and that He has His own separate economy. He is our provision, our health, our healing. The best medical clinic in the earth is His Presence. In every area in which we face need, God is our Source. Perhaps that has been God’s primary goal in having us tap into this particular promise for this year making Him our Source in every area of life, so that regardless of what happens in the nation, we are secure in who we are and in whom we believe, and that He is our provision in every arena. We must continue walking in covenant obedience so that we can see the fullness of His purpose in our lives.

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Scripture: Mark 4:11

Mark 4:11 says, *“And He said to them, ‘To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables.’”* The mystery of the Kingdom of God is called the mystery of seedtime and harvest. We sow the seed of God’s Word and His promises in our heart and we do that by memorizing it, pondering it and speaking it. It is always fruitful to speak God’s redemptive words morning and evening. That is the process of meditating which is speaking it to ourselves. We sow spiritual seed in the spiritual soil of our heart. As time passes growth gradually occurs and that growth promises first the blade, then the ear, and then the full corn in the ear. There are three stages of the growth and development in fulfillment of the Word that we sow on the inside of us. First, the seed germinates. Next, it grows until we see a blade. Then that blade develops into a head of many seeds, the full corn in the ear. God’s Word carries the seed of a promise and was made to be sown in our hearts and lives. So God’s Word is unique in that it is Scripture and made for spirit beings. It is alive! It is living and it is active and as seed it will produce an awesome harvest. God told Joshua to meditate on God’s Words day and night and he would make his way prosperous and he would have good success. There is seed we ought to be sowing concerning our future provision and all of the divine resources to fulfill our destiny. There is seed concerning protection. There is seed concerning clothing and shelter and all the things that we need in this life. Finding the appropriate scriptural seed and sowing it for the harvest that we need is the foundation of seedtime and harvest within God’s Kingdom. We want to be the territory over which the King rules so that every place our foot treads there is an anointing to rule that goes with us.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Scripture: Exodus 15:22-26

There is one whole category of seed in Scripture that is very important to sow in the season in which we live. Exodus 15:22-26 outlines that category when it says, *“So Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea; then they went out into the Wilderness of Shur. And they went three days in the wilderness and found no water. Now when they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they were bitter. Therefore the name of it was called Marah. And the*

people complained against Moses, saying, 'What shall we drink?' So he cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a tree. When he cast it into the waters, the waters were made sweet. There He made a statute and an ordinance for them, and there He tested them, and said, 'If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the Lord who heals you.'" Israel found themselves needing to drink water but the water was death, it was bitter. The people murmured and complained. 'We don't have anything to drink.' Moses cried to the Lord and the Lord gave Moses wisdom to heal the waters. There was a very specific tree that he was led to cut down and to throw into the waters. When he did the waters became sweet. God used that to introduce the promise of maintaining divine health for His people. Verse 26 says, "If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the Lord who heals you." God revealed Himself to Israel as Healer and the requirement for healing was obedience to His Word. If we will heed the voice of the Lord and do what His Word tells us to do, then we have access to healing from disease. The only way we can all finish our race in full strength is if we have access to healing. Healing at times through prayer is instant or may be a healing process and at times comes through doctors and hospitals. Whatever path God chooses is God's provision for health and healing. It is one we need to be thankful for knowing that any medicine or any skill that the doctors have is God-given and contributes to our healing. We thank Him for it because He is responsible for the application, the medication and for making it work. We set our faith for healing. Healing is still the fruit of an act of faith. If we go to the doctor or if we take medication, it is still an act of faith that it will work and restore to complete and total health. That is the promise. God wants to be our Source for health and healing and we need to sow the whole family of healing Scriptures in our heart which will make that a reality. Whether our healing comes through healing prayer or through healing doctors, the outcome of health and good healing results are from God.

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Scripture: Numbers 12:1-10

Numbers 12:1-3 says, "Then Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married; for he had married an Ethiopian woman. So they said, "Has the Lord indeed spoken only through Moses? Has He not spoken through us also?" And the Lord heard it." (Now the man Moses was very humble, more than all men who were on the face of the earth.)" Miriam and Aaron, we discover, had some racism in their lives and they criticized their brother because he married a black woman. They were both no doubt filled with fear when God came down in a pillar of cloud over the tabernacle as they stood at the door. God's response to their criticism became very clear. Verse ten says, "And when the cloud departed from above the tabernacle, suddenly Miriam became leprous as white as snow..." In this passage God's promise for healing was dependent on covenant obedience and accompanying respect to God's appointed leadership and to His Word. Moses represented God's leadership. Miriam and Aaron for the wrong reason criticized Moses and this opened the door to sickness. Discerning the root of sickness is essential. When sickness is a spiritual attack, we resist the enemy until he flees. Disobedience can be one root. Yet not all sickness is the result of disobedience. Discerning the origin of physical attacks can be a real challenge. The last thing we should ever do is to be critical of people who are warring over issues of their health. We are supposed to help each other not hurt each other by criticism and judgment.

