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Chapter 1

Have you ever noticed how God always lets Satan go first?

Satan comes only to steal, kill and destroy (John 10:10). That is his plan for your life. It always has been and always will be. Sometimes when we come under attack from Satan we wonder why God doesn't act immediately.

But the Bible shows that God usually lets Satan go first. He lets him do his worst and then God moves in and redeems the situation. Nowhere is this fact clearer than in the book of Job. Yet we see it throughout scripture.

In the beginning... Satan came to Eden and corrupted Adam and Eve.

He used the Egyptian Pharaoh to bring the people of Israel into slavery in Egypt. The people were mistreated and abused for years. They grew in number, which led to the slaughter of innocent Israeli babies... then God parted the Red Sea and brought his people to the Promised Land.

Goliath intimidated the armies of Israel day after day. No one dared challenge him... until God raised up the shepherd boy David.

The prophets of Baal entered into a contest on Mount Carmel with Elijah. Elijah let them go first to see if Baal would answer... but it was the Living God who answered Elijah's prayer with fire.

Daniel was thrown into the lion's den before God delivered him.

Jesus' ministry began with the temptation in the wilderness. Before Jesus conquered sin and death, he was nailed to the cross first. Then came the resurrection.

Sometimes I wonder if God is taunting Satan. "Come and have a go if you think you're hard enough!"

God is always ready to contradict the attacks of Satan on our life. That is why your most effective ministry will come out of your

deepest hurt. Your greatest victory will always be in the area of your greatest pain.

In 1987 my son died during a heart operation. Around the same period my parents both died prematurely. I think I can confidently say that episode of my life was the darkest.

And yet today, my most effective ministry is in Rwanda - a place of genocide and premature death. Every family has been touched by the finger of death. Yet in the midst of that nation's grief I find my most effective ministry. Unlike so many, I am not intimidated by the shadow of death that falls across Rwanda because I know my God can bring life after grief.

If you are in a place of darkness, difficulty and fear right now, get ready because when Satan has done his worst, and the dust settles, God is going to move to redeem your situation. And when he does you are going to see the glory of the Lord.

In the meantime we need to stand firm in our faith refusing to be moved by what we see.

"For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world - our faith."
(1 John 5:4)

Chapter 2

Calling those things which are not as though they are.

"...God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;"

Romans 4:17

God calls those things which do not exist as though they did. What a great statement! God is always contradicting the darkness in the world.

In creation God contradicts the darkness. 'Let there be light!' When he said that it was dark. He contradicts the situation.

- Jesus tells the cripple to stand up.
- He tells the leper to be clean,
- He tells the blind to see,
- He tells the mute to speak, and the dead to rise!
- He tells the storm to be still and the evil spirits to be silent.
- Everywhere he goes he contradicts the circumstances.

We are made in God's image and we need to rise up and start contradicting a few things. We already do it in the natural world. When we come home and it's cold we turn up the thermostat. We come home and find the house too cold at 8 degrees. We turn up the thermostat to 22 degrees. We call it 22 degrees but it's initially still 8 degrees. We are calling those things which are not as though they were. It's time to set your thermostat on your situation by faith. We overcome the world and our difficulties by faith. We change the climate of our situation with our faith.

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1 John 5:4

We are not to be moved by what we see but by what we see in the spirit.

"For we walk by faith, not by sight."

2 Corinthians 5:7

Faith is a fight!

Moving by faith in the world is a fight. Sometimes we think we'll say a little prayer and something will happen. But often that doesn't work. No. We need to rise up and start contradicting a few things. We need to curse sickness, poverty and oppression. We need to start to fight!

"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses."

1 Timothy 6:12

Fighting and faith go hand in hand. The devil may start it but me and God are going to finish it. Towards the end of his life Paul wrote:

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

2 Timothy 4:7

And we fight the fight by calling those things that are not as though they are. The Bible says:

"Let the weak say, 'I am strong.'

Joel 3:10

We are to call things that are not as though they were. Let the sick say I am healed. Let the poor say I am rich. Initially it may sound a bit peculiar. But you are called to be peculiar!

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:"

1 Peter 2:9, KJV.

Say these statements out loud right now!

I am strong!

I am healed!

I am in a period of uncommon favour.

I am a millionaire!

I have no fear!

I have power to get wealth!

God has healed all my diseases

I have the strength of a teenager!
I am free from every addiction the devil put on me!
By his wounds I am healed!

Chapter 3

What is God thinking?

