

HEALING FOR THE BODY

This booklet is written based on the truth of the scriptures in the deep desire to relieve suffering and help those called draw close to the One who paid the price for them...Yahshua the Healer.

"And Yahshua, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things." (Mark 6:34)

Published by: The Assembly of Yah
2695 N. 2409th Rd.
Marseilles, IL 61341
1 (815) 357-9926
E-mail askyah@pcwildblue.com
Internet: Assemblyofyah.com

1st printing December 2002
2nd printing 2007

Table of Contents

Introduction.....	2
Promises of Yahweh.....	3
Requirements to be Healed.....	4
Faith is Power.....	6
How does Yahweh Build Healing Faith?.....	7
Power in the Name of Yahshua.....	8
The First Commandment.....	9
Where does Sickness come from?.....	11
Spiritual Sickness and Manifestations.....	11
Curses, Bonds and Dedications.....	14
Foolish Communication.....	17
Spiritual Warfare and Healing.....	18
A Warfare Prayer.....	21
Fasting and Breaking Free.....	23
How and Why.....	24
Yahweh is Able To Heal.....	25
How Does Yahweh Heal?.....	27
Maintaining Your Healing.....	29
Spiritual Gifts in the Assembly.....	30
Conclusion.....	32

(Underlines and other emphasis is the author's)

INTRODUCTION

Today, believers in the Assembly are confused and frustrated when it comes to the gift and manifestations of healing. It seems to be a mystery why some are healed and others are not. This produces doubt, confusion and even a departure from the Assembly and the faith by some. This therefore is a serious issue that requires understanding in the body of Messiah.

Why is it that some are healed immediately when they go before the elders according to the scripture? (James 5:13-14) Why is it that some are healed later, while some that keep asking for prayer and coming forward are never healed? There are reasons for all these situations. Yahweh is not an Elohim of confusion. (1 Cor. 14:33) Why are the same people on the prayer request list week after week, month after month? Are we supposed to be sick? Does Yahweh actually afflict us so that we are physically and mentally preoccupied with pain and discomfort?

We believe strongly that there are scriptural and Spiritual answers to all these questions. We have applied what we have learned as Yahweh and Yahshua leads us and, at the same time, have seen an incredible increase in healing by prayer. Is this interesting to you? Do you need healing? Is there someone you love that needs healing from physical, emotional or spiritual pain? Would you like to be able to counsel and help others to be healed and come to the knowledge of salvation? We will discuss all of these questions in this booklet. This booklet is unlike others.

The material in this booklet will not be able to be received by everyone, even in the body. It even takes faith, discernment and revelation to believe the basic scriptures!

THE SACRED NAMES

First of all, the King James Bible says, in Psalms 68:4 that the short abbreviated Name of the Father is Jah. The "J" is a new letter not part of the original text. The Name is actually Yah. The full Name of the Father that gave His Son for us is Yahweh. (YHWH) It is found in all the original text used as a basis for the King James Bible. However, it was illegally removed from the canonization text by the Masorites. The Savior said, in John 5:43, that He came in the Father's Name, "and ye received me not..." His Name and the name that Peter proclaimed in Acts 2:38, as the name to be baptized into, is Yahshua. Yah is the Father's name, therefore fulfilling that He came in His Father's name. Acts 4:12 says that there is no other name that has salvation in it. The Savior's Name is Yahshua. Shua means salvation. This is why the angel told Joseph to call his son Yahshua, because He would save His people from their sin. We include a statement from *The Word of Yahweh Bible*, Assemblies of Yahweh, copyright 2000.

"The personal name of the Heavenly Father, Yahweh, was inspired into the Hebrew and Aramaic texts of the Old Testament nearly 7000 times. This includes 134 instances where the Masoretic scribes admittedly changed Yahweh to the more common Hebrew word, Adonai. In all instances where LORD, or GOD was substituted for the Sacred Name in the English text we have properly restored Yahweh. In addition to the many times the Father's name is rendered as LORD or GOD, there are many more instances where these terms were used as translations of Hebrew words elohim and adonai. Because there is no accurate translation of elohim we have transliterated that title into the English. As for Adonai, sovereign or master serves as an adequate translation in most cases".

"The sacred names in the New Testament offered a more difficult challenge. The oldest available manuscripts of the New Testament are in the Greek language. In recent years many scholars have proposed that there are Semitic originals underlying the Greek text or much of the New Testament. Evidence put forth by these scholars for a Hebrew or Aramaic New Testament is now being given serious consideration. With these recent findings in mind, guidelines were developed to accurately restore the sacred name Yahweh into the New Testament text. These guidelines are listed at the end of this preface. In addition the Aramaic Peshitta was consulted for further guidance in supplying the Name to the text. In the Aramaic Peshitta, the Tetragrammaton was consistently replaced by the word "Mariah". This is the equivalent of the Hebrew word "Adonai". Therefore, this is the same thing that the scribes did in the 134 documented instances in the Hebrew Tenach (Old Testament), as stated above. What complicates matters is the fact that whenever we see "Mariah" in the Aramaic New Testament text, it could mean "Yahweh", or it could mean "Sovereign".

"It was also our goal to restore the Hebrew name of our savior Yahshua into the text. There can be no doubt that he was born into a Hebrew speaking society, raised by Hebrew parents, and given a Hebrew name by his parents as commanded from the heavens. The name Jesus is at best an inferior attempt to transliterate the Hebrew Yahshua. Furthermore we have used the term Messiah in reference to Yahshua instead of the more common term Christ. It is our belief that Messiah conveys a fuller, richer, more accurate description of our savior, than does Christ."

PROMISES OF YAHWEH

Yahweh our Father is a gracious, merciful, loving father who wants all good things for us. In fact, it is written that it is His will to not only save us through the gift of His Son, Yahshua, but

to give us the Kingdom. (Col. 1:13, Luke 12:32) All His promises toward us are yea. His word is sure and shall accomplish that to which it is sent. (Isa. 55:11) He also says that what we ask we shall receive. Let us look at some scriptures:

Matthew 21:22, "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."

John 14:13, "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."

1 John 3:22, "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight."

Psalms 103:3 (I am Yahweh) "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;"

Does it seem to us that His promises are with repentance, that Yahweh may take them away at any time, or be sporadic on who He gives them to? Of course not. He loves us and wants to bless us. It is said that everyone that came to Yahshua was healed. His promises are sure toward us. It says clearly in James that not only will we be healed, but if we repent, our sins will be forgiven.

James 5:13-15, "Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the assembly; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Master: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and Yahweh shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him." (The Word of Yahweh)

Psalms 103:1-4, "Bless Yahweh, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless Yahweh, 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;" (The Word of Yahweh)

These words are true and can be claimed by any believer who is in Yahshua! Notice that the scripture did not say sometimes or only as He wills. Read this again and meditate on the Word. But, as we read in some scripture, we must believe. We must have faith to receive. Therefore, healing is for everyone who comes to the savior. But, there are issues and factors, other than weak faith that interfere with these promises and blessings. What we are saying is that the word is sure, but due to our fault or ignorance, the prayers are inhibited!

Hosea 4:6, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy Elohim, I will also forget thy children." (The Word of Yahweh)

So let us look at some requirements to be healed. There are more than we might think!

REQUIREMENTS TO BE HEALED

We have a covenant, promises and blessings that are given unto us, Yahweh's first fruits. These are sure and Yahweh has spoken these things and cannot take them back. As we said, they are available through Yahshua, His Son, the sheepgate, and our savior and righteousness. He purchased these things for us with His own blood for those who are called and obey Him. However, all His promises are conditional based on our fulfilling our part of the agreement. Hear and obey is the basic law!

Deuteronomy 11:27, "A blessing, if ye obey (emphasis is mine) the commandments of Yahweh your Elohim, which I command you this day:" (The Word of Yahweh)

Deuteronomy 28:1-2, "And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently (emphasis is

mine) unto the voice of Yahweh thy Elohim, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that Yahweh thy Elohim will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of Yahweh thy Elohim." (The Word of Yahweh)

All of Yahweh's promises are invoked and secured if we obey His word and laws. This is the main issue that He has with us. We do not obey Him and seek Him with all our hearts and place Him first above all things. We fall short either through direct disobedience, self will or ignorance. So let us look at these factors that are involved to receiving all His promises.

The first law that Yahweh directs toward us is repentance. There are at least seventy times that repentance is mentioned in the scriptures. After we receive knowledge of sin and disobedience, we are commanded to repent. This is to be done with a broken and sincere heart. We are to do this quickly! This opens the door to receiving. David said a broken and a contrite heart Yahweh will not despise. But, there remains that word, "if," in Deuteronomy 28:1.

*2 Chronicles 7:14, " **If** my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, (emphasis mine) and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. (We are the land, dust of the ground.)*

Matthew 3:2-3, "And saying, Repent ye: (emphasis mine) for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying,

The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of Yahweh, make his paths straight." (John the Baptist) (The Word of Yahweh)

Luke 13:3, "I tell you Nay: but, except ye repent, (emphasis mine) ye shall all likewise perish."

Acts 17:30, "And the times of this ignorance Elohim winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:" (The Word of Yahweh)

Yes, contrary to what some in the Assemblies believe, or what is erroneously taught, we do have responsibilities for what we receive. Remember, He wants to bless and heal us. But, lip service will not please Yahweh our Father. He knows our hearts, and He knows when we are not sincere. But, if we will humble ourselves and repent tearfully, then He will be moved with compassion and mercy.

James 5:16, "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." (emphasis mine)

All sin is disobedience. And it is written there is not one that doeth good and sinneth not! This includes self will, breaking the commandments, statutes and judgments or a condition of the heart such as bitterness, unforgiveness, covetousness, lust, adultery and witchcraft. We must put Yahweh and Yahshua first, that is the first commandment. We must honor and claim His Name with our mouth and heart through baptism. (Repent and be baptized in the Name of Yahshua, Acts 2:38; the name of Jesus Christ is incorrect)

The condition of the unrepentant, unconverted heart is carnal. A carnal heart is at enmity or an enemy of Yahweh. It is neither in His will nor communing with Him in righteousness. If it seeks self will, pleasure and world, loving the things of the world, that heart is seeking its own glory and reward.