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Scripture: Numbers 12:9-16

Numbers 12:9-12 says, "So the anger of the Lord was aroused against them, and He departed. And when the cloud departed from above the tabernacle, suddenly Miriam became leprous, as white as snow. Then Aaron turned toward Miriam, and there she was a leper. So Aaron said to Moses, 'Oh, my lord! Please do not lay this sin on us, in which we have done foolishly and in which we have sinned. Please do not let her be as one dead, whose flesh is half consumed when he comes out of his mother's womb.'" This is a very strong example of how disobedience to God's Word or disobedience to His Spirit can open the door to physical correction. But it is only one small part and by no means can be applied in every situation. Miriam found herself in a position of being corrected by God. It did not take long for her to repent when she saw leprosy. Aaron was very quick to repent too. He probably must have felt like leprosy was

headed for him next. Miriam had to stay outside the camp for seven days. It is interesting what God had to say about this process. Verse 14 says, *“If her father had but spit in her face would she not be shamed seven days? Let her be shut out of the camp seven days, and after that let her be received again.”* Some things God takes so seriously that He responds by quick action. Let’s trust that none of us will be this hard-hearted or rebellious as to have to walk in such a place.

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Scripture: John 10:10

John 10:10 shows us that there is another whole dimension where sickness can originate. It says, *“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”* It is obvious that the enemy of our soul, satan himself, is an afflicter and a destroyer of people through sickness and disease. Jesus rebuked a spirit that was responsible for a particular sickness and the person was healed as soon as that spirit left. We have described that there are two diametrically opposite sources through which sickness can come. God can use it correctively for rebellion or satan uses it to hinder God’s people. What does that mean concerning sickness and disease. It means the **origin** has to be **discerned**. It is wisdom to wait and get that revelation from the Holy Spirit before we rush in and try to minister to somebody. Ministering in the Spirit means we wait on the Holy Spirit until we get direction from Him. This is the wisest way to go when we are ministering healing to someone.

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Scripture: James 5:14-20

James 5:14:15 states, *“Is anyone among you sick? 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 will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.”* It is obvious that God’s will is health and healing for every believer. We know that from passages like this and from Jesus’ response to everyone who needed healing. In this passage, the elders of the church are to pray over any believer who is sick, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. James 5:15 says that the prayer of faith will save the sick and the Lord will raise him up. It goes on to say that if he has committed sins they will be forgiven. The elders of the church have to know how to pray the prayer of faith and they have to be discerning enough where there is true repentance to bring forgiveness to any impediment to healing. I trust we all have such churches and if not, let’s pray until we find one. It is obvious that God intends His body of believers to be healthy. In order to be healthy we have to seek out a culture of transparency where people are redemptive. These ‘safe’ are those people with whom we have the freedom to confess our trespasses one to another and be able to pray for one another so we may be healed. Elijah is our example how he prayed earnestly it would not rain for three and a half years and it did not rain. Then at the appointed time he prayed again and it rained. This whole process was to turn the nation back to God when it was in rebellion. This shows us that God often uses adversity and sickness as affliction to open people up to correction so that they can turn and be healed.

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Scripture: II Kings 5:1-3

Israel was well known for their prophets. One of the signs of a true prophet was a healing ministry. In this passage Naaman, a Syrian commander in the army, was plagued with leprosy. He had, at some point in time, taken an Israelite slave girl. This young servant’s comment to her mistress was, *“If only my master were with the prophet who is in Samaria! For he would heal him of his leprosy.”* Bible representatives of God were well known for the healings that accompanied them, and the end-time church should be well known for its healing gifts as well. If the Lord is among us, the anointing to heal should be among us as well. These scriptures concerning healing are the kind of seeds we want to sow until this healing anointing grows into its end-time promised status. It is obvious that the church is not there yet. However, it was commonplace in Scripture and it needs to be commonplace again.

