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A Dwelling Place for God by the Spirit

(Discipleship=doing the will of God walking in submission to the authority of God so that you can become an instrument of authority)

Workshop no. 19 : "Prayer evangelism" - Healing of the sick - part two - the truth will set you free.

John 8:32-35

*And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: **but the Son abideth ever. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.***

Purpose of this workshop: To consider inner or spiritual healing through the power of prayer as God's plan for Salvation, as we are restored in relationship to Him.

Intended Goal: To equip the believer to become a instrument of prayer to the glory of God.

Scripture readings :

Psalm 31:24 *Be of good courage, and **He shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD.***

Acts 10:38 *How 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.*

Psalm 42:5 *Why art thou cast down, **O my soul?** and why art thou disquieted in me? **hope thou in God:** for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.*

Proverbs 13:12 ***Hope deferred maketh the heart sick:** but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.*

Romans 15:4 *For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.*

1Corinthians 15:19-22 *If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*

Isaiah 53:4 *Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.*

Psalms 147:3 *He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.*

Luke 4:18 *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,*

Psalms 23:3 *He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

John 15:5 *I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.*

Romans 6:4 *Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*

Ephesians 2:10 *For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*

John 10:10 *The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*

Romans 15:8-14 *Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers: And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name. And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people. And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud him, all ye people. And again, Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust. Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost. And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.*

1 Peter 5:10 *And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.*

Psalms 34:17-20 *When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all. He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken.*

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

Romans 8:15-16 ESV For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

Psalms 30:11 You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,

Isaiah 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; 2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; 3 to grant to those who mourn in Zion-- to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.

Food for thought :

"Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee."

Jesus said to the man, go and tell how great thing the Lord has done for you - glorifying His name. Inner healing, is being set free by the truth from the lies that oppressed you.

Even if we have been set free from an oppression, **God continues healing the person through a process called sanctification**, so that a whole person can bring glory to God, in relationship to Him. Jesus asked God to sanctify us by the truth, indicating that the Word is the truth. *John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.*

It is through being sanctified by the truth that we are healed as we become one with the Father and with each other. This is not for forgiveness of sin; it is being made one with God. And being made one with God, means the replacement of the old nature of the fallen Adam with a new sanctified nature. We cannot be one with God and at the same time retain the fallen nature of the past. Being one with the Father and each other means being made whole as a mature son and daughter so that we can glorify our Father in Heaven.

The healing process is coming in fulfillment as we become secure in our relationship to our Father in heaven. The security of our relationship is founded in the knowledge of God and His Son Jesus Christ. It is like the man that was set free, he knew who made him free, and in that he found his security to go and tell the people about the one who set him free.

Like wise. when Jesus confronted Peter with the question "Who do you say I AM" he replied that Jesus is the Son of the Living God, and Jesus said unto Peter that flesh and blood did not reveal it unto him, but His Father revealed it. Jesus then explained that He will build His Church on the rock - meaning the revelation of who He is.

In Luke 6 Jesus explained that "*Luke 6:40 The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master.*" He then continued to explain that a man that come to Him and hear His teachings and do them "*Luke 6:48 He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.*"

To become in the likeness of Christ Jesus is to come to know Him, but to know Him we must dig deep until we found the rock - the revelation of Jesus Christ, not revealed by the flesh but by God through His Spirit. He said that such a man will produce fruit in the likeness of His master, even when the storms come, meaning. If you are secure in your primary relationship you will also be secure in your secondary relationships. **Likewise if we are secure in our relationship with our Father through His Son Jesus Christ as our primary relationship we will be secure in our relationship with our brothers and sisters as a secondary relationship.** We will also start loving the lost and long for them to come into the relationship with our Father in Heaven, we will not be insecure.

God's Plan for us, is to be **sanctified by the truth** so that we will become "holy" as He is holy. Salvation is the beginning, "*John 3:15-16 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*" Eternity, with God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ in a glorified body being the proposed end of our journey. Sanctification being the process, between the beginning and the end.