John 3:3, "Yahshua answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of Elohim." (The Word of Yahweh)

Colossians 3:1-2, "If ye then be risen with Messiah, seek those things which are above, where Messiah sitteth on the right hand of Elohim. Set your affection on things above, not on things on

the earth." (The Word of Yahweh)

Romans 8:6-8, "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against Yahweh: for it is not subject to the law of Yah, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please Yahweh.

So the heart needs to be converted, which is the process Yahweh continues in us, until we come into the obedience of Messiah. (2 Cor. 10:5) But, to be in the flesh inhibits our prayers and blessings. One may pray for a healing, but may not receive it due to the attitude or condition of the heart and mind. Therefore, the first responsibility is to repent of all that He shows us. Sin always separates us from the throne. And, in addition, we must believe that He has forgiven all our sins through His son Yahshua. (1 John 1:9)

Let's ask some questions to stimulate our meditation on healing and our responsibility to obedience

1. Are there examples in the scriptures where sickness or even death occurred for disobedience? 1 Cor. 11:29-30

2. What does rebellion (disobedience) bring on people and believers? Will rebellion bring on this same condition? Isa. 1:1-7

3. Did Yahweh promise a result for being disobedient? Does Yahweh change, or can we expect the same thing to happen to us today? Deut. 28:15, 22, 35, 58-61; Malachi 3:6.

4. Does Yahweh make positive promises to His people for obeying His commandments and covenant? Ex. 20:12.

5. What if one is already sick, is there recourse for us? Can you expect a healing--a healing that will last? Isa. 53:5

6. Who put sickness on you? Does Yahweh tempt or afflict us, or should we look somewhere else? Acts 10:38

FAITH IS POWER

Next to reverencing The Son, Yahshua the Healer, faith is the next important factor in the receiving of blessings. Faith is the power and supreme element that actually secures our entire Spiritual heritage from the Father of Spirits, Yahweh. We embrace our atonement of sins by faith. We believe that our prayers are heard by faith. We know that we are children of Yahweh in adoption and have the earnest of the Spirit by faith. In fact, we can receive nothing unless we believe it without doubting.

James 1:6-7, "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Sovereign." (The Word of Yahweh)

Hebrews 11:6, " But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to Elohim must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." (The Word of Yahweh)

Therefore, when we pray, or have hands laid on us, we must believe that we will be answered. Faith is the "substance" by which mountains are moved.

Matthew 17:20, "And Yahshua said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you." (The Word of Yahweh)

Faith is under-rated. With strong faith one can receive that which others may not

obtain. Yahshua made it clear that, to be healed, one must have the power of that faith and conviction to receive that healing.

Matthew 9:22, "But Yahshua turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour." (The Word of Yahweh)

Peter, after healing the lame man at the gate to the temple, said it was his faith and faith in the Name of Yahshua that made him whole.

Acts 3:16, "And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all."

Our faith in Yahweh and His Son, Yahshua the Deliverer, moves our Father to act on our prayers swiftly. It is a powerful motivation. In fact, Yahshua shows concern that in the end time; He wonders how much faith will be here. (Luke 18:8) Read the eleventh chapter of Hebrews and see the mighty works that were done by faith. We will clearly see how faith is not only necessary to receive, but it can literally change the course of natural events. Do we really think that without faith we can be healed? Do you worry about the amount of faith you have? There is a prayer that can help.

If our faith is weak, but present, we can pray a legal prayer that will please and secure Yahweh's assistance in our situation. We can pray, "Help our unbelief".

Mark 9:24, "And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Master, I believe; help thou mine unbelief." (The Word of Yahweh)

We see that even in a weak state of faith, with doubts and troubled thoughts, Yahweh is merciful and provides a way for the weak. How wonderful and kind He is above all! However, there are other elements that must be present to gain a healing. In addition to faith in prayer by others, such as elders and the brethren, we must pray. Our faith heals us! Yes, we have responsibility not only to repent and believe, but to pray and maybe fast ourselves. Some actually think that if they go to the elders or have a pastor pray for them, they now need to do nothing. This is error not knowing the scriptures and ignorance of the ways of Yahweh. The greatest work is done on our part! Here are some more questions for thought:

1. Does your faith have to be strong to fight a spiritual fight and obtain healing? Matt. 17:14-21.

2. How do we obtain this strong faith? Do we only ask for it, or is there a process that Yahweh uses to build this type of trust? Mark 9:22-24.

3. What must we do in order to obtain from our Heavenly Father? James 4:3-10

4. What should we submit to and resist to be able to obtain our victories? James 4:11-17

5. Do we have to fight this battle alone, or is there other help we can call upon? 1 Peter 2:21, 24.

HOW DOES YAHWEH BUILD HEALING FAITH IN US?

Is faith just given to us? Yes, some is given by His Spirit and Yahshua's help. However, there is actually a process of building that is powerful, difficult and complete. If we have a smooth, easy life that is totally without difficulty, we become lazy, complacent and maybe Laodicean in nature. When we have too much and life is smooth all the time, we also become self-sufficient and lean on our own power and understanding. We will drift away from Yahshua

as a natural course of direction. Yahshua knows this. Therefore, He keeps us and encourages us to look to Him for all our needs and gratefully, lovingly acknowledge Him in all things. He is called our Provider! (Yahweh-Yirah)

Faith is the same thing. He allows trials and tribulation to come upon us to encourage us to seek Him for help, strength and wisdom to overcome. Without these difficulties and lessons, we would have weak faith that may not even be enough to save, let alone heal. Therefore, Yahweh allows us to be tried with trials, to build what we need. He does this for our good.

James 1:2-3, " My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience."

1 Peter 4:13, "But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Messiah's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy." (The Word of Yahweh)

Did Yahshua suffer during His ministry? What did He learn?

Hebrews 5:7-8, "Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

Peter had a tremendous trial that strengthened him for the calling and the work.

Luke 22:31-34, "And the Master said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. And he said unto him, Master, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death. And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me." (The Word of Yahweh)

The process of faith also includes correction by the word and sometimes directly from Yahshua.

Hebrews 12:5-7, "And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of Yahweh, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For whom Yahweh loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, Elohim dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?" (The Word of Yahweh)

Revelation 3:19, " As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

We can see that some of our trials will be a correction for something we did or neglected to do. Therefore, in our walk, we constantly meditate and listen to what Yahweh is showing us. If we see early we have been out of His will, and repent, He will deal with us gently. If we do not watch our garments to keep them clean, then He will deal with us more sternly. But, as this learning and relationship of trials and corrections goes on, we grow in confidence, knowledge and faith in all that He does, and what we are able to do. In addition, reading and meditating on the scriptures will also enhance our faith. This is the basic process of faith building. There is much more, but we will not cover this entire subject now. It is enough to say that faith is critically important.

POWER IN THE NAME OF YAHSHUA

In addition to obedience and faith, the third major responsibility we have to obtain promises, is to call on His Name. So many Sabbath keepers today are ignorant or deceived about the true names of Yahweh and Yahshua. The third commandment says not to take His name in vain or to make it come to nothing. When we use other names such as "Jesus Christ, G-d, L-RD," we do

not honor and call on His name as part of the process for us to hear. Let us look at some scriptures.

Psalms 68:4, "Sing unto Elohim, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name YAH, and rejoice before him." (Yah is the short poetic form of the full name of Yahweh...which means the Eternal) (The Word of Yahweh)

Isaiah 42:8, "I am Yahweh: that is my name: and my honour will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images" (The Word of Yahweh)

Isaiah 52:6, "Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore they shall know in that day that I am he that doth speak: behold, it is I."

Joel 2:32, "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of Yahweh shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as Yahweh hath said, and in the remnant whom Yahweh shall call." (The Word of Yahweh)

Proverbs 18:10, "The name of Yahweh is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe." (The Word of Yahweh)

This is a great controversy in the Assemblies of general Sabbath keepers. The revelation of The Sacred Name is a truth that is not known as yet. If the reader knows this truth, and honors and obeys the third commandment, he is far ahead of most believers. It is a powerful act to invoke His sacred name with faith. Some healing occurs in the name of "J.C.", but it is because He is showing mercy on those who will eventually come into all the truth about the real and original names. And He says, He will have mercy upon whom He will. Whether one believes this or not, they must study this out and ask for the revelation of this powerful truth! There are many booklets and tracts available on this subject. Fast about it. Ask for the revelation!

Psalms 5:11, "But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee."

Psalms 9:10, "And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, Yahweh, hast not forsaken them that seek thee." (The Word of Yahweh)

There is power in His Name. Speak not the names of other els. Yes, there is healing in this name! More questions for thought.

1. Were there any healed in this name? Acts 3:12-13; Acts 3:16.
2. Are there other names we can use? Are there multiple names we can call upon? Acts 2:38, 4:12. Is there salvation in any other? Read this again.
3. Could it be that the Name of Yahshua should be in our foreheads and between our eyes? Rev. 14:1; 22:4.
4. The Name of Yahweh is so important and adoring, that it is like an ointment. Song of Solomon 1:3
5. Are there penalties for changing the inspired scriptures? Rev. 22:19 Does it include names also? Hos. 2:16.
6. In the commission of Matthew 28:19, does it actually say His name or the Father's?

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT

Our fourth responsibility is to place Yahweh and Yahshua first in our lives above all others, and before all other things. This appears to be the first step, however in the process of these steps, believers usually have to learn and apply the first commandment over time. Just as it takes time to settle into the Sabbath routine, we learn through the scripture and His prompting in the Spirit that we must put other elements of our lives second to Him! This is the first and most important commandment and has three components.

First, it identifies His Name. "I am Yahweh..."

Second, it tells who He is. "...That brought you out of the land of Egypt..."

Third, He says that nothing shall come before Him. "...thou shall not have any el's before me..."

Let us see the whole commandment for many Assemblies and copiers of the bible have changed it.

Exodus 20:1-3, "And Elohim spake all these words, saying, I am Yahweh thy Elohim, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other elohim before me." (The Word of Yahweh)

He is a jealous Elohim and He wants and deserves all our worship, love and attention. It is a love relationship that we have with Him. He first loved us so that He gave his only Son. But, He is jealous of our attention and our time.