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Scripture: II Kings 5:-6

Naaman was so convinced that the maid was right that he went to the Syrian king and requested a letter to go and visit the prophet who was in Israel. Naaman being a wealthy man was not going empty handed. He took ten talents of silver worth approximately \$8,640,000 and 6,000 shekels of gold worth \$17,280,000. So Naaman brought a \$25,920,000 offering. Not a bad offering for one prayer! In addition to the offering, he took garments as well. And he presents his letter to Israel's king saying, 'recover me of from my leprosy.' The king of Israel did not receive this very well. He was convinced that the king of Syria was declaring war on him. But that was not the case. The leaders of Israel obviously did not realize the anointing of the prophets among them, but the common people discerned it perfectly. Do we have that being repeated here in our land? I suspect we do.

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Scripture: II Kings 5:9-16

In II Kings 5:9-16 when Elisha heard what was going on, he sent a message to the king. In verse 8 Elisha said to the king of Israel, "*Why have you torn your clothes? Please let him come to me and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.*" It is obvious that Elisha knows who he is, and knows that he is secure in his anointing and that he understands healing as a covenant provision for God's people. So he boldly proclaims, let Naaman come to me. He will know there is a prophet in Israel. Translation – send him to me. God will heal him. Amazingly enough Elisha did not go to his door to meet Naaman but sent a message to Naaman through his servant. Elisha's message was to go wash in the Jordan River seven times and his flesh would be restored. That was actually quite offensive to Naaman. It made him furious that Elisha did not come in person. Naaman said in verse 12, "*Are not the Abanah and the Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the rivers of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?*" So he turned and went away in a rage." Naaman, however, was saved by his servants. His servants wisely counseled him and said, look you have come all this way why not just do what the prophet says and see what happens. Naaman heeded their advice and went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan River and he was restored perfectly. This sets up the next test which is one that has been failed by a number of church leaders today. The failure to pass this test may be why we have little healing anointing resident in the body.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Scripture: II Kings 5:15-27

In verses 15-27 Naaman offers Elisha approximately \$26,000,000 plus clothing for healing. Elisha says, no way! "*As the Lord lives, before whom I stand, I will receive nothing.*" And he urged him to take it, but he refused." Naaman turned around and left. The problem is that Gehazi, the servant of Elisha, ran after the Syrian. Once he caught up with Naaman and they greeted, Gehazi asked for part of the offering. So he was given a talent of silver and two changes of garments. Gehazi got \$864,000 and a couple of changes of clothes. By his deceptive actions, Gehazi sold his integrity! He took an offering that brought a judgment of sickness from which he never recovered. Upon returning to the prophet, Elisha asked him where he went and he said, 'nowhere'. Elisha says, "*Did not my heart go with you when the man turned back from his chariot to meet you...Therefore the leprosy of Naaman shall cling to you and your descendants forever.*" And he went out from his presence leprous, as white as snow." Passing the money test is absolutely essential in order to birth and keep a healing anointing so that it is resident in a body and is not lost. When our healing evangelists believe that they deserve the best of everything rather than being able to humbly serve God's people with the best of His healing anointing, it often creates a conflict which forfeits that very same healing anointing.

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Scripture: II Kings 20:1-3

In II Kings 20 Hezekiah is near death, And Isaiah the prophet said, "*Set your house in order for you shall die and not live.*" That was not good news to Hezekiah who had been a very righteous king so he turned his face toward the wall

and he prayed to the Lord. He said, *“Remember now, O Lord, I pray, how I have walked before you in truth and with a loyal heart and have done what was good in your sight.” And Hezekiah wept bitterly.* Whenever we face a battle with any kind of sickness or disease, it is really good to be able to look back and have a life of obedience before the Lord as a platform for faith. The reward of obedience in a time of testing is faith. When we have been obedient there is faith to approach God and ask to turn a death sentence into life. One reason for walking in obedience is the same reason why we choose righteousness, and avoid sin, so that whenever we find ourselves facing catastrophic sickness or disease as well as other threats, we can cry out to God to change it. If He does, He does, if He does not, then we get to go be with Him. Either outcome is a win. We need to understand that and live accordingly. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. That is a win. All healing is finalized in the Presence of the Lord. Hezekiah found himself in just such a place and he was very blessed to have had a life-path of obedience to fall back on. This sets up the next test which is one that has been failed by a number of leaders today which very well may be why we do not have as much healing anointing resident in the body as there should be. . Do we have a path of obedience? It is very important to cultivate such a path and such a righteous walk. It gives the fearless faith that will be needed for victorious outcomes!

