

Spiritual Pride & the Leprous Soul

Scripture tells us that soul prosperity is necessary for Divine wealth and health in the life of the Christ believer; we must care for the soul.

3 John 1:2 (LITV)

“Beloved, in regard to all things, I pray for you to prosper and to be in health as your soul prospers.”

Let us realize that healing is an act of the Spirit and not emotions. We cannot heal by our emotional strength. Healing comes by way of the Spirit and gives the soul prosperity. The soul cannot be defined as our emotions or inward thoughts. That is merely old Greek Philosophy.

“The Spirit gives life.” (2 Corinthians 3:6) Although the prosperous soul provides Divine health, it does not do the healing. It is the Spirit that gives life.

2 Kings 5:1 (NASB)

“Now Naaman, captain of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man with his master and highly respected because by him, YeHoVaH had given victory to Aram. The man was also a valiant warrior, but he was a leper.”

Naaman: General to Syria, a leper

He was filled with Pride, Ego, Vanity, and False Religion, which are intrinsic parts of his damaged soul.

2 Kings 5:9-14 (NASB)

“So Naaman came with his horses and his chariots and stood at the doorway of the house of Elisha. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, ‘Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh will be restored to you, and you will be clean.’ But Naaman was furious and went away and said, ‘Behold, I thought, ‘He will surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of YeHoVaH his Elohim and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper.’ Are not Abanah and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?’ So, he turned and went away in a rage. Then his servants came near and spoke to him and said, ‘My father, had the prophet told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he says to you, ‘Wash, and be clean’?’ So, he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child and he was clean.”

If healing then comes from a prosperous soul, does sickness then come from a soul that is diseased with such things?

Though Naaman came up from the water and his leprosy was gone, his soul was not cleansed. We see this when he offers to the prophet Elisha “the bless.” Though the English translates as “please take a gift from your servant” The Hebrew text says that he offers the “bless”.

2 Kings 5:15 (NKJV)

“And he returned to the man of Elohim, (healed/cleansed)

*he and all his aides and came and stood before him;
and he said, 'Indeed, now I know that there is no
Elohim in all the earth, except in Israel; now therefore,
please take a gift (Heb. "Berecha" = bless) from your servant.'*"

Divine Healing takes place by the Anointing.

The Anointing is the Bless of Elohim. In order to have the Anointing flow and teem with life, the heavenly protocol must be in order. Naaman, in his pride, ego and vanity, raised his stature still above the prophet of YeHoVaH. His religious spirit offered a bless as a greater to the lesser, but his pride blinded him from the truth. It was Elisha who blessed Naaman, not the other way around.

Hebrews 7:7 NKJV

"Now beyond all contradiction the lesser is blessed by the better."

Elisha refuses the blessing from Naaman. It was unlawful.

2 Kings 5:16 NKJV

"But he said, "As YeHoVaH lives, before whom I stand, I will receive nothing." And he urged him to take it, but he refused."

Often times people want to consider themselves according to their pride and say, "you have blessed me, now let me bless you." This is not proper. An offering is unto YeHoVaH and the representative of YeHoVaH "eats of the fruit of it." The offering is not "the bless" from the one receiving the Anointing to the one who distributes it. This breaks heavenly protocol. This is also why people need

training in spiritual matters of the ministry of the Anointing.

Pride, ego and vanity wants to take a higher place; wants to show that “Elohim speaks through us, too.”

Gahazi should have been inheriting the Anointing from his spiritual father, Elisha.

But in 2 Kings 5:27 we see that “Gahazi pursued Naaman.” Thus, Gahazi rejected his inheritance of the Anointing and received an inheritance of pride, ego and vanity:

2 Kings 5:27

“Therefore, the leprosy of Naaman shall cling to you and your descendants forever.’ And he went out from his presence leprous, as white as snow.”

Notice that Elisha said to Gehazi, “Did not my heart go with you?” The heart of the father travels with the child. Parents know this. A child takes up an enormous space in the heart of the parent. When a baby is conceived and born into a home, one cannot even imagine what life in that home would be like without that child. This speaks of the power of inheritance.