Exodus 20:5, "Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I Yahweh thy Elohim am a jealous El, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;" (that do not put Him first) (The Word of Yahweh)

Exodus 34:14, "For thou shalt worship no other el's: for Yahweh, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous El:" (The Word of Yahweh)

He, Yahshua, watches over us all day long. He never slumbers and never sleeps. He is always there for us and attentive to our needs, safety and prayers. We can call on Him at anytime and know that He hears us, because we keep His commandments and love Him. If we want this close personal relationship with Him as He has offered us, we need to give Him pre-eminence in our life commensurate with His importance. He says that He will come and dwell in us and we shall be one even as the Father and He are one in agreement. He also told us that as we take a step toward Him, He takes a step toward us. In other words, if we want Yahshua close at our side, we must place Him there by our love and desire to have that intimacy.

James 4:8, "Draw nigh to Elohim, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded." (The Word of Yahweh)

Therefore, it is scriptural that if we call upon Yahshua for whatever reason and we would approach Him for a need, we better have a close, loving and reverent relationship that is very current and up to date. It had better not be a week or two weeks since we have worshipped or talked to Him. Do not even friends and spouses stay in close relations? He does call us friends, if we do His will. And He is our Husband for we are the bride. Paul makes this clear.

2 Corinthians 11:2, " For I am jealous over you with jealousy of Yahweh: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to the Messiah." (The Word of Yahweh)

He makes it very clear in the old and the new Testament.

Mark 12:30, "And thou shalt love Yahweh thy Elohim with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy understanding, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment."(Deut. 6:4-5)

(The Word of Yahweh)

In conclusion, we must put Yahweh and Yahshua first, while we call on their true Names and have the faith to receive the blessing that they have for us. And all this starts with a broken repentant heart! This He will not despise!

WHERE DOES SICKNESS COME FROM?

We have seen that sickness most certainly comes from sin which is the breaking of Yahweh's laws. However, we can also break natural laws of health by poor eating habits, and associated living standards that He never wanted us to acquire. We need a daily diet of good food three times a day that also limits sweets, caffeine and artificial chemical additives. So many meats, and preprocessed foods are full of harmful chemicals and preservatives that cannot only make you sick, but easily destroy your immune system, leaving you vulnerable to all sorts of disease. And, the deceitful thing about pop, artificial drinks, candy, snacks, and processed food is that the dangerous effects do not show up for years. Just because the government says it is safe, has no guarantee that it is. But, there is even more seductive trouble in diet.

Because man today ignores the laws of Yahweh, such as the land Sabbath, the food chain has been depleted of nutriment since about the year 1910.

Are we aware that since the eighteenth century, when this country was being explored and developed, that each generation has been able to physically accomplish less and less because of progressive deterioration of the body's strength? Our bodies are not as strong as they used to be, because of the depleted food chain and chemicals. Sin affects everyone. What have we learned? Breaking the land Sabbath, causes sickness.

Today, our people and other Israelite countries have gone to the vitamin craze to compensate for lack of nutrients. It is a billion dollar industry, and much of it is good and necessary for us. But, because we have not humbled ourselves before Yahweh, He allows sin and lack of knowledge to have its terrible and devastating effect upon us in the way of sickness and disease. Even if we get off "junk" food, processed food, "fast" food, and live off a natural garden in our back yards, this will not entirely solve the health and sickness problems. In addition to breaking Yahweh's laws, there is another source of problems.

SPIRITUAL SICKNESS AND MANIFESTATIONS

This is a controversial chapter. This is the information that not everyone can believe, though it is right out of the scriptures. What we tell you is the truth. We hope that all can come to this understanding and go forward to gain the victory they need. The subject we are now discussing is spiritual attack. It, too, is because of sin. Remember, all disobedience is sin, and sin is a door to be attacked. Sickness is an attack and the result of sin in most cases! Sin is the primary reason for sickness.

When we break Yahweh's laws, especially five specific areas, we will come under attack by Satan. Remember, that Yahweh tempts no one, as it says in James. After we allow works of the flesh to manifest, they become sin, and sin brings forth suffering and death.

James 1:13-15, "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of Yahweh: for Elohim cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." (The Word of Yahweh)

Sin opens up doors or legal ground to be attacked by Satan and his minions (demons). We saw this example in King Saul, and Judas Iscariot. Satan is called the accuser of the brethren. Many do not understand this. He goes night and day before the throne, when we do something that is not pleasing to Yahweh, and petitions to harm us in some way. He wants to hurt and destroy Yahweh's heritage any way he can. He comes to lie, steal, kill and destroy. He comes to

deceive, destroy our faith and hope, and kill us. One of the ways he does this is through sickness. Also, if we recall, Yahshua is called not only High Priest and Judge, but Intercessor. He makes intercession for us before the throne to help us when Satan desires to attack us on legal ground based on our disobedience. Review these scriptures (about Peter being sifted by Satan).

Revelation 12:10, " And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our Elohim, and the power of his Messiah: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our Elohim day and night." (The Word of Yahweh)

Hebrews 7:25, "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto Elohim by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." (The Word of Yahweh)

However, our Judge tries to invalidate the legal ground and protect us, but it is not always successful if we go too far in our disobedience. This breaking of the law is called legal ground in the spiritual warfare arena. It gives legal permission for Satan to come against us. The accusations are about things we do. The attack may come from our employer, next door neighbor, spouse, children or the government. It may be a broken car, flooding, fire or a tornado. However, many times, it comes in the form of health problems. The reason we do not know this is that it is not taught by the Assemblies. It is avoided! What are the main doors we can open for attack?

First, a very serious sin is unforgiveness. If we do not forgive, Yahweh does not have to forgive us. It says that in the Master's prayer (Matt. 6:14). Also, see the story of the King who forgave all, but one of his servants did not. What happened to him? He was turned over to the tormentors! Who are the tormentors? (demons, i.e. tormentors...See Matt. 18:34) We have all kinds of different forms of unforgiveness in our life. Bitterness, anger, resentment and personal offenses are just a few of the sins we carry in the area of unforgiveness. We want to believe these are all taken care of and forgiven, but if the feelings of such are still there, there is still the unforgiveness. That is legal ground for attack.

There are four other doors that are popular for Satan to accuse us. Idolatry, occult, witchcraft, and rebellion. We have already discussed idolatry, but did you know that play dolls are also idols? (Doll plus I is Idol.) Paul said that an idol is nothing, but that it has demons associated with it. Many will scoff at this to their own hurt.

1 Corinthians 10:19-20, "What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing? But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to Yahweh: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils." (The Word of Yahweh)

One will say that a play doll is not an idol, but it is, and we have much knowledge of this. Two hundred years ago, we did not have dolls. Now we have all sorts of every type, color, nationality and motif. We have the witness and proof of these things. There are many stories of children's problems such as bed wetting, nightmares, rebellion and sickness disappearing when dolls were removed from their rooms and out of the house. The process was complete when the parents repented. Send for the books *Idols and Images; No Other G-ds; and Breaking Free.*

Next, involvement in the occult and witchcraft is rapidly rising in popularity in this country. It is the fastest growing "religion". Go into a Bible bookstore and go to the section titled "inspiration" and see how many books there are on spiritualism and witchcraft. The occult and witchcraft seems harmless and innocent. That is exactly what Satan wants us to think. If you have involvement in these things or possess examples of them in your house, you will be, or are already, under attack. Let us look at a short list of things:

OUIJA BOARDS, SORCERY, WITCHCRAFT CONTROL, WATER WITCHING, MAGIC, VODOO, DOLLS, DIVINATION, FORTUNE TELLING, JEANNE DIXON, EDGAR CAYCE, IRENE HUGHES, AUTOMATIC WRITING, HANDWRITING ANALYSIS, TEA LEAF, COFFEE GROUNDS, CRYSTAL BALL, TAROT CARDS, PALM READING, ASTROLOGY, HOROSCOPES, SIGNS OF THE ZODIAC, HYPNOSIS, ESP, SPIRITUALISM, MEDIUM, SEANCE, TABLE TIPPING, NECROMANCY, LEVITATION, CLAIRVOYANCE, ASTRAL PROJECTION, TRANSCENDENTAL MEDITATION, ECKANKAR, SOUL TRAVEL, MIND CONTROL, BIORHYTHM, YOGA, KARATE AND ALL THE MARTIAL ARTS, TATTOOS, CUTTING OF THE FLESH, PIERCED EARS, ACUPUNCTURE, FREEMASONS, EASTERN STAR, CHARMS, INDIAN JEWELRY (HEXAGRAM, PENTAGRAM, ANKH, ITALIAN HORN, GOATS HEAD, UNICORN, FLYING HORSE,), ENCHANTMENTS, FETISHES POTIONS, SPELLS, DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS, PSYCHIC READINGS, REINCARNATION, PYRAMID, CLAIRAUDIENCE, MENTAL SCIENCE, FALSE VISIONS, SUPERSTITIONS, AMULETS, TALISMANS, SATANISM, KARMA, HEX SIGNS, WIND CHIMES.

We have underlined the most common offenses that are in our households that even serious believers have around them. Is it surprising? It should be shocking! There are actually unclean things we can defile ourselves and our house with. The scripture warns us.

Deuteronomy 23:14, "For Yahweh thy Elohim walketh in the midst of thy camp, to deliver thee, and to give up thine enemies before thee; therefore shall thy camp be holy: that he see no unclean thing in thee, and turn away from thee. (The Word of Yahweh)

2 Corinthians 6:17, "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith Yahweh, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." (The Word of Yahweh)

Remember the story of Rachel and when she left with Jacob? She stole her father's images (idols). Laban saw that they were gone, and for this reason and others, went to pursue them to retrieve the idols. Jacob later made sure that these things were not in his possession due to the curses that were connected to them. (See Gen. 31:19-35; 35:4)

The reason Rachel, a righteous woman, took such evil things was the fact that she knew that the demons with them would tell Laban where they fled.

This is not a story you will normally hear your minister tell. This is knowledge Satan has hid from many! [All dolls, everything from Bambi to Zuba the fighting warrior, are doors for attack. This includes raggedy Ann, show dolls, porcelain dolls. They all have to go.]

We have now mentioned the other problem with unclean demonic things. Let us discuss the thread that ties this all together when it comes to general sin. This sin can be in every part of our life. It can be so insidious that we do not know that it is even present. This sin separates us more than any other type of human emotion or endeavor that Yahweh detests. The subject now is REBELLION. Rebellion is as serious as witchcraft, in fact the scriptures say that it is as the sin of witchcraft.