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Scripture: II Kings 20:4-6

II Kings 20:4-6 says, *“Then it happened before Isaiah had gone out into the middle court, that the word of the Lord came to him saying, ‘return and tell Hezekiah the leader of My people, “Thus says the Lord the God of David your father: “I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of the Lord.”’* Before Isaiah got out into the middle court the word of the Lord came to him and told him to return to Hezekiah that the Lord had heard him. God spoke through Isaiah saying, *“And I will add to your days fifteen years. I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria; I will defend this city for My own sake, and for the sake of My servant David.”* Not only did Hezekiah save his own life, he saved the lives of all the people in his city. That is the blessing of walking in obedience. We not only get to change our history but we may get to save the lives of others in the process. How many believers do we have in the church who can look back and say, I have walked in obedience. OK Lord, change the sentence against this nation and give us a greater harvest. Give us more time, Lord! That is the prayer which is the kind of intercession that needs to come from all of us who have walked a life of obedience. Let us ask for more time for our nation, our city, our state! God is ready. Are we?

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Scripture: II Chronicles 7:12-14

II Chronicles 7:14 is a very familiar verse. It says, *“Then the Lord appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him: ‘I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice. When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.’”* When we have a nation that precariously hangs in the balance of destruction as America does, II Chronicles 7:14 is an awesome passage, especially when we can pray it from a platform of Sure Mercy. In Acts 13:34 the covenant of Sure Mercy is guaranteed to us by the blood of Christ. Solomon dedicated the temple that was funded by the life of King David and it was a temple of covenant mercy. That covenant mercy shows up in verse fourteen in this passage in II Chronicles, and it is the promise for all those who will humble themselves and pray. When we pray the covenant promises and line up our lives with the righteous standard of God’s Word, He will heal our land. Are we praying that? Probably there has been no other season in the history of this nation that the church needs to be praying II Chronicles 7:14 any more than the season we live in today. It is desperately needed. Let us rise to the occasion and pray it! We need it now!

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Scripture: II Chronicles 7:15-18

The promise of II Chronicles 7:14-18 of healing the land has another edge and that second edge is the edge of the mercy sword in verse 17 and 18 which says, *“As for you, if you walk before Me as your father David walked, and do according to all that I have commanded you, and if you keep My statutes and My judgments, then I will establish the Throne of your kingdom, as I covenanted with David your father saying, ‘You shall never fail to have a man as ruler in Israel.’”* ‘Covenanted’ is the same Hebrew word translated ‘cut-off’ in II Samuel 7:9. God said, ‘David I have been with you wherever you have gone and have cut-off all your enemies from before you.’ What God is saying is, if the believing church will humble themselves and pray and seek God’s face, turn from their wicked ways, He will heal their land. And He shall cut-off all the enemies of God that are filling it with iniquity. That has to be prayed. It is part of the equation. Saving the land and healing the land from judgment only God can do! But righteous believers can ask Him to do it. It is our job to ask. It is our job to assert our covenant of Sure Mercy and it is our job to call forth His covenant blessing until we get a harvest. Mercy triumphs over judgment when prayed from a platform of righteousness! May it be so for America!

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Scripture: Psalm 107:19-22

Psalm 107:19-22 is a very strong statement about God’s willingness to intervene. It says, *“Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, And He saved them out of their distresses. He sent His word and healed them, And delivered them from their destructions. Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men! Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, And declare His works with rejoicing.”* Not only did God save them when they cried out but He sent His Word and healed them and delivered them from their destructions. This is a great passage for a city, a state, a nation or an individual family. This is a passage that all of us can sow into our hearts with great expectation because our God delivers and He sends His Word and heals. This is a redemptive passage that we all should know and sow. We must declare it, ponder it and meditate on it until it becomes personal!

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Scripture: Proverbs 3:7,8

Proverbs 3:7,8 says, *“Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and depart from evil. It will be health to your flesh, And strength to your bones.”* The reason Proverbs 3:7,8 is worth sowing into our hearts is because it tells us about an attitude that brings health and strength. That attitude is the attitude of humility and the fear of the Lord that causes us to depart from evil. The fruit is that it will be health to our flesh and strength to our bones. This is a great Scripture leading us to cultivate great character and with it comes tremendous promise. The fear of the Lord is a major guiding force!