Our Lord left no doubt of the true way to holiness in His prayer for our sanctification on the night before He was crucified: "Make them holy by means of Your truth. Your Word is truth" The truth will set us free, only if we believe it and live by it. For this reason we must will, to be sanctified, to be healed to come into the perfect fellowship with God, good intentions are good, but not enough to come into the perfect fellowship with God. We are called to act "*James 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.*"

The Bible say :

- a. Like newborn babes, we must desire the pure milk of the Word, that by it we may grow in regard to your salvation.
- b. Paul explained that he planted, Apollos watered, but God made us grow to bear fruit to the glory of His name.
- c. In 1 Corinthians 9:24-25 we are encourage to run the race, to win "Don't you know that all who run in the stadium compete, but only one wins the prize. Run to win! Every one who competes in the games exercises self-discipline in everything; they do it to win a perishable prize, but we do it to win an imperishable one."
- d. Again in Ephesians 6:11 Paul call on us to put on the armor, we must act. "Put on the full armor of God, so that you might be able to stand firm against the tricks of the devil."
- e. "Now I commend you to God, and to His Word of grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified." (Acts 20:32)

f. In Colossians 1:10 we are called to walk worthy of The Lord "That you might walk worthy of the Lord to please Him in all things, bearing fruit in every good work, and growing by means of the full knowledge of God."

g. We are called in 1 Thessalonians 3:13 to increase in love, one to another so "That you might stabilize your hearts, blameless in sanctification before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His holy ones."

h. The writer of Hebrews urges us in Hebrews 6:1 "Let us then move on from the elementary teachings about Christ and press on to maturity."

i. In Romans 12:2 we are called to be transformed "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

When we became Christians, we did not immediately turn into perfect people. We were recreated and as new born babies we must grow into this new life in Christ unto maturity, to glorify God as He complete this transformation in us. We are here to "perfect the holiness" which God began in us at salvation and will complete in eternity: *2 Corinthians 7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.*

So although experiential sanctification ("holiness" achieved by the believer in time) will definitely change a person's behavior, the effecting of superficial, cosmetic changes in behavior (even if one's motivation is pure) is not what produce holiness – that is to flip the sanctification process on its head! **True sanctification occurs only from the inside out.** It is only by producing a genuine change in the thoughts and intents of our hearts (not by effecting an appearance of holiness for the benefit of others) that true sanctification is achieved. **"As one thinks within himself, so he is in fact". The battleground of the Christian life is to be found in the heart of individual believers. Only by purifying the thinking of our hearts will the "old-us" be replaced by a "new-us". This "new person" is "put on" by "renewing our minds with the true knowledge" of God.**

True stories :

*Mark 5:2-19 And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains: Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him. And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones. But when he saw Jesus afar off, **he ran and worshipped him, And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.** For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit. And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many. And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country. Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding. And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them. And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down*

a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea. And they that fed the swine fled, and told it in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done. And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid. And they that saw it told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and also concerning the swine. And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts. And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him. Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.

Act 8:5-13 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. And there was great joy in that city. But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one: To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God. And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries. But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.

In Malawi the Lord gave us the privilege and honor to be used as instruments in His hands. During a home visit a muslim approached us, asking if Jesus can still heal people, and we said, yes. He then asked us if the Lord would be able to heal his brother, again we said yes. They then asked if they could bring their brother the next day so that we can pray for him, we again affirmed that, what seemed impossible for us is possible with God. The next day they came with their brother, who according to them is a mad man running naked in the village. The Lord had mercy on the man and healed him from what possessed him. That man, heard the truth and instead of running naked in the village he became known to preach the gospel giving testimony to what God did for him.

A lady brought her husband to a prayer meeting for deliverance just after he was released from prison. They were desperate asking the pastor for help. The pastor at that stage never yet administered deliverance, but just invited them into the prayer meeting. After a while the man complained that something was trying to suffocate him and asked to be excused from the prayer meeting. The man of God advised him to stay in the prayer meeting and said that should he stay the 'thing' will leave. The alternative was for him to leave together with the 'thing' - demons and not be delivered! The man stayed and was delivered.

God's authority :

Hebrew 12:14-15 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

Psalm 103:1-5 *A Psalm of David. Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

Psalm 139:13-14 *For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.*

Psalm 23:3 *He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

Joel 2:25 *And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.*

Ephesians 6:17 *And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:*

John 8:32 *And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*

Psalm 147:3 *He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.*

Psalm 142:7 *Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your name! The righteous will surround me, for you will deal bountifully with me.*

Psalm 34:18 *The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.*

1 Thessalonians 2:19 *For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?*

Hebrews 3:6 *But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, **if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.***

1 Peter 1:13-16 *Wherefore **gird up the loins of your mind, be sober,** and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, **Be ye holy; for I am holy.***

Conclusion :

Jesus said the truth will set you free, and if the Son set you free you are free indeed.