As Albert Einstein lay on his deathbed, he asked only for his glasses, his writing implements and his latest equations. He knew he was dying, yet he continued his work. In those final hours of his life, while fading in and out of consciousness, he was working on what he hoped would be his greatest work of all. It was a project of monumental complexity. It was a project that he hoped would unlock the mind of God.

"I am not interested in this phenomenon or that phenomenon," Einstein had said earlier in his life. "I want to know God's thoughts - the rest are mere details."

Wouldn't it be great to know what God is thinking right now? Actually, I can tell you exactly what God is thinking right now. He is thinking about two things and how they fit together. Firstly, he is thinking about you.

"The LORD has been mindful of us; He will bless us."
Psalms 115:12

God is mindful of you - yes you! Is he thinking how bad you are or how you've let him down? No! He is mindful of you and he is thinking about how to bless you.

The second thing he is thinking about is his covenant. He is thinking about the covenant he made through Jesus because that is the mechanism of his blessing.

"...He will ever be mindful of His covenant."
Psalms 111:5

Thousands of years ago, God looked at the condition of men and women, who were separated from him, and started his plan to bring you and me back into a loving relationship with himself. He found a man called Abram. He saw faith in his heart. He performed a miracle and brought Abram into a covenant so that everything God has was his and everything that Abram had was God's. That's what the covenant

was. What a great blessing!

“On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram...”
Genesis 15:18

Fast forward a few thousand years and God extended that blessing to you and me through Jesus. When Jesus died on the cross he was fully God and fully man. As the blood ran from his veins, the blood of God and the blood of man ran together in a new covenant.

“Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, ...that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus...”
Galatians 3:13-14

Now all that God had was ours and all we had was his! He took our sin and gave us his forgiveness. He took our sickness and gave us his healing. He took our poverty and gave us his provision. He took our fear and gave us his peace. Jesus taught that this would happen in the story of the lost son. When the older brother complained that the prodigal was being blessed even though he sinned and that he himself had received nothing, Jesus puts these words into the mouth of the father who represents God.

“And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours.’”
Luke 15:31

It’s amazing! Everything he has is ours when we live in the covenant blessing relationship. It’s so amazing many Christians live like the older brother - they live with the father, try and be faithful but never benefit from the blessing because they don’t realise it is there’s already!

And the reason God is thinking about blessing you through his covenant is that it is set forever as the channel for his blessing.

“For the mountains shall depart
And the hills be removed,
But My kindness shall not depart from you,
Nor shall My covenant of peace be removed,”
Says the LORD, who has mercy on you.”
Isaiah 54:10

I don't know what blessing you need today or what sickness you need healing for, but God is already thinking about you and how to bless you. It's just one of the benefits of the covenant. Here is a list of a few more.

"Bless the LORD, O my soul,
And forget not all His benefits:
Who forgives all your iniquities,
Who heals all your diseases,
Who redeems your life from destruction,
Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,
Who satisfies your mouth with good things,
So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's."

Psalms 103:2-5

See how healing, protection and forgiveness are all tied together in the covenant that Jesus paid for, with his blood, on the cross. What is God thinking? Right now he is thinking about you and how he can bless you.

Chapter 4

While you're waiting for healing...

I've seen many people healed from many things. Just a couple of weeks ago a doctor got healed of arthritis in his knees after I prayed for healing in a church service. Last year a blind lady was leaving the church after a healing meeting and thought she saw someone's face as she left. She didn't believe it at first, but by Wednesday of that week her eyesight was restored.

These are great stories... but what should we do when we are praying for our own healing and it hasn't yet appeared? Here are a few thoughts for those who are praying and waiting for healing to manifest in their own bodies.

We need to view sickness like a snake climbing up our leg. If that happened we wouldn't just mildly complain about it to others. No. We'd stand up, shake it off our leg and probably shout a bit! We may even curse it and then beat it till it was dead.

When we're trying to get healed of a long-standing illness, I think there are a few things we should know. Sometimes, if the sickness came as a long process of decline, let's not be surprised if our healing is a gradual process of improvement as well.

Think of the great oil tankers out at sea. You can't just turn those things round. When the captain turns the wheel, nothing seems to happen for a while. But if he's consistent, if he keeps the wheel turned in the same direction, gradually the vessel will turn. He mustn't give up he must be consistent.

When we are waiting for healing, we, too, must be consistent in our faith - looking to God as the source of our healing and trusting and believing that he wants to heal, will heal and has healed.