Racism is the result of pride, ego, vanity, and false religion:

Numbers 12:1

“Then Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the

Ethiopian woman whom he had married; for he had married an Ethiopian woman.”

It is stated twice that the Ethiopian wife of Moses was the reason Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses. (Moses' wife was black African.) Because of their racism, they rose up to an equal to (or better than) stature with Moses. Even though it was Moses who had delivered them into their positions by the Anointing from YeHoVaH. It was the soul filled with pride, ego and vanity that drove them to speak against Moses and thus Elohim's very plan. The results of this uncleanness of soul, was leprosy upon Miriam. Now Miriam is a type of the body of Christ on earth, and her leprosy is sickness and disease.

Jude 1:8 NKJV

“Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries.”

It is evident that they will suffer due to their own actions, desires, and vanities.

Moses spoke to YeHoVaH, and He gave Moses the Anointing to heal her. Moses was commanded to deal with her shame and cleanse her from that which was the reason for her disease.

YeHoVaH also referred to her inheritance by saying, “If her father had but spit in her face, would she not be shamed seven days?”

So then, racism is a decomposition of inheritance and it is poverty. Racism comes from pride, ego, vanity, and false religion. Our souls must be cleansed from such as these in order that we might walk in wealth and health.

Jesus/ Yeshua was in the house of a Pharisee, having a meal, when a woman, who was a sinner, came in to serve Him.

Luke 7:32–50 describes to us how Simon was a Pharisee filled with pride, ego, vanity, false religion, and racism. Yeshua went to the center of the problem and saw through all of Simon's uncleanness.

The answer to Simon's problem was love and not pride, ego, vanity, and religion. Simon could have been cleansed as the woman was, but he would have to yield himself to the Anointing coming forth from Yeshua. Instead he established himself as above Yeshua, or equal to Him. In another perspective of this same incident at Simon's home, we see who Simon the Pharisee really is.

Matthew 26:6 NKJV

*“And when Yeshua was in Bethany
at the house of Simon the leper,”*

Simon is a leper!

The same uncleanness of soul in Simon the Pharisee has brought about the same results: Leprosy, (disease and sickness).

Discouragement is the test of the soul.

Discouragement can only come when circumstances do not go our way. If everything is right in our own opinions, there can be no discouragement. Discouragement comes when we don't get our way.

This is pride, ego, and vanity.

However, discouragement is not the enemy to fight.

Instead, we can overcome discouragement by yielding to Christ and letting our souls be cleansed from the wickedness of pride, ego, and vanity.

➤ Life in the miraculous means that you do not get what you want all the time.

If you always get what you want, there is no need for a miracle.

Now, please study Luke 17:11–19

This is the account of the Ten Lepers. The word healed is used here.

Again, he was a Samaritan, which makes this a racial issue.

Leprosy could even be in a house.

Leviticus 14:44 NKJV

*“Then the priest shall come and look; and indeed if the plague has spread in the house, it is an active leprosy in the house.
It is unclean.”*

Throughout the New Testament, the word “cleanse” is usually used when healing of leprosy occurs, but not always.

We point out these principles so that you might “study to show yourselves approved,” and investigate the differences.

A Humble Approach Is Needed:

There is a humble approach to the Holy One when divine healing is sought by the believer to receive the miracle that is hoped for. Yet, in our desire to show forth our faith to God, often times our approach is one of arrogance (and even pride) instead of humility.

Proverbs 3:34 (NKJV)

“Surely He scorns the scornful, but gives grace to the humble.”

We should not approach the Holy One saying, “Master, I am here to receive the healing that You have promised, and I believe that I will be healed.”

Instead, let us approach His glory with, “Master, I believe that You are merciful, and that Your promises of healing are true. I ask You to show forth Your mercy toward me. I am ready to receive Your promises, Your grace, and Your mercy tonight. Thank You, YeHoVaH.”

There truly is a difference in these two heart-filled approaches. One has elements of pride, which taints the purity of faith. The other places faith in the Bigness of His Holy Spirit and calls upon Him for justice.

Read the context of this verse and see if Jesus was confronting spiritual pride by using the testimony of Naaman who was healed from pride and arrogance:

Luke 4:27 (NASB)

“And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” – Yeshua/Jesus