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THE WORD OF FAITH

Don't Blame God

-by Kenneth Hagin

JOHN 14:7-10

7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

10 Believeest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself; but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

Jesus said, "...the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works" (John 14:10). And then in Acts 10:38 we see what those works were that the Father did.

ACTS 10:38

38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Notice also, that those Jesus healed were "oppressed of the devil." This verse calls sickness Satanic oppression.

Other Scriptures substantiate it, particularly in the New Testament. The Bible is progressive revelation.

It is difficult for those who are not acquainted with the Scriptures to understand that the laws

which are governing the earth today very largely came into being with the fall of man. When Adam sinned a curse came upon the earth.

It is because men do not understand this that many accuse God of the accidents which occur; of sickness; the death of loved ones; of storms, catastrophes, earthquakes, and floods. They accuse God of those things and He is not responsible for, nor the author of a one of them.

All these natural laws, as we understand them, were set aside by Jesus whenever it was necessary to bless humanity.

Jesus stood on board that ship and rebuked that storm, saying, "Peace, be still." And according to what Jesus said in John 14:10, it was God in Him who did that work. Jesus said that God did it.

Well, if God caused the storm, God would be working against Himself in causing it to cease.

It was the same with the healings Jesus performed. Jesus said, "The Father in me, He doeth the works." All the healings, all the miracles, all the works that Jesus did--Jesus said that God did them.

Well then, if God is the author of sickness and disease, and God is healing people through Jesus,

then God is working against Himself.

But we know that cannot be for Jesus said, "...if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand" (Mark 3:24-25).

No; these things came with the fall of man, when Adam sinned. Their author is Satan. And when Satan is finally eliminated from the earth, then all of these laws shall stop functioning.

The Bible declares that when Satan is bound and put into the bottomless pit there shall be nothing that shall hurt or destroy. That should make it plain enough where those things come from!

JOHN 10:10

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

"I am come...." He says here. Well now, who is He? The Bible says that He is God manifested in the flesh. In the Scripture we have just read Jesus said, "He that has seen me has seen the Father."

If you want to see God--if you want to know what God is

really like--just look at Jesus. He's just like Jesus. If you want to see God at work--look at Jesus! For Jesus said, "He that has seen me, has seen the Father."

JOHN 1:1-3; 14

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
2 The same was in the beginning with God.
3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.
14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us...

Jesus is God manifested in the flesh. And Jesus said, "I am come...." Or, in other words, God said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

In that very same verse He said, "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy...."

He is contrasting His works with those of the devil, whom He calls a thief. "I am come that you might have life, and that you might have it more abundantly, but the thief has come to steal, to kill, and to destroy."

That which kills, that which steals, that which destroys, is the devil's work! That is the devil at work. That is plain enough, isn't it?

Considering together Jesus' description of the Father; His statement that "he that hath seen me hath seen the Father;" His statement that "the Father in me he doeth the works;" and the fact that Jesus "went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil;" makes it impossible for one moment to

accept the teaching that disease and sickness are of God! The very nature of God the Father refutes the argument!

Jesus plainly taught us in many Scriptures that sickness and disease are of the enemy. Take the following passage for instance:

LUKE 13:11-16

11 And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.

12 And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.

13 And he laid his hands on her: and immediately, she was made straight, and glorified God.

14 And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day.

15 The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering?

16 And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?

Jesus made three positive statements: (1) It was Satan who had bound her; (2) She ought to be loosed; (3) The reason she ought to be loosed is that she is a daughter of Abraham.

There are some who would say, "Healing belonged to the Jews all right, but that's just for the Jews."

GALATIANS 3:13-14

13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ;

It's really Abraham's blessing. It's not the Jews' blessing; it's Abraham's----and Abraham's blessings are mine!

GALATIANS 3:29

29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

That means that if you have been born again, if you belong to Christ---then you are Abraham's seed and have fallen heir to his promise. Glory! And did you know that the first thing God promised Abraham was that He was going to make him rich.

Now let's look at the 7th verse in that same chapter:

GALATIANS 3:7

7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.

Jesus said that this woman in Luke 13 ought to be loosed because she was a daughter of Abraham. And God is saying the same thing today. You ought to be loosed! We are the spiritual sons and daughters of Abraham and we ought not to be bound by sickness or disease. We ought to be free!

I had a struggle years ago on the bed of affliction. Very often before you can receive healing for your body you have to find the answers to those things which are holding you back, those things in your mind which have you all hung up.

As a 16 year old boy, lying flat of my back on the bed of affliction I asked myself, "Who is responsible for this? Why me? Why have I been afflicted all my life, never able to run and play like other children, bedfast now with five doctors saying I have to die? Why me? I didn't have anything to do with it.

"God," I asked, "did You?"

All I knew was what I had heard preachers and other people say, "That's God's work. God is doing that."

I couldn't buy that! I couldn't accept it.

Some said, "God didn't commission it, but He's permitting it for a purpose."

That amounts to the same thing.

So I asked God, "Did You cause me to be born prematurely? Did you rob me of my child-

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hood? Why was I born this way? Dear God, are You responsible for it?"

Nobody really gives you the answer. They'll give you the runaround---some theological concept that doesn't amount to a hill of beans.

But I am so glad I found the answer! I found it in God's Word! It's right in this verse, "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil..." (Acts 10:38). I saw it in His Word!

This verse tells you exactly--

Satan is the oppressor. Satan was the one that caused me to have a deformed heart. Satan was the one that caused my body to be almost totally paralyzed. It was Satan who kept me 16 months bedfast. Satan is the one who gave me an incurable blood disease.

Satan is the oppressor. But Jesus is the Deliverer!