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Scripture: Proverbs 3:19-26

In Proverbs 3:19-26 we are told that God’s wisdom is found in His Word. He spoke the heavens into existence, and by His Words the depths were broken up and by His Word the clouds dropped down dew. His Word is so important to us that when we give the Word of God its proper place it becomes life to our soul, and grace to our neck. It holds us safety so that our foot does not stumble. We can lie down and not be afraid. We can lie down and our sleep will be sweet. We are not afraid of sudden terror or trouble from the wicked. The Lord is our confidence and He keeps our foot from being taken. All these promises of health, healing, protection, blessing and peace of mind are the fruit of God’s Word sown in our life. As we sow these scriptures we get the fruit of what they promise. The only way to get the full fruit is to sow the promise. When we are deliberate and intentional about connecting with and pondering, and mediating on God’s Word, fruit follows! Are we sowing God’s Word in the soil of our heart? We should be!

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Scripture: Proverbs 4:19-24

The way of the wicked is to reject God's Word but those who believe, sow God's Word in their heart. When we faithfully do it, it becomes life and health to all our flesh. When we keep our heart with all diligence, out of it comes the borders and boundaries of life and those borders and boundaries are established by God's Word and God's promises. His good promises speak of health, healing and restoration. As we sow God's Word in our heart we reap the blessings of what He has promised. Through faithful, purposeful sowing, we get the harvest of restoration, health and healing.

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Scripture: Proverbs 13:17

Proverbs 13:17 says, *"A wicked messenger falls into trouble, But a faithful ambassador brings health."* The fruit of being faithful to what God calls us to do promises a pathway to health and healing. It does not mean that we will not be attacked or that we will never face sickness or disease, but the promise is that God will bring us through with victory so that we finish our race with honor. Therefore, Proverbs 13:17 is a verse worth memorizing, meditating on and speaking into our heart until we begin to see its fruit. Another aspect of this particular verse that can be of great value is that we can become an ambassador of healing ourselves. We can carry God's healing words in prayer in behalf of others. By standing in the gap for others we can be ambassadors of freedom. The right word spoken at the right season has the power to change the atmosphere and bring life and healing.

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Scripture: Proverbs 16:24,25

Proverbs 16:24,25 says, *"Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the bones. There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death."* When we elevate God's Word above everything else, above how we feel, above how things look or what our culture dictates, then the promise is health, healing and blessing. In contrast there are those who chose to reject God's Word and make culture or personal ideas their own standard. That path always ends in death and destruction. God says, 'Don't go there, choose life and you can have life.' Standing for a promise often requires contending over time for the results. We war against a very determined enemy. Faith and patience are often required as we hold steady to see the fulfillment of God's promises.

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Scripture: Jeremiah 8:7-12

Jeremiah 8:7-12 could very well be a parallel to the season we are seeing in our nation right now. It says, *"Even the stork in the heavens, Knows her appointed times; And the turtledove, the swift, and the swallow, Observe the time of their coming. But My people do not know the judgment of the Lord. How can you say, 'We are wise, And the law of the Lord is with us'? Look, the false pen of the scribe certainly works falsehood. The wise men are ashamed. They are dismayed and taken. Behold, they have rejected the word of the Lord; So what wisdom do they have? Therefore I will give their wives to others, And their fields to those who will inherit them; Because from the least even to the greatest, Everyone is given to covetousness; From the prophet even to the Priest, Everyone deals falsely. For they have healed the hurt of the daughter of My people slightly, Saying, 'Peace, peace!' When there is no peace. Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No! They were not at all ashamed, Nor did they know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; In the time of their punishment. They shall be cast down,' says the Lord."* Verse eleven seems to be the core message here. It is pointing out that the national hurt of the daughter of God's people has been only slightly, only superficially. The claim of peace when there is no peace is limited, insufficient and inaccurate. Righteousness and repentance produce peace. Hardness of heart and rebellion produce destruction and judgment. But even in that destruction and judgment God has given a covenant whereby we can guide our family into a place of safety. There is healing for the nation if the leadership will address the issues. As we choose God's Word and as we face the issues, there is healing for the nation and there is healing for individuals. Healing is not just physical. There

is more than physical healing at stake here. There is the healing for the nation. And that healing requires the selective judgment of God which can be specifically prayed like a pilot would who delivers a focused air strike. There is healing for the nation, if we will pray judgment on the perpetrators that are destroying it. Will we choose to heal the nation more than slightly? We are going to have to pray judgment to do it!