1 Samuel 15:23, "For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of Yahweh, he hath also rejected thee from being king." (The Word of Yahweh)

Rebellion is to say, in our minds or in our life, we do not want to do what Yahweh wants; we want to do it our own way. This is the same attitude of an unruly child when they are corrected by the parent, who loves and wants the best for them. Yahweh is our parent who guides and shapes us to the character of His son Yahshua. We must come to the point that we have that righteous character or else we will not make the first calling. The problem is in the carnal mind.

The carnal mind of an unbeliever is the way we were before we were converted. The carnal mind does not want to conform to the laws and Spirit of Yahweh, nor does it understand them. It is defiant, resentful and argumentative, resistant against all the direction and truth the scripture provides. This is rebellion in its purest form. The reason that Yahweh hates it so much is that we choose someone else to follow instead of Him. We can only follow two other sources of guidance in this world; either ourselves and, or, Satan. Yahweh makes no differentiation between ourselves and Satan. If we follow anyone else other than Him, we find ourselves an enemy of His. Read the scripture:

James 4:4, "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with Elohim? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of Yahweh." (The Word of Yahweh)

Satan is called the prince of this world. He rules this place and most of the people in it, as they go about their own lives. If we resist the calling of Elohim or go with Him half way, we are in rebellion and walking in the flesh. This resistance, when we are between two opinions, can make void our relationship and protection. Every time we resist His law, guidance, brotherly love, His Spirit or His will, we are in rebellion. If Yahweh has set His will to secure us in His calling, He may have to take drastic and painful measures to break our self-will. This is called "the hard way".

This is the problem in most Assemblies. Many believers are unconverted and they bring their stubbornness, rebellion and resulting problems into the groups. These individuals are not dealt with. Then, their rebellion not only defiles the group (sin in the camp), but it spreads sin to others. (2 John 3-11).

We may think that we are servants of Yahweh and totally subordinate to His will and word, but in almost every life lies rebellion. It is possible that until we are actually converted (born again, John 3:3) rebellion, like pride, lies at the door. We need to ask Him if this is part of our lives. All the other sins and problems are held together with stubbornness and resistance. When we know to do right and do it not, it is sin (James 4:17). And when we resist His will, it is rebellion, and stops our blessings and healings! Rebellion is one of the five major doors to receive an attack. This often results in sickness. When we rebel and fall into other traps of sin, by choice or ignorance, we can then come under another category of problem, curses! This is a very important study in the believers' understanding.

CURSES, BONDAGE AND DEDICATIONS

Most believers think that they cannot have curses on them if they are in the faith. In fact, most have not even considered that curses even exist today, and it is a fact that occurs in the Old Testament only! This could not be further from the truth. Curses can create sickness or prevent a healing. They are everywhere today. The word cursed is in the New Testament three times. The form of cursing is there three times also, however both forms are in the Old Testament eighty one times. Most of these still apply to us today. Yes, we can have curses on us. Consider these verses:

Deuteronomy 27:15-18, *"Cursed be the man that maketh any graven or molten image, an abomination unto Yahweh, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and putteth it in a secret place. And all the people shall answer and say..."* (let it be so)

"Cursed be he that setteth light by his father or his mother. And all the people shall say, Amein. Cursed be he that removeth his neighbour's landmark. And all the people shall say..." (let

it be so)

"Cursed be he that maketh the blind to wander out of the way. And all the people shall say..."(let it be so) (The Word of Yahweh)

The largest curse that we can obtain, the one that Yahshua took away, is the curse of death. (The second death shall not touch us.) However, we can see that breaking laws of Yahweh can cause curses and open doors, even though He died for us. Yahweh does not change. He is the same yesterday and today. These laws that we break lead us to curses that are on us today. How is that?

We consider ourselves in the calling of salvation. We believe the scripture that if we die this afternoon, that we will be in the first calling. This salvation was offered to us by the divine calling of grace by Yahweh our father Himself, when He touched us and led us to Yahshua. Not all are in this category. We had to be called and we had to answer that calling! Hear it again. We had to answer that calling by humbling ourselves and repenting. We heard and felt the call, and were convicted and when we were broken, we "embraced " the calling by repentance and baptism. Curses are still on us in many ways. However, to break them, we must again, like the salvation call, pick it up and embrace the authority given to us to break them! In other words, the way to break these curses is available, but we must claim it. We must actually do this for ourselves through knowledge of the scriptures. There is authority for us to break curses, but we must do it with our mouth in an act of freedom, not just assume it is done. Satan wants us to stay ignorant.

Romans 10:10, "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." (deliverance)

It is part of our responsibility and action to be really free. Let's look at scripture again. Some are in spiritual trouble because they are not knowledgeable about the scriptures and spiritual laws of sin.

Hosea 4:6, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy Elohim, I will also forget thy children." (The Word of Yahweh)

We can receive curses that keep us sick or can hold back a healing from three different sources. As we saw in the book of Deuteronomy, we can do something ourselves. It is generally called sin, and if we repent, we can cancel the effects, if we do not delay. Second, someone, such as a witch, can pray curses on us. Third, our previous parents or grandparents could place generational curses on us, accidentally by sin they indulged in such as water-witching (a form of witchcraft). This, of course, is all done by ignorance, but that excuse does not count in the spirit world of Yahweh. The results and attacks work out to be the same. Remember, the list of items we gave on page twenty four? These things have to do mostly with the dark side, Satan's principality. If we or our family kin have anything to do with these things, and do not immediately repent, doors to attack will be widely open to the following generations. Let us look at an example.

You come home and find your children in the living room playing the game *DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS*, by Milton Bradley Corporation. (Also avoid Harry Potter and Lord of the Rings). You have heard that it is not a good game. So you instruct the children to put it away or take it out of the house. Probably, that is the extent that you will deal with the incident. As a believer, you should know that they must not only teach their family to stay away from such things, but that it is actually evil and dangerous. And now you must renounce this sin out loud in prayer and use scripture to break curses that have now been put into place on their family. And,

here is the typical problem. Did the parents do that? Do they know and understand? The answer is no in both cases!

This is a timely example of what transpires in our homes. If we do not deal with this by scripture, we will see all kinds of emotional, physical and spiritual problems manifest. One may not even realize what happened. And, if we ask our pastors for help, they will not understand. Why? Because this knowledge is not being taught. Pastors do not believe these things, nor do they want to talk about them. This kind of subject needlessly scares people, and many would leave the Congregation if this subject were taught. This is one reason we know that some suffer and all the prayer and lying on of hands cannot help! In other words, there are types of sin we do not even know about. Nor do we know how to deal with them. We lack knowledge and that can hurt us! (Read Acts, Chapter 19.)

If we have a curse on us, we will be unable to get satisfactory help until the curse is broken. This is also true for evil dedications. Do not think that this pertains only to other people, as this applies to all Yahweh's creation. We have curses on us right now! What about evil dedications?

There are many forms and types of dedications. We think traditionally that a dedication would take place when we have a child dedicated to Yahshua. Children are too young to be baptized, so according to scripture, we have them dedicated. However, we have found that in past years, parents and grandparents have dedicated their children, now adult believers with severe problems, to organizations, clubs and even witches' covens. Do we know about this? No! Did our parents tell us this? No! We have found many believers that their parents were members of the Illuminati and Masons! These groups serve Satan. Need we say more? If this dedication has occurred, Satan has legal ground in a person's life. This individual will have terrible problems emotionally, financially and physically. Their entire life will not just be one failure after another, but one tragedy after another. One of the witnesses to this pattern is continuous failure to recover. When parents or spouses take them to the Assembly for help, nothing will seem to work! We know as we write this that some will say: "This is our situation!"

Nothing will help these believers that have had family ties to the occult, except spiritual warfare. Nothing! This is the way Satan wants it. The simple reason is that few believe in spiritual warfare, and the ones he has control over will probably never get help. This is the sad truth of the matter. Sin opens doors to attack and sickness, but direct involvement brings a world of trouble that does not seem to stop. It does not matter if the individual sinned or not. It can be an ancestor that brought this curse. Read this verse about the curse of leprosy coming on down through generations. This is an example of how ancestors can bring harm to their progeny.

2 Kings 5:26-27, " And he [Elisha] said unto him [Gahazi, his servant], Went not mine heart with thee, when the man turned again from his chariot to meet thee? Is it a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and oliveyards, and vineyards, and sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and maidservants? The leprosy therefore of Naaman shall cleave unto thee, and unto thy seed for ever. And he went out from his presence a leper as white as snow."

Our ancestors can bring curses on us that follow the family line. The penalty for witchcraft is death (Ex. 22:18; Deut. 18:10). Today, we are under civil laws and rules. We cannot judge and execute someone for these crimes even though follow all of Yahweh's laws! However, because this sin is so heinous to Yahweh, the curse and trouble is allowed to spiritually follow families down the line of children. These curses would not follow us if the adult in that family who was found involved in witchcraft had been righteously executed (Stoned). This is one of the terrible effects of not following all of Yahweh's judgments; generational curses! General prayer, as we said, will not help us with these curses, even if we ask for forgiveness for the sins of our fathers!

We must break curses by use of the scripture!

Again, this is why we say that Pastors and Elders must know and walk in these things to be able to help those who are in the Assembly. There are many new babes, coming in with all their (demonic) problems. That includes us who have been in for twenty years. But, Elders do not see these things. They and the body only see that many are not healed or helped! Do not say in your heart that this cannot be the case with your family or children. What are you willing to do to receive healing for your family? There is knowledge that can actually set us free as Yahshua intended! We know families right now of believers that the mother or the father admitted that they unknowingly led their children into the occult! Besides these occult things, the way we talk and communicate can affect our health and spiritual state.

FOOLISH COMMUNICATIONS

Can the words we speak cause sickness or health? Can we give up a blessing or a healing by speaking doubt or denial? The Answer to these questions is definitely yes! How many times have you heard a believer say after prayer: "I hope I get my healing?" This is doubt and unbelief. What does the scripture say about this?

James 1:6-7, "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Sovereign. (The Word of Yahweh)

So, if we speak unbelief, we can nullify the prayer or the blessing that we hope to receive.

Many times our words are careless and worldly. We say things that we do not mean or suggest a thought we do not intend to hold. For example, we can also mix witchcraft into our words for example by saying: "I wish..." This type of language is not prayerful or even pleasing to Yahweh. Wishing is hoping that providence or some power that hears us, good or evil, will give us what we want. Is this our intent to call on any power?