In considering that the battle is in the mind, and that the truth will set you free, we must acknowledge that the enemy comes to steal through deceiving thoughts that exalt itself above the knowledge of God. These deceiving thoughts tend to direct us at our position in relation to people before we got saved - emotional hurts based on rejection and so on.

Therefore 2 Corinthians. 10v3-5 taking captive our thoughts submitting it to the Word of God is such a powerful weapon as the truth of the Word pulls down the enemies strongholds in our mind.

The process of sanctification is directed to us being God-centered and no more self-centered. Our healing start by asking God to show us how He sees us in our relationship to Him. In this new relationship our primary concern must be directed to what God wants from us as we become the instrument in His hands. That is true maturity, true holiness, real manhood and real womanhood.

Too many people focus their religious activity on self, how to manipulate God for self benefit. True Christianity, on the other hand, expects us to loose our live so that we can gain the true abundant life in Christ Jesus. *"I came so that [you] might have life and have it more abundantly"* (John 10:10). That is to be recreated in Christ Jesus so that we can do the good works that God preplanned for each one of us - To Do God's Will - and to then enjoy the "abundant life" He promises! Enjoying a richer and a fuller life, a life lived at a higher level in obedience to God's will and reflecting His glory.

There is more to a whole life than simply casting out demons. In Luke 9:42, we are told a story of how Jesus not only rebuked demons in a boy who was mentally affected by evil spirits, but also is said to have healed the boy. There is no mention of the boy needing physical healing, but if you look up the **word healed in this passage, one of the meanings is, "to free from errors and sins..."**, which is likely what Jesus did with the boy, Jesus removed legal ground for the enemy in the boy's life (sins) and freed him from errors (strongholds).

Many times when a person has been abused, rejected, wounded, or hurt in some way, there is an emotional wound that needs to be healed. Demons will use these wounds and weaknesses against the person, as leverage to hold them in bondage and get them to re-open doors so that they can re-enter. These can become strongholds, incorrect thinking patterns often **fueled by fear** exalt itself above the knowledge of the present relationship with God in Christ Jesus. We have been recreated to be called sons and daughters of God, the enemy uses the stronghold to draw us back into believing a lie of the past.

The antidote to fear is faith in the triune God as 2Timothy1v7 says God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power (the Holy Spirit), love (the Father) and a sound mind (Christ Jesus who is his Word)

It is based on the mentioned that the enemy will oppose any prayer effort, **for it is in the relationship with God that these lies are defused and any legal rights of the enemy is revealed - thus it is said that the truth will set you free. The truth of God against the lie of the enemy.**

Prayer evangelism in healing the soul, is again to prepare the way for the Truth to set the captive free. God said that He will call the strangers and the foreigners to His house of prayer were He will fill them with joy. Once the Lord reveals Himself, the truth unto us, we receive a indescribable joy as we have been set free from the lie of the enemy. But it is only when we draw unto God that He can reveal the truth, that will truly set us free.

The prodigal son found himself in need outside his father's house, for there he was in the hands of the people of the land and he longed for nourishment, he was hungry. The hunger he had could only be satisfied by the father in the father's house. Likewise, God said that He wants to fill us with joy in His house of prayer, but like the prodigal son we need to draw unto God and He will meet us on the way to bring us back to His house.

A prayer house is a place of worship where God's people or the people called by His Name can come together in the presence of God as they acknowledge Him as the one and only God. In the likeness of the demoniac of Gadara, who when he recognised Jesus as the Son of God, fell at His feet, worshipped Him and being set free. The prayer house is a place where the believers express their faith in an act of worship and as non-believers/those bound by the lie of the enemy enter into the presence of His holiness they will be set free and be filled with joy.

In the presence of God demons flee

*Ps.96:1-13 Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! Sing to the Lord, bless his name; **tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!** For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength! Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth! Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity." Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness.*

Questions to be answered :

1. Explain the inner healing process?
2. What is required from a believer that needs inner healing?
3. Explain sanctification in relation to our inner healing?
4. What is the purpose of sanctification and how does it address our inner healing?
5. My House is a House of prayer - explain God's plan for healing?