Hallelujah! I was never so thrilled with anything in my life as when I found out the truth. God's Word is truth!

(This month's message was taken from our new tape #H551 DON'T BLAME GOD)

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---CRUSADES---

MESA, ARIZONA Jan. 13-16
First Assembly of God Church Auditorium
-163 South Robson at West Second Avenue-
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LOS ANGELES, CALIF. Jan. 31-Feb. 3
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9550 Crenshaw
Englewood, California
Thursday, Jan. 31 7:30 pm
Friday, Feb. 1 10:00 am & 7:30 pm
Saturday, Feb. 2 7:30 pm
Sunday, Feb. 3 2:30 pm

---RADIO RALLIES---

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. Jan. 7
Holiday Inn South
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I-35 and Southeast 29th Street
Monday Evening, Jan. 7 7:30 pm

AMARILLO, TEXAS Jan. 8
Howard Johnson Motel
3205 I-40 East
Tuesday Evening, Jan. 8 7:30 pm

PHOENIX, ARIZONA Jan. 10
Del Webb Townhouse
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100 West Clarendon Avenue
Thursday Evening, Jan. 10 7:30 pm

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Rodger Young Center
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As announced in the December 1973 issue of "The Word of Faith" EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1974 the price of our 32 page books will increase from 50¢ to 60¢ each.

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TESTIMONIES

Dear Brother-in-Christ,

I have greatly rejoiced in your explanations of faith. I am a spirit-filled 14 year old believer searching and seeking God's plan for my life as in His Word. My main concern is Jesus and following His steps all the way....

Dear Brother Hagin,

I have just been released from prison by faith. In the prison I received a Faith Study Course by you and by it showing me things in the Word I learned to put my faith in action. I just took God at His Word in Matthew 18:18, ...I took two other scriptures before the Lord at the same time in prayer...Matthew 18:19 and Philip-pians 4:19. Praise God for His wonderful and beautiful love He has for us.

Jesus has delivered me from drugs and also healed me of some things wrong with my body from doing drugs. How wonderful it is to be freed from the bondage of Satan. Glory to God.

A brother in Christ Jesus,

Dear Brother Hagin,

_____attended your healing service in September and received healing of a thyroid gland conditon. Just this week his healing was medically "confirmed" by doctors here in Ann Arbor. After taking 12,000 pills during the last 24 years as prescribed by doctors when he was 12 years old, now at age 36 he is completely healed and takes no pills, and has lots of strength every day. He has taken no pills since September.

Praise the Lord Jesus, A brother

MONTHLY LESSON

MOUNTAIN MOVING FAITH-- YOURS CAN GROW

This month's free lesson is the second in our new Mountain Moving Faith series. It was taken from our new cassette #F545C. (See page four for a synopsis of this message.)

Write for your free copy of this printed lesson.

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by Kenneth E. Hagin:

THE PRAYER OF BINDING AND LOOSING P540C

Jesus has a standing in Heaven. He is the only approach to the Father. And He has given us the power of attorney to use His mighty Name . . . the right to use that Name to call out demons that bind men's souls . . . to break the power of the devil and to bring deliverance.

PRAYING TO THE FATHER P541C

If we wish to be sure of reaching the throne, we must come according to the rules laid down in God's Word. Jesus is our Mediator, Intercessor, Advocate, and our Lord. He stands between us and the Father. Yet in no place in the Bible is it recorded that Jesus told His disciples to pray to Him.

PRAYING IN JESUS' NAME P542C

About whatever you are praying, fight it out in prayer. You are not defying God but you are fighting demons. God wants to send you the answer. Using your weapons the devil and demons will relent in their opposition and the answer will come. A revelation in praying concerning money.

AGREEMENT IN PRAYER P543C

Matthew 18:19 gives us the prayer secret of agreeing. Do not put any limitations on it, just take Him at His Word. You can be mighty in prayer alone, but mightier with someone joining you. This tape also provides much insight into praying in the spirit in an unknown tongue.

THE MEASURE OF FAITH F544C

You say you don't have faith? Yes, you do! Every believer already has a measure of mountain moving faith. You don't have to pray for it. You don't have to fast for it. You don't have to promise to be good to get it. You have it! When you see it in the Word, it will register on your spirit.

HOW YOUR FAITH CAN GROW F545C

God starts everyone off equally. He does not give one more faith than another. But after that it is according to what you do with it. Your measure of faith can be increased, it can grow. And you are the one who increases it—not God.

REAL FAITH IS OF THE HEART F546C

Man is a spirit, who has a soul, and lives in a body. The faith Jesus spoke of is of the spirit, the heart, the inward man. When you comprehend this fact, that faith will work in your heart with a doubt in your head, you will not be defeated by darts of doubt thrown into your mind.

FORGIVE—AND KEEP A GOOD REPORT F547C

Faith will not work in your heart when there is an air of unforgiveness about you. If your prayers are not working this is the first place to look. The final portion of this fine tape deals with the necessity of keeping a good report.

FAITH BY SAYING FOR FINANCES F548C

"Faith works by saying or by praying—but when you pray it, you still have to say it," Brother Hagin states as he teaches with emphasis on "faith by saying" for financial needs. Understand where the provision for our financial needs are and how to receive them by faith.

F549C

WHEN YOUR FAITH CAN WORK FOR OTHERS

Your faith will always work for you in your own life. And sometimes, not always, you can make your faith work for someone else. See how and when you can help another to enjoy God the Father's provisions.

HOW TO JUDGE PROPHECY S550C

Prophecies are to be judged and prophets to be known. And God's Word gives us explicit instructions for doing this. In this last hour the believer must be able to recognize false prophets. Staying with God's Word we cannot be misled. Is Jeanne Dixon a prophetess of God?

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