We are judged by the words of our mouth. Read a few scriptures and ponder the meanings.

Galatians 6:7, "Be not deceived; Yahweh is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." (The Word of Yahweh)

Proverbs 6:2, "Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth."

Proverbs 21:23, "Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles."

Luke 6:45, "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh." (The Word of Yahweh)

We know that many times a believer has given up healing by speaking doubt. That is why, when we pray or have been prayed for, we need to reinforce that prayer or faith by positive words. If we do not, we can speak away our healing. This is not as difficult as it seems.

After we receive prayer and all things are done in a righteous manner, and it is the will of Yahweh that we are healed, we will receive that healing. However, to create doubt and denial, Satan can come to us and continue to give us the same physical symptoms of sickness that we had before. To us, it seems that we have not been healed, but we have! An unsuspecting believer may give up his healing by a spoken word or just give up faith. This tactic is a device of Satan. The scripture says that we are not to be ignorant of Satan's devices. (See II Corinthians 2:11)

The conclusion is that when we are prayed for, we need to keep the faith that we will be healed even if the symptoms go on. If Yahweh does not choose to heal us for some reason, He

will show us clearly why it was not done. We need to be careful to keep strong faith at all times in whatsoever we pray. And, if someone says to us after prayer: "You probably will not be healed," or "This will not help!", we need to correct them in a most definite statement of faith such as: "I do not receive that!" As we said in the chapter dealing with curses, someone can put something on us or take something away if we let them. If someone says something against our healing, we must deny that statement. If we do not, by our silence we are agreeing with them! Do not give up that which you have wrought for!

There are other forms of foolish communication. These are not often found in real believers, but they do occur. Read the following questions and look up the answers. These questions are provided by Mr. Bill Inge in his booklet: *Is Healing for everyone?* of Lifeline Ministries. Vol. 3: Pg 9.

1. Is there anything wrong with making a deal with Yahweh for some special favor? Judges 11:30-40

Many soldiers in many battles have attempted to make a bargain or deal with Yahweh that if he will keep them safe, they will serve Yahweh in the remainder of his life. Is there anything wrong with making that kind of a bargain? John 6:44

A problem with this also is the fact that man is not capable of maintaining the commitment and righteousness to please Yahweh by works or commitments that came out of the flesh only. His righteousness is not able to please Elohim.

3. Would it be better not to make a promise or a vow? Ecclesiastes 5:2-5.

4. How many of the seven things Yahweh hates can be communicated? Proverbs 6:16-19

5. Can we take justified pride in acknowledging salvation through Yahshua, and criticize the tribe of Judah for rejecting Him? Romans 11:18-25

6. How do we learn to communicate with Yahweh in a manner that He is honored and we can be truly blessed? Proverbs 16:1-3

SPIRITUAL WARFARE AND HEALING

Begin with prayer

1 Peter 5:8-9, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world."

2 Cor. 10:1-5, "Now, I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Messiah, who in presence am base among you, but being absent am bold toward you. But I beseech you, that I may not be bold when I am present with that confidence, wherewith I think to be bold against some, which think of us as if we walked according to the flesh. For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through Yahweh to the pulling down of strongholds:) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of Yahweh, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Messiah;" (The Word of Yahweh)

We review these verses to again make it clear that we are in a spiritual battle. There is no way out of this conflict because we live in the enemy's camp and our sins have opened the door for our own attack. And to make this clear, that all this is under Yahweh and Yahshua's control, we go back to Job to prove this by the scripture.

Job 1:12, "And Yahweh said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of Yahweh." (The Word

of Yahweh)

Job 2:6-7, "And Yahweh said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life. So went Satan forth from the presence of Yahweh, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown." (The Word of Yahweh)

Ninety percent of our trouble is due directly to our sin. Satan is the accuser of the brethren and constantly petitions to come and torment us.

Matthew 18:32-36, "Then his master after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee? And his master was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses." (The Word of Yahweh)

We have also discussed the fact that past sin of our fathers can and have opened doors to Satan that continue to plague us unless those doors are closed. These include curses of past events by previous generations. Curses can also come from things we do, and or prayers and curses others put on us. This is all called legal ground to hurt us by the enemy. In light of all these things, we see that we are under a constant bombardment of attack in every area of our lives. And the fight is difficult for many reasons. Do not assume that this is just the way it is automatically. This is the deception! We are to be strong in the power of Yahweh. Are we really?

Ephesians 6:10-18, "Finally, my brethren, be strong Yahweh, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of Elohim, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of Elohim, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the good news of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of Yahweh: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;" (The Word of Yahweh)

Spiritual warfare is a way of life and process that never ends. It is not just one event or one prayer. It goes on day after day, because Satan is so dedicated and persistent. Notice that the scriptures say: take the sword of the Word and pray... Spiritual warfare is a type of prayer that involves the Word, specifically against Satan and his demons. The difficulty is that the body is not taught this by the leadership. Then, when we and the leadership pray for healing, it is inhibited by demons that are only overcome by a specific type of prayer. That prayer is spiritual warfare prayer that most know nothing about. It says we are to do all to stand, and we are not doing all that we need to do to get our victories. This is why we do not get many of our healings! His Word can be a sword. We must learn to use it. Do you know which scriptures are a sword and those that are not?

The next problem is that most of the body does not believe that Satan, the lion that goes about, is involved with our troubles. We have been told so extensively by doctors and relatives that our problems are just medical or inherited. Now, we finally believe that lie! However, most of our sickness and lack of healing is spiritual.

Yes, lack of repentance as well as demonic activity can hold back our healings. We give the

adversary permission to attack us. Let us look at some of the ways that he can come against us concerning good health.

1. He can cause sickness such as headaches, cancers, strokes, bowel and kidney problems, rashes, eye and sight problems, accidents, insomnia, hearing difficulty or loss of hearing, speech, confusion and schizophrenia, nightmares, gall bladder, diabetes, heart trouble, and more. Any sickness or physical problem we can imagine, he can be at the root. General prayer and going to doctors most of the time will alleviate only some of the symptoms. We are keeping this discussion pertaining to only physical sickness and afflictions. He is capable of much more than this, but we must limit our study.

2. Besides actually causing sickness, Satan can deceive us to think that we still have the problem after we are healed. After we do all to receive our healing, he can continue to give us symptoms to make us believe we are still afflicted, or at least doubt that we were blessed in the prayer. We must rebuke him, and claim our healing.

In some cases, we cannot tell if we are healed or just deceived, when the same symptoms continue. Remember, the scriptures said that we should not be ignorant of Satan's devices. This is one of them. The only way to be sure is to do spiritual warfare to neutralize the demonic influence. Then the question is removed!

3. Satan can also lead us into sin by deception and temptation that causes sickness.

One example is gluttony. A believer can be driven to over eat. This problem can cause many diverse medical difficulties such as heart disease, diabetes and circulation complications. Another example is smoking. A third example is the driving desire to eat fatty junk foods that raise cholesterol levels. Alcoholism is another way he drives us to do something very destructive. Aside from all these exaggerated and devastating problems, there is stress, fear, confusion, strife, anger, bitterness and worry that can directly effect our health. Certainly, our emotional as well as our spiritual state can have great effect on our physical well being. Again, any problem that manifests can be caused or driven by spirits!

4. Satan can again deceive us to think that we have not sinned or that we are justified in the sin that we have. The most common of this type of sin is unforgiveness. When we then fail to repent, the sickness will not leave us.

5. Satan can also blind our eyes to defilement, another type of sin. Defilement is accepting sin that has to do with paganism and witchcraft in the form of objects. Some examples of this are crucifixes or guardian angels that we may use to protect us. This is a throwback to the Catholic Church. A common example of witchcraft is the reading of horoscopes or fortune cookies. There are many more. (See page 24)

These things seem so simple and harmless. However, when you consider how jealous Yahweh is of us and our righteousness, these things become powerful and important situations that are considered sin. They offend the work of Yahshua on the stake! There are more evil tricks.

6. Satan can use friends, relatives and brethren to lead us into sin and defilement.

7. Satan can then cause guilt, shame and confusion when the healing does not come. When he attacks us we begin to believe that we do not possess enough faith. That is when doubt about our spiritual condition arises. We may become burdened and grieve about this to an extent that our basic joy and peace is taken from us. If we become depressed, another form of sickness can soon follow.

8. Spiritual gifts in the Assembly and their availability can be inhibited. (Quenching the Spirit)

If the leadership does not allow gifts promised to the Assembly to manifest and work, gifts of

healing and other blessings can be stopped. (See gifts: 1 Cor. 12:4-11; Eph. 4:8-13) In other words, the leadership may not understand spiritual warfare. They may also inhibit the power of Yahweh's Spirit to work. This problem comes under deception.

If we are deceived or unlearned in these devices, we are open to all kinds of problems, not just sickness.

The general type of spiritual warfare prayer we are talking about is BINDING AND LOOSING. We have authority to spiritually bind demons to stop their activity and power. We must be skillful in the use of the Sword.

Matthew 18:18-19, "Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven."

Psalms 149:6-9, "Let the high praises of El be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand; To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people; To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Halleluyah." (The Word of Yahweh)

This type of prayer is not difficult to learn. Just as Yahshua gave us a model general prayer, he has given guidance in these days of other types of prayer. These are available upon request from this Assembly.

9. The last type of deception Satan brings out of the pit is this: "Spiritual warfare is not true." If you have done all you can do to be healed, and you have not done this, then you have not done all you can do.

If it is a spiritual problem, this will give the victory that Yahshua promised us. He is with us. He wants us to know this. He made it available to those who believe the scripture. Do we believe all the Word?

Here now is a model spiritual warfare prayer that you can pray that will be a start in new power and victory.

A WARFARE PRAYER

By Dr. Matthews, with editing by Mike Abbaduska

Heavenly Father, Yahweh, I bow in worship and praise before You. I cover myself with the blood of Yahshua, the Messiah, as my protection during this time of prayer and these days of warfare. I surrender myself completely and unreservedly in every area of my life to Yah. I do take a stand against all the workings of Satan that would hinder me in this day, and I address myself only to the true and living Elohim and refuse any involvement of Satan in my prayer. I count him my enemy!