It's a bit like your sin:

- you were forgiven (on the cross)
- you are forgiven (as you receive the gift)
- you will be forgiven (at the judgment)

Our healing really took place on the cross 2000 years ago. Now we are enforcing that healing through declaring what God has said and agreeing with it.

"... if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven."
(Matthew 18:19)

We begin by speaking out our faith – we say what we want, not what we have. So we begin to say 'I'm healed' instead of going around telling everyone we're ill. It's an act of faith.

For example, Joel 3:10 says, "Let the weak say, 'I am strong.'" Why would the Bible tell us to do that?

We do this strange thing because Jesus said, "...he will have whatever he says." (Mark 11:23) So we speak the solution not the problem.

So, for example, as I am praying for my friend Tracy who has cancer, I am saying, "Tracy is healed. The name of Jesus is above every name. It's above the name of cancer. I command this cancer to leave now. I declare that it's the cancer that will curl up and die – not Tracy. Tracy is healed by the wounds of Jesus. Cancer is going NOW! Healing is coming NOW!"

And I'll pray like that every day – as long as it takes.

We should be expectant. We should tell Satan that his plan, to steal, kill and destroy (John 10:10), will not work in our body because our healing has been purchased with the blood of Jesus.

We need to come to the place where we have as much confidence that we are healed as we have that we are forgiven. How do you know your sin is forgiven? Can you prove it? No. You are trusting that the blood of Jesus paid the price on the cross, that it's a done deal in the Spirit and that you have passed from death to life. Gradually an inner witness grows in your spirit.

Well it's the same covenant that heals us as forgives us. How do we know we are healed? It begins by trusting that the blood of Jesus paid the price for our healing. (Matt 8:17 'He took our infirmities'). We believe it's a done deal – we don't need to qualify it with little

get out clauses for God (just as we wouldn't do that for forgiveness).

Gradually an inner witness grows that we are in possession of our healing. When we get it in the spirit, shortly after it will manifest in the flesh.

Like Jesus said to Jairus, when the servant said 'your child is dead, trouble the master no more', he replied 'only believe' - and keep believing and don't quit believing.

I love Psalm 103 because I did some research and found that the Hebrew word translated here as 'all' actually means... ALL!

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And forget not all His benefits:
Who forgives all your iniquities,
Who heals all your diseases,
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Who satisfies your mouth with good things,
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I am over 50 years old but I declare with the psalmist "My youth is being renewed like the eagle's"

Whatever you are facing today, you need to stand up on the inside, like David running to face Goliath in battle, boldly confident that you are facing a defeated enemy. You are healed in the name of Jesus!

Chapter 5

The spirit of infirmity

"And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up."
Luke 13:11

I am learning that there are two levels of sickness at work in people's bodies. There is the physical problem in a person's body - whatever the sickness or disease is - but there is also a spiritual level. The Bible calls it the 'spirit of infirmity'.

The spirit of infirmity is a demonic spirit that oppresses people in their body. Now let me say, first of all, not all our sickness begins with a demonic attack. If you've eaten too many hamburgers all your life, and you end up with a weak heart, that's not the devil, that's too many hamburgers.

If you trip and twist your ankle - that's not the devil, you just tripped. But, the devil takes that weakness and begins to come on you to keep that weakness in your body and make it worse. He wants to establish a spirit of infirmity that you can't shake off.

The spirit of infirmity tries to make your sickness into your identity - 'the blind man', 'the deaf woman', 'the cripple' - Satan loves those titles.

This is why, when I pray for the sick, I really view it as deliverance. I see all sickness like a snake seeking to poison us and suck the life out of us. Satan's plan for your life is to steal from you, kill you and destroy everything you have. (John 10:10)

We see repeatedly in the scriptures that sickness is oppression of the devil:

"...God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him."
Acts 10:38

"... The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work."

1 John 3:8

"Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed from that moment."

Matthew 17:18

So what does Jesus come to do? He comes to free us from bondage. Back in the story in Luke 13:10, we see Jesus' response to the spirit of infirmity.

But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her,

"Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity."

Luke 13:12

And we know that Jesus still wants to do that same thing today. He still wants to loose people from their infirmity because he is the same today as he was then.

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."

Hebrews 13:8

A Prayer

I pray for those of you who are sick today - I curse every sickness and disease in your body. I bind the spirit of infirmity at work in your life. I break the power of sickness and disease attacking you today. I declare you are loosed from all sickness and disease. May the Holy Spirit come and touch your body right now. Sickness is going and healing is coming! Right now, in Jesus name. Amen.



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