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Scripture: Jeremiah 8:21-22

Jeremiah 8:21-22 says, *“For the hurt of the daughter of my people I am hurt. I am mourning; Astonishment has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead, Is there no physician there? Why then is there no recovery For the health of the daughter of my people?”* When sin is an issue, there is never healing unless there is acknowledgment of the sin and repentance. Transparency in James 5 is the key to the prayer of faith healing the sick. And if sins have been committed there is forgiveness available. It has been bought and paid for by the blood of Jesus. We have to do our part. We have to pray it. We have to acknowledge our sin and turn from it. If there is no acknowledgment, if there is no turning from sin, there is no healing. Period! End of story!

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Scripture: Jeremiah 22:1-5

Jeremiah 22:1-5 says, *“Thus says the LORD: ‘Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and there speak this word, and say, ‘Hear the word of the LORD, O king of Judah, you who sit on the throne of David, you and your servants and your people who enter these gates! Thus says the LORD: ‘Execute judgment and righteousness, and deliver the plundered out of the hand of the oppressor. Do no wrong and do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, or the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place. For if you indeed do this thing, they shall enter the gates of this house, riding on horses and in chariots, accompanied by servants and people, kings who sit on the throne of David. But if you will not hear these words, I swear by Myself,’ says the LORD, ‘that this house shall become a desolation.’”* Israel was sick according to Jeremiah. America is sick just like Israel. We do violence. We shed innocent blood. Our institutions currently protect homosexual marriage when God says, no. America is sick and God told Israel, if you do not repent, I will bring you into captivity. In other words, I will send devastation and destruction on you. America is sick. If the church does not pray judgment on those who move against traditional marriage, then the whole nation will suffer beyond what is necessary. There is ‘cancer’ in the land and it needs to be cut out. We cut it out by praying judgments on those who are cancerous. If they refuse to repent, that is the issue of the offenders, not ours. You have to pray the judgment of God upon them. They have to be removed, especially the politicians and the judges that have disregarded truth and have become a law unto themselves. No one is out of reach of God. There is sickness in the nation but we can pray that the Great Surgeon cuts out the cancer and saves the ‘patient’. Jeremiah is attempting to do that in his declarations. We can do that by praying judicial prayers, prayers right out of the Psalms, the prayers that David prayed. Healing is available!

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Scripture: Jeremiah 30:16-18

God sent a destroyer into Israel and the people ended up going as captives into Babylon. In that place the cancer was removed. Jeremiah then declared restoration, health and healing. Verses 16-18 state, *“Therefore all those who devour you shall be devoured; And all your adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity; Those who plunder you shall become plunder, And all who prey upon you I will make a prey. For I will restore health to you And heal you of your wounds,’ says the Lord, ‘Because they called you an outcast saying: “This is Zion; No one seeks her.” Thus says the Lord: ‘Behold, I will bring back the captivity of Jacob’s tents, And have mercy on his dwelling places; The city shall be built upon its own mound, And the palace shall remain according to its own plan.”* These verses are encouraging. God says He will devour those who are devouring and those who plunder He shall plunder. He says He will restore and heal the wounds. Is there help and healing for America? Yes, if we can pray judgment on those adversaries who are filling the land with iniquity, the nation will be restored to health. It is time we began to take our assignment

seriously concerning the health of the nation. It is not just our individual health that we are after. Our individual health is also bound up in the health of the nation. We have a responsibility for the health of the land. That means we pray the 'cancerous' offenders into the judgment of God! The only way to save the nation is to pray judgment on the perpetrators.