Satan, I command you, in the name of Yahshua Messiah, in the power of the blood and the resurrection, to leave my presence with all your demons and I bring the blood of Yahshua between us. I am an over comer and victor through the blood of Yahshua.

Heavenly Father Yahweh, I worship You, and give You all praise. I recognize that You are worthy to receive all reverence and honor and praise. I renew my allegiance to You and pray that the Kodesh Spirit would intercede for me in this time of prayer. I am thankful, heavenly Father, that You have loved me from past eternity, and that You sent Yahshua into the world to die as my substitute that I would be redeemed. I am thankful that Yahshua came as my

representative, and that through Him You have completely forgiven me. You have given me eternal life; You have given me the perfect righteousness of Yahshua so I am now justified. I am thankful that in Him You have made me complete, and that You have offered Yourself to me to be my daily help, strength, and healing with your stripes, we are healed.

Eternal father, in the name of Yahshua, come and open my eyes that I might see how great You are and how complete Your provision is for this new day. I do, in the name of Yahshua, take my place with Him in the heavenly, above all principalities and powers (powers of darkness and wicked spirits) putting them under my feet. I am thankful that the victory that Yahshua won for me on the tree and in His resurrection has been given to me and that I am seated with Yahshua in the heavenly. Therefore, I declare that all principalities and powers and all wicked spirits are subject to me, in the name of Yahshua Messiah. I am thankful for the armor You have provided, and I put on the girdle of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the sandals of peace, the helmet of salvation. I lift up the shield of faith against all the fiery darts of the enemy, and take in my hand the Sword of the Spirit, the Word of Yah, and use Your Word against all the forces of evil in life, and I put on this armor and live and pray in complete dependence upon the Spirit of the Most High. Yahshua, You are King of Hosts, loose your legions of angels to fight and deliver me, guard and protect me. Bind every enemy and work of the flesh till the day of Your return.

I am grateful, Heavenly Father, that Yahshua spoiled all principalities and powers and made a show of them openly and triumphed over them in Himself. I claim all that victory for my life today. I reject every attack that comes upon me today from any direction. I reject out of my life all the insinuations, the accusations, and the temptations of Satan. I affirm that the Word of Yah is true, and I choose to live today in the light of Yah's Word. I choose,

Heavenly Father, to live in obedience to You in fellowship with yourself. Open my eyes and show me the areas of my life that do not please you. I do in every way today stand for You and the ministry of the Kodesh Spirit in my life.

By faith and dependence upon You, I put off the old man and stand into all the victory of the impalement where Yahshua provided cleansing from the old nature. I put on the new man and stand into all the victory of the resurrection and provision He has made for me there to live above sin. Therefore, in this day, I put off the old nature with its fear, and I put on the new nature with its courage. I put off the old nature with its weakness, and I put on the new nature with its strength. I put off today the old nature with all its deceitful lusts, and I put on the new nature with all its righteousness and purity. I bind all spirits of fear, weakness, mind control, and lusts in the name of Yahshua.

I do in every way stand into the victory of the ascension and the majesty of the Son of Yah where all principalities and powers were made subject to Him, and I claim my place in Yahshua, victorious with Him over all the enemies of my soul. Father Yahweh, I pray that you would fill me. Come into my life, break down every idol, and cast out every foe.

I am thankful, Heavenly Father, for the expression of Your will for my daily life as You have shown me in Your Word. I therefore claim all the will of Yah for today. I am thankful that You have blessed me with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Yahshua. I am thankful that You have begotten me unto a living hope by the resurrection of Yahshua from the dead. I am thankful that You have made a provision so that today I can live filled with the Spirit of Yah with love and joy and self-control in my life. And I recognize that this is Your will for me, and I therefore reject and resist all the endeavors of Satan and of his demons to rob me of the will of Yah. I refuse in this day to believe my feelings, and I hold up the shield of faith against all the

accusations and against all insinuations that Satan would put in my mind. I claim the fullness of the will of Yah for today.

I do, in the name of Yahshua, completely surrender myself to You, Heavenly Father, as a living sacrifice. I choose not to be conformed to this world. I choose to be transformed by the renewing of my mind, and I pray that You would show me Your will and enable me to walk in all the fullness of the will of Yah today.

I am thankful, Great Eternal, that the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through Yah to the pulling down of strongholds, to the casting down of imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of Yah, and to bring every thought into obedience to Yahshua Messiah. Therefore in my own life today I tear down the strongholds of Satan and I smash the plans of Satan that have been formed against me. I tear down the strongholds of Satan against my mind, and surrender my mind to You, Savior. I affirm, Heavenly Father, that You have not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. I break and smash the strongholds of Satan formed against my will today, and I give my will to You, and choose to make the right decisions of faith. I smash the strongholds of Satan formed against my body today, of sickness, infirmity, virus, infections and I give my body to you, recognizing that I am your temple; and I rejoice in Your mercy and Your goodness.

Heavenly Father, I pray that now, through this day, You would quicken me, show me the way that Satan is hindering, and tempting, and lying, and counterfeiting, and distorting the truth in my life. Enable me to be the kind of person that would please You. Enable me to be aggressive in prayer. Enable me to be aggressive mentally,

and to think Your thoughts after You, and to give You Your rightful place in my life.

I ask, Father, that You, in the name of Yahshua, loose your spirits upon me, wisdom, counsel, knowledge, might, understanding, judgment and power. Give me the lion's heart of David, and the mantle of Eliyah, that I will be this day more than an over comer, through Him that bought me.

Let the high praises of Yahweh be in my mouth, and a two-edged sword in my hand. To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people; To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; To execute upon them the judgment written: this honor have all His saints. Praise ye YHWH. I take authority over every unclean spirit as it is written, and bind them with chains and fetters of iron which cannot be broken.

Again, I now cover myself with the blood of Yahshua Messiah, and pray that You, Father Yahweh, would bring all the work of the glorification, and all the work of Pentecost into my life today. I surrender myself to You. I refuse to be discouraged. You are the Father of all hope. You have proven Your power by resurrecting Yahshua from the dead, and I claim in every way Your victory over all Satanic forces and works of the flesh active in my life, and I reject these forces, and I pray in the Name of Yahshua our Messiah, and Deliverer, with thanksgiving.

HalleluYah!!!

FASTING AND BREAKING FREE

Fasting is again, one of the subjects and revelations of power that Satan does not want you to know about. It takes the power and authority and promises and multiplies them ten fold in every area of our life. If one desires power of faith; Fast! If one desires healing; Fast, with prayer. If one desires a closer relationship with Yahshua and Yahweh; fast. If we want Yahweh's undivided sympathetic attention to our petition, do a protracted fast. The benefits and power of fasting can not be understated. And to truly understand this, one must go on a long fast to comprehend

how the body becomes a larger and fuller temple of the Kodesh Spirit. There are many books to read on the subject that will give some insights to the degree of change that comes over a believer when they do the "Fasting Prayer". Please send for a copy: "The Fasting Prayer", by Franklin Hall. Let us look at a few scriptures again.

Esther 4:3, "And in every province, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes." (Protection of Judah)

Psalms 35:13, "But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom."

Daniel 6:18, "Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were instruments of musick brought before him: and his sleep went from him."

We can see that kings, queens and leaders, even of pagan nations believed in fasting. It is a type of humbling that is deep and sincere and breaks the carnal separation between us and Yahweh. Yahshua said that when He would leave, then His servants would fast.

Matthew 9:15, "And Yahshua said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast. (The Word of Yahweh)

He did not say, maybe they would. And, it is a mistaken idea that fasting is only a type of mourning or sorrow. It can be a righteous state we enter into with confidence and faith to receive more of what Yahweh has for us.

One problem is that a real fast is not understood. It is not taught nor encouraged in the Assemblies. We are talking about four days or more. We fast, as believers, at least once a year on the Day of Atonement. (Lev. 23:26-32) But, this is a fast of agreement and obedience, not a fast of humiliation, repentance, cleansing and seeking. And, because the truth of a real fast is not taught, demonic and carnal lies about fasting are spread and learned. Here are some of them:

1. Fasting more than a couple of days can hurt you.
2. We are under grace, and fasting is a form of self righteousness and carnal works.
3. Going without food does not increase spiritual power or revelation.
4. One will be too weak to do anything during the fast.
5. If one is on medication, they cannot fast.

We would like to share a portion of an article written by Franklin Hall. These are words and descriptions that most have not heard before.

HOW AND WHY!

Fasting is such a powerful weapon, against carnality and unbelief, that it actually hates our senses (stronghold), which is the seat of both the "natural" and unbelief. These are kept in operation through the STRONGHOLD of "APPETITE," a very great stronghold of the flesh. The senses war tremendously against the fast, hence this explains why so many of Yahweh's people are unable to defeat them and enter into a greater spiritual life of service for Yahshua. The senses oppose fasting and fasting opposes the senses. At this point, faith comes in. Faith likewise is an enemy of these very same senses, and, to the same degree, fasting is likewise their enemy. Remember: these senses, together with our appetites go warring after the Spirit making the soul the great battleground (and many times its graveyard). When the fast (preferably with praying) has complete right of way without hindrances, the flesh becomes arrested, then carnality is compelled to yield and bow to the Spirit. When this is done, unbelief

(which is little known about or understood) is destroyed and the Spirit has more right of way than is possible through any other method known, that is available to mankind.

What we are saying here is that our unbelief is not just about spiritual things and the truth of the Word, but we are also deceived about the fight and what weapons the enemy is using against us. We see unbelief in spiritual warfare, fasting, praying, healing and Yahweh's gifts. Every area of our faith is under attack to keep us doubting, spiritually weak and physically afflicted. Yes, we even doubt fasting as a powerful tool to break the bonds of wickedness and unbelief. Think a moment of how many things we doubt!

General prayer and especially spiritual warfare prayer along with fasting are the three things that move the mountain of forces and unbelief out of the way. Yahshua even said that if one is doing deliverance, that some of the demons will not come out except by this special type of prayer and fasting (Matthew 17:21). Even Yahshua, our example, fasted forty days to spiritually prepare himself for His ministry. Fasting cleanses, purifies the heart, destroys unbelief, nourishes the Kodesh Spirit and subdues the enemies of the believer. The difficulty is, when there are problems, it is the very thing believers will not do.

