

The result of separation: (Heb. 10: 14; 2:11,12;12:14; Acts 26:18;Rom.8:17)

We who are in Christ will grow to the stature of Christ and become joint heirs with him.

QUESTIONS

1. How are the words, "separation" and "holiness" related to each other?
2. The saints of Old Testament observed separation. Give examples.
3. What is the importance of separation with regard to the church?
4. What are the teachings of Christ and the Apostles regarding separation?
5. In which areas do we have to observe separation? Explain.
6. Which are the fruits of separation?
7. Write an essays on separation.

LESSON - 23

HEALING

Reading : Isa 53:3, James 5:13-16

Memory verses : James 5: 14,15

Theme : Healing can be claimed form our Lord by faith. He heals the sick.

Introduction : Creations of God are beautiful. The heavens, the sun, moon and stars, the earth in which we live and the arrangements made init, the birds, the flowering plants, the green fields, the streams, the iakes, the rivers and the great oceans are all attractive to our hearts. The dear ones who love us and whom we love give us great joy. But at the same time, there are many

things which make us sad like sickness, sorrows, dangers, death, etc. are some of those things. How did all such sorrowful things enter into this beautiful world? They are all results of sin, which entered into the first man, Adam through disobedience. But we have deliverance from the terrible consequences of sin through the obedience and death of the second Adam, Jesus Christ.

REASONS FOR SICKNESS: 9Rom. 5:12; Exo.15:26)

The fundamental reasons for sickness is sin. God has kept death as wages for sin. Had Adam not sinned, sickness and death would not have been there. There is close relation between sin and sickness. These are also the work of Satan.

There are three constituents in man: spirit, body and soul. All the three constituents which are under curse are subject to sin, sickness and death. All the three constituents can be affected by sickness and hence need healing. There are hospitals which treat sicknesses of the body and mind. But where can spiritual sickness be treated? It is possible that physical and mental sicknesses are due to spiritual sickness. The cure for spiritual sickness can be obtained only from God. That cure will be total and wholesome. "I am the God that heals you", declare God.

CREATOR GOD REMOVES THE SHORTCOMINGS OF HIS CREATION (John 3:8; 2Cor.12:7; Psa.103:3)

As God is our Creator, He can make good all the deficiencies of our body, mind and spirit. Christ came to defeat the works of Satan. He forgave sins of people before He healed their sicknesses. We must receive forgiveness of our sins and then healing (Luke 13:10-16; John 5;14; Luke 5; 18-25; James 5;16; Psa. 103:3) Lord Jesus came to this world to bring remedy of both sin and sickness.

REMISSION OF SIN AND HEALING ON THE CROSS: (Isa. 53:4,5)

We obtain remission of sins and healing through the death of Jesus on the cross. When Jews thought that Jesus was "smitten, stricken and afflicted" by God. He was carrying our sins and sicknesses. Just as there is remission of sins on the cross, there is also healing for mental and physical sicknesses caused by sin on the cross.

JESUS CHRIST, THE GREAT PHYSICIAN:

"I am the God that heals you" (Hebrew word: Jehovah – Rofa). Israel had this revelation about God. David sang; "He forgives all your sins; he heals all your sicknesses. Hence we must have full confidence in the healing power of our God. When Christ was on the earth, He declared the gospel of salvation and healed the sick. He brought healing to the sick by touching them or by rebuking the sickness or by praying for them. When He commanded, the power of God was experienced by the sick and they were healed miraculously. He has the power (Mark 6:56, Matt. 4:23,25; 9:35; Luke 6:17-19) and the willingness (Matt. 9: 1-2; Luke 7:13; Mrk 9:22-24) to heal. He healed sicknesses which were incurable by doctors or medicines (Luke 8:43-48). The power of healing was always with him (Luke 5:17; 8:46; 11:20; 6:19). Healing needs a repentant heart, the desire to forsake sin, dependence on the Lord, faith and prayer. Unbelief and doubts are hindrances which prevent the work of the Lord (James 1; 5-8; Mark 11:24, 1 John 5:15).

THE LORD COMMISSIONED HIS DISCIPLES FOR THE MINISTRY OF HEALING

(Mark: 16:18; 1 Cor. 12:9, Acts. 4:40):

When the Lord sent forth His disciples with the gospel, he commanded them to heal the sick also. The apostles preached about healing also wherever they proclaimed the gospel. The spirit filled apostles prayed for the sick and they were healed. God is a God of miracles. For Him everything is possible.

THE METHOD OF OBTAINING HEALING:

When a sick person prays to the Lord with faith and repentance (James 5:15,16). He stretches forth His hand and delivers him (Acts. 4:30; 9:34). When servants of God prays to the Lord in his name for the sick, he hears their prayers and heals (Mark 16:15-18). Therefore divine healing is a privilege of the children of God.

QUESTIONS

1. Describe briefly the reasons for sickness.
2. Which are the provision that God has made for man as his Creator?
3. Prove that there are both forgiveness of sin and healing through the cross.
4. Give evidences from the Scriptures and experiences to show that Jesus Christ is the great physician.
5. What was the important ministry that Jesus entrusted His disciples when he sent them out to preach the gospel?
6. How do we receive divine healing?
7. Write an essay in two pages on divine healing.

LESSON - 24

THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST - 1 ITS IMPORTANCE

Reading : 2 Pet/ 3:1-4

Memory Verses : Phil. 3:20-21

Theme : To learn about the certainty and importance of the second coming of Jesus Christ and submit ourselves for a hopeful and holy living.

Introduction : Which is the topic which gives hope, courage and comfort to the children of God in this world full of poverty, diseases, deaths and persecution? Martyrs like Stephen, Peter and Paul did not hesitate to die for the Lord, Why? It is the hope of the second coming of Christ which transformed thousands of saints to stand courageously and lay down their lives in front of sharpened swords of blazing fires or ferocious animals. Let the study of this important topic help us to dedicate ourselves to lead a holy life.