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Scripture: Jeremiah 33:7-9

In Jeremiah 33:7-9 God told Jeremiah, *"And I will cause the captives of Judah and the captives of Israel to return, and will rebuild those places as at the first. I will cleanse them from all their iniquity by which they have sinned against Me, and I will pardon all their iniquities by which they have sinned and by which they have transgressed against Me. Then it shall be to Me a name of joy, a praise, and an honor before all nations of the earth, who shall hear all the good that I do to them; they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and all the prosperity that I provide for it."* Israel in order to be healed and restored had to go through devastation and captivity. What we are trying to do is to save America from walking through this pattern. We are trying to save the nation from captivity by praying the judgment of God selectively onto the perpetrators so the whole nation does not have to suffer judgment. That would be the most redemptive path. We have a new covenant based on better promises. God restored health and healing to Israel. He can surely restore healing to America but He has to remove the destructive parts that are destroying the land. This is the job of the church. Health for the nation is in our hands. The question is, are we willing to pray what needs to be prayed and quit playing church?

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Scripture: Malachi 3:1-6

Malachi 3:1-6 says, *"Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming," Says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire And like launderers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, And purge them as gold and silver, That they may offer to the LORD An offering in righteousness. 'Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem Will be pleasant to the LORD, As in the days of old, As in former years. And I will come near you for judgment; I will be a swift witness Against sorcerers, Against adulterers, Against perjurers, Against those who exploit wage earners and widows and orphans, And against those who turn away an alien— Because they do not fear Me,' Says the LORD of hosts. 'For I am the LORD, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.'"* One of the major problems in Scripture for generations like that of Eli was that his sons failed the purity and the money test. Samuel passed the integrity test, the money test, the purity test and all his days Samuel moved the Hand of God against the nation's enemies. When Samuel prayed, judgment came on the enemy because Samuel lived a life of purity and he refused to manipulate people for money. Samuel became an agent of health and healing to his nation because he chose to walk in righteousness. God says in Malachi that when we pass the money test and choose righteousness, God comes near for judgment and He will become a swift Witness against sorcerers, adulterers, perjurers and those who exploit the fatherless and those who turn away the alien. Walking in righteousness qualifies us to pray judgment!

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Scripture: Psalm 38:1-8

Psalm 38:1-8 perfectly describes America as a nation, from abortion to homosexual marriage as well as thievery and greed. It is obvious that we are in trouble. Our nation needs healing. Healing starts when we confess our sins. Daniel confessed the sins of his nation before God. In identificational repentance he prayed repentance for his nation. You and I can do that! We can pray Psalm 38:1-8. It perfectly fits America. We can ask for God's healing Hand. We can also ask that He will come and remove every politician and judge who is contributing to destruction in this nation. And we should be asking. That is our call. We are called to run into the gap, the breach in the wall and to pray accordingly.

We have a new covenant based on better promises. It is time we started asking God to manifest His Word over this nation.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Scripture: Luke 4:40,41

Luke 4:40-41 says, *“When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them. And demons also came out of many, crying out and saying, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of God!’ And He, rebuking them, did not allow them to speak, for they knew that He was the Christ.”* It seems like the sun is setting on America. But when the sun was setting in this passage all who had any sick brought them to Jesus. Jesus delivered them of their demons and healed them. Can Jesus heal America? Of course He can. Can He deliver us? Of course He can! It is our job as the church to stand and believe for it, pray it, set our faith and call it forth. Jesus is the answer! He carries health and healing. We serve a God Who can do this.

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Scripture: Luke 6:17,19

Luke 6:17-19 says, *“And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon who came to hear Him and be healed them of their diseases, as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed, and the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all.”* Jesus healed them. We can apply that to the nation! It is available. It is available through Christ, bought and paid for by His Blood. We can ask for it. We can believe for it and we can call it forth. It is our job to do it!

### TUESDAY NOVEMBER 31

Luke 9:10,11

Luke 9:10,11 says, *“And the apostles when they returned told Him all that they had done. And He took them and He went aside privately and took them into a deserted place belonging to the city called Bethsaida. But when the multitudes knew it, they followed Him; and He received them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who had need of healing.”* Jesus consistently, continually healed and delivered all those who needed deliverance and healing. It is obvious that is part of Who Christ is. He has not changed. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. He still heals, He still delivers, and He still sets free. The hope for America is in the anointing of the healing Christ! That anointing is both that of Priest and that of Judge. It is only as we stand up and pray judgment that we can then stand up and ask for healing. When we carve out the disease in prayer, then we can ask the Priestly Christ to visit and heal the nation. But prayerfully cutting out the ‘cancer’ has to be done first. Will we say yes? The Lord is waiting on us. Let’s purpose to sow this array of healing scriptures in our hearts and we will see fruit both personally in our lives as well as the opportunity to bring healing to our land. Be assured, God’s Word never returns void!

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