Fasting also greatly aids in the healing process. We know that Satan comes against us by the way of the food industry. Our food since the 1920s lacks vitamins, minerals and general food value. And, much of the food that is available to us is laced with all kinds of chemicals. We believe that there are three main reasons for sickness: poor food, spiritual attack and lack of spiritual blessing or relationship with Yahweh. Fasting, along with prayer heals by five reasons:

1. Draws us close to Yahshua.
2. It defeats the spiritual enemy.
3. It purifies the bloodstream.
4. It perfects and enhances circulation.
5. It conserves energy.

All these things must occur to be healed. This, accompanied with faith, dedication, obedience, consecration and prayer secures the blessing. Is it clear now why healing is so confusing and "hit or miss". A one day fast is not even a real start!

What are short, medium and long fasts? A short fast is anything less than five days. A medium fast is six to fourteen days; and a long fast is anything longer than fifteen days long. Anything longer than one day we recommend drinking a good amount of water to flush and clean out the body.

We do not say that a person must do all these things, listed in our discussion, although most of them are our "reasonable service". However, if you repent of all you know, and have hands laid on you for healing (James 5:13-15), and it does not work, you will have to take these additional steps-counseling, fasting, renunciations, spiritual warfare, and possibly deliverance. If your ministers do spiritual warfare with laying on of hands, most believers will be healed, if their heart is right. Simply explained, the elders' prayers need to be more than "bless and heal..."

Please see our bibliography at the end of this text. There is so much more to this subject than can be written here. These studies should be done with prayer and fasting.

YAHWEH IS ABLE TO HEAL

Isaiah 59:1, "Behold, the Yahweh's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:" (The Word of Yahweh)

Luke 1:37, "For with Elohim nothing shall be impossible." (The Word of Yahweh)

2 Corinthians 1:20, "For all the promises of Yahweh in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the magnificence of Elohim by us." (The Word of Yahweh)

Yahshua said not to fear little flock, it is the pleasure of our Father to give us the Kingdom (Luke 12:32). Our Father's plan of salvation is a great plan for all our redemption and good. He even gave His only son to die for us that whosoever believes and follows Him, would not be lost (John 3:16). Paul says that we cannot imagine what He has prepared for those who love Him (1 Cor. 2:9). All His work, love and diligence and covenant is for our blessing as His dear children. He also promises us good health and healing.

Exodus 23:25, "And ye shall serve Yahweh your Elohim, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee." (The Word of Yahweh)

Deuteronomy 7:15, "And Yahweh will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee; but will lay them upon all them that hate thee." (The Word of Yahweh)

Yahweh is willing to do all these things if we serve and obey Him. Read again Deuteronomy twenty-seven and twenty-eight. It is all based on if. We are deceived if we live in the world and walk in the flesh, and think we will be blessed! All the curses that are written have come upon us due to sin, disobedience and doubt. But, as soon as we repent and pray, He will again do all that He has said.

Jeremiah 3:22, "Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings. Behold, we come unto thee; for thou art Yahweh our Elohim." (The Word of Yahweh)

Hosea 14:4, "I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him."

Yahshua did not just come to redeem us, but to teach and bless. He healed all that came to Him. He did this to show His love and mercy on us. He knows our afflictions. He understands and feels our sufferings. It says that He was tempted and suffered as we do. He feels our infirmities.

Matthew 8:17, "That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses."

He pities us and feels all that we feel and yearns to heal and stop our suffering. He is compassionate and merciful more than we can understand. So if we just draw close to Him and take down the things which separate us (sin), He comes to us in gentleness and love, supplying all our need and giving us all His promises. If we think it is any other way, we are deceived. He also grieves for our ignorance.

Consider and believe that all that were healed in every way from Genesis to Revelation were and will be healed by Him who called us! He is the Creator, Redeemer and Healer.

The confusion comes when we see a sister or brother healed. All we see is the final result. We do not see the broken heart, the tears they cried nor the deep repentance they sought after. Did they fast? Did they do spiritual warfare at home? We do not know.

We only see the final result. Because of lack of knowledge, we make false assumptions. The assumption is that all they did was go forward for prayer.

The conclusion here is to understand what He wants from us. And do it. Trust in Him with all our hearts, and He will do it. Trust and obey as the song says! Remember:

Luke 12:6-8, "Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before Yahweh? But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows. Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of Elohim:" (The Word of Yahweh)

HOW DOES YAHWEH HEAL?

We are dispelling the confusion on how healing works. Yahweh and His ways should not be a mystery to us. We are His servants called and chosen. Healing is a basic and almost every day need and therefore we should be able to know how to secure this blessing and stay faithful, confident and healthy. Our Elohim heals in different ways and at different times. Let us look at some examples.

First, the most obvious and desirable way that Yahweh heals is when we come to Him and repent of what is displeasing to Him. We see a cause and effect in how He is dealing with us. And, when moved to seek Him with all our faith and humility, He responds to our prayer by an almost immediate blessing. This healing may be immediate or over a short period of time. This blessing is actually a fulfillment of His promise to heal and protect. It is part of the covenant. Notice here, that He is looking for four things: humility, repentance, faith and prayer. Remember, Yahweh and Yahshua are jealous, and want our attention and humble, obedient heart.

We may not have actually done anything against His will or commandments, but we may have grown to far away from Him. He is always trying to bring us closer. He wants and deserves our daily devotion and attentiveness.

Second, another way that the Yahweh may heal is to tell us spiritually we must change our heart or way of life. This may require a longer period of prayer and fasting to receive this healing. This usually occurs with a clear type of communication from Him such as a dream or a messenger or a scripture. In this case, the believer must be more spiritual to be able to hear and discern this message and respond. The messenger may be a brother or sister.

Third, if prayer does not work, and one is moved by faith to continue to seek Yahweh for his healing, the believer may go to the elders of their local Assembly for the laying on of hands (James 5:13-15). [It is very important to understand, ordained Sacred Name Elders with a good report can lay on hands for healing, blessing and receiving the Kodesh Spirit. But in those cases where that office of ministry is being executed, it is not safe or scriptural for others to join in. This is critical for safety and work of Yahweh's Spirit.] This situation may have one of two results. Either the person will be healed immediately within the hour, or with continued prayer and strong faith, in a relatively short time such as a week. Remember again, that anytime we come to Yahweh or Yahshua, just as in the model prayer of the Master, we should repent of anything that may be brought to our minds or spirit. That means that we must spend time with them in quiet meditation. How else are we going to hear that still small voice? [If your house is full of noise and confusion, it will be difficult to hear this voice of Yahweh.]

Fourth, if we belong to an Assembly that really believes in the operation of the Kodesh Spirit, not just in lip service, and allows it to manifest in the Assembly, one may be given a word of knowledge of what is required for that particular healing (1 Cor. 12:8). This requires leadership that understands this manifestation and how to coordinate with it in the service. This also requires Kodesh boldness for the one who receives the word to stand up and give it. The word may also be given privately depending what kind of witness Yahshua is doing in the Assembly. Of course, the believer who is seeking the healing must have faith and discernment to believe and receive also. The word that comes forth may tell exactly what must be done for the healing.

Fifth, because of different circumstances, and for His reasons, Yahweh may bring us knowledge from a health book or a friend that had shared the same medical difficulty. It may

come out of a casual conversation with the least expected person. All this is in His will of how and when He will heal. Part of our trial and spiritual situation is to keep seeking Him for our needs and trust that the answer will come.

Sixth, if a person needs a healing in a very acute way, such as an appendicitis or heart attack, they may have to go directly to the hospital. To many, this seems repugnant and greatly distasteful. It does not appear to be an act of faith. We know several men that almost died of a heart attack because they would not go to the emergency ward. In serious cases like this, prudence along with discernment is very important. If a serious situation arises and a needed immediate answer does not come, one better proceed to the nearest health facility. Certainly, it would be good judgment in the case where someone's leg was broken; one would obviously go to the doctor to have that limb set.

Do not rule out the possibility that maybe a believer is supposed to go to the hospital to witness to a doctor or nurse. Also, the knowledge to treat medical problems does come from Yahweh. Please do not discount the help that medical doctors can give at the appropriate times. We do not always know Yah's whole purpose! Yah is building faith.

There are many ways to build faith. And Yahweh does not do one thing at a time when He is dealing with a situation. A new believer may not have the faith to seek healing by prayer only. They, at their early stage of faith and understanding, may have to go to a doctor for the smallest of physical problems. We should not, in these cases, be too quick to judge or condemn.

Seventh, there is another situation that may cause confusion. A believer may need a healing, and repent and go to the elders as the scripture says, and still not receive that healing. That person may have fasted, repented, and sought Yahweh with all their heart and still the healing did not appear. Why? Did not Yahshua have mercy this time? Are we too much in the world to get a spiritual miracle? One very good reason that most healings do not come, is because of demonic influence! Remember, the multiple witnesses we gave in the previous chapters of problems that required spiritual warfare for the healing. Consider Peter's mother-in-law, of whom He rebuked the fever. Remember the daughter of Abraham that was hunch backed. The Master said that she was bound by Satan. And the son of the man who came to the disciples. His son was lunatic. This was caused by unclean spirits.

Unfortunately, elders in most all Assemblies do not believe this truth and do not do spiritual warfare when they pray. But, do not be dismayed, Yahweh provides. There are righteous Sacred Name men and women, prayer warriors that do this type of necessary healing. Yahweh is now raising up a Kodesh bold army of men and women who walk in all the power and do all the commission that was given to the New Testament Assembly.

A great work is beginning and those who reject it will be sorrowful in the last days.

The easiest way to avoid confusion is to be so spiritually close to Yahweh and Yahshua that His Spirit leads us to the exact remedy that Yahweh has for us. Are the Assemblies teaching discernment? Some spiritual discernment can be taught. Seek Yahweh on this subject also.

Eight, the last situation that we must deal with is obvious. What if Yahweh's answer is no, to one's healing? That situation is scriptural as we see with Paul's thorn in the flesh (2 Cor. 12:7). We must say that this situation is not common, but it does happen. When one has done all they can do, including the list we have discussed in this text, then with some discernment, one may know that they will not be healed. However, it should not be a mystery. We believe strongly that the person will know that they will not be healed and why. What if we do not know why?

We can never rule out the scripture. It reveals direction and understanding for us. If this difficult situation arises where there is no healing, then it is time for more prayer and fasting.

