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Scriptural References and Comment Notes

14-102-29 A MODEST PROPOSAL ON HEALING

:00-3:20 Overview of the subject of healing in the church.

3:20 A teaching begins, on the four common problems associated with the subject of healing, from the beginning, within the Christian community.

3:45 First area of Problem: <u>Pre-supposition</u>. The assumptions that one has as they approach the healing ministry. Possible assumption # 1: It is always God's will in every situation to bring complete healing and restoration. Teaching regarding that premise. Possible assumption # 2: We pray for healing out of obedience to God's word, for instance; Reference James 5:16.

12:15 Second area of Problem: The dividing of the Natural from the Supernatural. Assumption: God heals in extra-ordinary supernatural ways - A lust for the supernatural. "Claim your Healing" sentiment. Teaching on the attitude of super spiritualization. All healing derives from God. One type of healing is not more spiritual than another.

18:40 Teaching on the 40 year wilderness journey of Israel – first there was supernatural manna and then no manna Reference Joshua 5:12. God has a variety of ways to provide what we need. Story of man who did not think God wanted him to work. Reference 2 Thessalonians 3:10.

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21:50 Teaching on the miraculous.

24:25 Third area of Problem: Understanding Faith. Teaching. Reference Matthew 17:20 Faith is not quantitative. Man's ways are different than God's ways, Reference Luke 9:51-55. James and John – Sons of thunder. Jesus is tempted by the devil to jump off the Temple. Reference Matthew 4:5-7. Man wants God to always do some spectacular thing. Faith is not the belief in the impossible.

31:50 Christian maturity requires the "study" of the scripture. Too many Christians are "Lazy" Christians.

33:45 Terry gives us a functional definition of Faith: Resting in the sufficiency of the evidence. Everyone lives by faith – not everyone has God as the object or subject of their faith. We need to line up our prayers with the will and purpose of God.

37:30 Fourth area of Problem: The way in which healing ministry is carried out – Methodology. Our beliefs about healing determine our methodology. We need not try to program people or God for him to work. Reference 2 Corinthians 4:2 No manipulating or trying to psych people up, but rather a clear statement of the truth in prayer.

38:55 A modest proposal on healing. James 5:14-16 Teaching. Let the one who is sick initiate the request for prayer. That way the sick person is manifesting his own faith. Reference Hebrews 11:6 Belief and diligently seeking brings reward. Teaching: Elders, prayers by others, the prayer of faith. Verse 15 – the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick. Teaching on Save and Salvation – recovery from fallenness. Verse 16 Confession of sin is linked to healing.

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45:10 James 5:16 Confession of sins to one another – Teaching on what and to whom the confessions are to be made. The confession needs to be as broad as the offense. If God alone knows the offense, then confess it to him. If others have been sinned against then confess it to them and to God.

Terry suggests a few recommendations to his congregation at St. Paul's as to how the church should approach the healing ministry. James 5:16 Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects.

Josh. 5:12 And the manna ceased on the morrow, when they ate of the produce of the land; and the people of Israel had manna no more, but ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

<u>2Th. 3:10</u> For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: If any one will not work, let him not eat.

<u>Matt. 17:20</u> He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you."

<u>Luke 9:51</u> When the days drew near for him to be received up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <u>52</u> And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him; <u>53</u> but the people would not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <u>54</u> And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to bid fire come down from heaven and consume them?" <u>55</u> But he turned and rebuked them.

<u>Matt. 4:5</u> Then the devil took him to the holy city, and set him on the pinnacle of the temple, <u>6</u> and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will give his angels charge of you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" <u>7</u> Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'"

<u>2Cor. 4:2</u> We have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways; we refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

<u>James 5:14</u> Is any 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; <u>15</u> and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. <u>16</u> Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects.

<u>Heb. 11:6</u> And without faith it is impossible to please him. For whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.