Include brethren in fellowship to seek an answer. We should always know what Yahweh's will is for our lives. With His desire so clear for us, He says to draw close; we should not have any doubts about what He is doing. There is always a point where all becomes clear and understood (John 15:15). One can easily see now that He desires us to seek understanding and be spiritual. Healing is a spiritual gift and operation by the Spirit.

MAINTAINING YOUR HEALING

Malachi 4:2, "But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall."

After we receive of Yahweh the things that we sought with such diligence, thank and praise Him with all our hearts and minds. If we are then faithful, this will cement the healing we have gotten. Remember, He healed all that came to Him without exception.

Matthew 9:35, "And Yahshua went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people." (The Word of Yahweh)

We believe that He will heal us as He healed them. And, we say too, that it does take faith to keep our healing, obedience to the Word, and His leading and we must be ever watching the condition of our heart. We must keep our garments clean and white as never before. But, that is not all.

When we are baptized, for example, we know our trials and testing is just beginning. Satan will come after us with a vengeance to make us turn away from what we have vowed. To receive a healing is like that also. Our flesh and the adversary will come against us to try to convince us that we were not healed. And, if we see that we were healed, try to convince us that it is coming back. He will do anything to make us doubt the gift that was given. So we still need to continue to walk in faith and unwavering assuredness of our rejuvenation. We must fight against doubt with all our strength, for it will come to us. And it can defeat us.

If we say with our mouths, "I don't think I am healed" or "I think it will come back", we will surely lose our blessing! As we discussed, we can bless or curse with our mouth. We can also give away our healing. *2 Corinthians 6:16-17, "And what agreement hath the temple of Yahweh with idols? for ye are the temple of the living Elohim; as Elohim hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their Elohim, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith Yahweh, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,"* (The Word of Yahweh)

In short, we must continue, in every way the righteous walk that He has shown us. We can fall back into trouble by thought, word or deed. And, of course, if we know to do good and do not do it, we sin. Therefore, we can offend by omitting to do His will. After all this discussion, does this sound serious? It is deadly serious. In reality, we are not just talking about healing, we are describing salvation! Let us consider some scriptural questions.

1. Did Messiah tell the man what to do AFTER He had been healed? John 5:14
2. Why did Paul single out one man for healing at Lystra? Acts 14:8-10 [*Comment*]: Notice that Paul discerned that this man had the faith to be healed.
3. Once the Minister, the healer, pronounces the proper words or lays his hands on you and you receive healing, which can be a deliverance from the oppressor, are you forever free? Can you expect the enemy to return? Luke 4:13

But, Yahweh and Yahshua are gracious and long suffering and patient with us, and will

lovingly show us His direction for us.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS IN THE ASSEMBLY

This section will also take faith to receive, although it is straight scripture for the believer.

Paul said, by the spirit of Yahweh, he would not have you ignorant brethren about spiritual gifts (1 Cor. 12:1). There is not just ignorance of gifts today, they are ignored. The Spirit of Yahweh is quenched by great doubt and unbelief.

1 Thessalonians 5:19, "Quench not the Spirit."

Acts 7:51, "Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Spirit: as your fathers did, so do ye." (The Word of Yahweh)

How many reasons have we heard why spiritual gifts are not real today? "They were only for that time, two thousand years ago." "We are too far away from Messiah's time now." "We are not defiled with sin and paganism." "We have the Spirit now, and do not need manifestations." Which excuse will we choose today? The reason we do not believe and do not let them work, is the same old reason and explanation that the Master Yahshua told us in that time ago. "Because of your unbelief."

Matthew 13:58, "And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief."

Mark 6:5-6, "And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them. And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching."

This is a serious problem, because without faith we can not be saved. Without faith we cannot please Yahweh. And not believing Him when He said that He gave us miracles and helps makes Yahweh a liar. All we must do is believe and He will manifest His spirit to us and bless us. But, some will not or cannot, to their own harm. The reason most did not believe that Yahshua was the Messiah, the Anointed One to come, was because He looked like everyone else. He was raised from a child just down the street. They saw Him only as a man. Those in Yahrusalem, our kinsman, did not discern the Spirit nor believe the works. Today also, the carnal mind cannot believe Yah's presence today when He moves through the body. He is concerned about this lack of faith. Maybe He was prophesying in this scripture about our time.

Luke 18:8, "...Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?"

Faith is the very substance of salvation. All He asks of us is to believe. And He is displeased when we do not.

Mark 16:14, "Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen."

Hebrews 11:1-2, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report."

It is time for a leap of faith and embrace what the scriptures say about healing, gifts and spiritual things. It is our faith that will save us. It is our faith that protects us from falling to the deceit of the enemy. It is the shield of protection for our souls. So what gifts and spiritual things should we believe in?

There are four major areas of gifts to the body of Messiah. First, is Yahshua Himself. He is the gift that provides us with atonement and freedom from curse of the law, death. However, Yahweh says that we can only receive forgiveness of sins when we repent. And we must believe

that we receive forgiveness! We must believe this! Do we realize that right next to us, in the Assembly Sabbath Meeting, is one that does not believe in the atoning blood!

Second, Yahshua prayed the Father that He would also send another, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth. Do we believe this? Without the Kodesh Spirit we will not be raised from the dead!

Romans 8:11, "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Yahshua from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up the Messiah from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you." (The Word of Yahweh)

The question is, if we do not believe in spiritual things, how do we believe we have the indwelling? This is something to think about.

Third, are the gifts of leadership in the Assembly to lead and minister to the body?

Ephesians 4:9-11, "(Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;"

This is known as the five fold or hand ministry. These are real gifts of knowledge, leadership and inspiration. Wise and righteous judgment follows them if they believe and execute their office with faith. And one can tell if they are chosen and anointed by the Spirit of Yahweh by their example and faith. Do they believe in gifts where we are attending Assembly? They should, for your and their sakes. What are the other gifts?

Fourth, are the gifts that are so controversial. They are scriptural and witnessed in many places, but generally not believed.

1 Corinthians 12:8-10, "For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:"

Now, we should ask ourselves a question. Do we believe in any of these? Do we only believe part of them? Is it like the commandments, we cannot pick or choose? We will keep the last six, but not the first four? Is that the condition of our faithfulness? What about healing? Have we read this entire book to come to this point of disavowing all the scripture to the Corinthians? So we now say, I do not believe in divine healing because it is listed with these other questionable manifestations? Where do we stand in our faith? If we want healing, our faith is mandated to go farther than just healing.

The gifts should manifest in the Assemblies on a regular basis. But, it takes faith to allow them. It takes gifts like discernment to tell if they are real. In a real way, it takes faith to grow in faith. If the gifts are not encouraged and allowed, it is a witness of righteousness. And if they do not, it is a witness. If they do, and they are not believed, it is a witness of unrighteousness.

1 Corinthians 14:22, "Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe."

In conclusion, it is obvious that faith must be present to be healed. It may take the kind of faith to move mountains (principality of Satan) for one to receive. So when we have done all we can do, as we have discussed in this entire text, then we should ask Yahshua to increase our faith as the disciples did. Today, sadly to say, faith is at an all time low. And those with faith are often scorned!

CONCLUSION OF THE MATTER

To avoid confusion and misunderstood teaching, we have made this tract available to the body. There is much doubt about miracles and healing because of unbelief today.

Healing takes obedience to the Covenant of Yahweh (Exodus, chapters 20-24) and faith to receive His grace. If we lack faith, we need to seek Him to build that faith and fellowship with those who believe all His promises. And Yahweh's promises and Covenant are based on His principle of obedience to those laws. We need to love Him first, and have love for the brethren, but love is not enough. Obedience to law is not enough. The scripture says that we have to be converted with a changed, loving and spiritual heart that is like Yahshua Himself. We also know that the name of Yahshua has power and salvation in it. (*shua* means salvation, Acts 4:12) Yes, unless we become like Him, and receive the Spirit of adoption from our Father, we will not have that blessing and eternal life, as He promised.

Do we want to be healed? Have we tried everything we can think of? Be sure that we do ask Him for healing. It says that we have not because we ask not. Then, let us see if all has been done that the scriptures and righteousness may be fulfilled. These are the steps we should be sure that we have accomplished.

1. Seek Yahweh, in the name of Yahshua with all our hearts and repent of all He shows us.
2. Have the Elders of your Assembly lay hands on you and pray for the healing promised in James 5:13-15, and 1 Peter 2:24.
3. Pray that gifts in the Assembly will manifest that will provide knowledge or healing of the problem.
4. Fast for three to ten days on water only. During that time, do not work, but stay in prayer and the scriptures. Devote the time to Yahshua.
5. Reach out to someone who can counsel and do spiritual warfare for the spiritual attack. (Call us for help)
6. Seek natural means of healing like Holistic health counsel.
7. As a last resort, depending on the problem, go to a doctor that can be trusted.

These are simple steps that can be done in order as guided by the Kodesh Spirit. If healing does not come, then seek an answer why. Yahweh will reveal that reason. Again, all these promises are based on the salvation calling. Answering that call is based on repentance and embracing Yahshua the Messiah, our healer.

And to the shepherds we say: Do all the commission to bring us all into the fullness of Messiah.

Matthew 10:8, "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons: freely ye have received, freely give."

SUGGESTED READING

1. Covenants of Yahweh
2. Is Jesus the Name?
3. The Mistaken "J" (book)
4. Why Be Baptized in the Name of Yahshua?
5. Dietary Laws
6. Deliverance Heals
7. Are You Converted? (audio tape)
8. The Fasting Prayer (book)
9. Claim the Promises: Posses the Land (spiritual warfare book)
10. Food for Man
11. Fruits of the Spirit
12. Loving Call to Repent
13. No Other Gods
14. Yah's Holy Days
15. Which Day, Sabbath or Sunday
16. Head Covering for Women
19. Satan, the Devil is our Adversary
20. Do Your Lions Have Lockjaw? (spiritual warfare book)
21. Witchcraft in the Assembly

(Please send for our entire book and tape list.)

EDUCATION/TEACHING

Yahweh says we should seek knowledge, and that knowledge would increase. We should understand Yahweh's ways. We should not be ignorant Satan's devices. Teaching, counseling and seminars on the subject of healing and spiritual warfare are available through the Assembly of Yah. We are all members of the same body and are to share our functions and gifts with one another that all may be blessed.