

The Gospel of Luke

a verse-by-verse study

Session 11

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Luke 8:1

- Note: Preaching and Showing
- The preaching of the 'great news' was accompanied by visible signs
- Jesus sent the disciples out to preach the gospel and heal the sick! Matt 10:7-8
- Jesus commissioned believers to preach the gospel to every creature AND to lay hands on the sick and they will recover
 - Who are we to decide which of Jesus' commands we will obey?

The Great News!

38 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

- Dr Luke answers the question as to the source of sickness...
- ...It is from the Devil.
- When Peter's mother-in-law had a fever, Jesus rebuked it! (Luke 4:39)

The Great News!

- Jesus was never sick... yet had a physical body just like ours
- Nowhere in the teaching or practise of Jesus did He promote sickness or counsel anyone that it was 'inevitable' or 'profitable'
- Nowhere in scripture do we find Jesus encouraging people to 'accept their sickness as a gift from God' or to 'bear it for His glory'
- In fact, Jesus never met sickness passively, He never regarded sickness as a friend to be welcomed, but as an enemy to be defeated

The Great News!

- Jesus saw sickness as oppression by the devil:

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.

Luke 13:11-16

The Great News!

- Jesus saw sickness as oppression by the devil:

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.

Luke 13:11-16

The Great News!

- Jesus saw sickness as oppression by the devil:

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?

Luke 13:11-16

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- **The great news?** ... Lk 4:18
 - he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor;
 - he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted,
 - to preach deliverance to the captives, and
 - recovering of sight to the blind,
 - to set at liberty them that are bruised,
- **Jesus came to destroy the works of the Devil!** 1 Jn 3:8
- **As with the serpent on the pole in the wilderness (Num 21) those who looked to it received forgiveness of sins and healing for their bodies**

The Great News!

² And you, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the *air... all had our conversation in times past in the* lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

But God... Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

Ephesians 2:1-6

The Great News!

¹¹ But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Romans 8:11

- This statement has to do with our physical bodies
- If we have the Holy Spirit dwelling in us, we should (can) expect a 'quickenings' of our physical bodies
 - **Gr Zoopoieo**
 - 'Life' + 'to make'
 - by spiritual power to invigorate
 - to give increase of life: thus of physical life

The Great News!

¹⁶ Know ye not that **ye are the temple of God**, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

¹⁷ If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

1 Corinthians 3:16-17

- Once again, it is clear the Holy Spirit resides in our physical bodies which is why we must not defile them.
- There is a Biblical mandate to take good care of our physical bodies:
 - Daniel 1:8-15 / Leviticus 11 / 1 Cor 9:27 / 1 Tim 8:8 / 1 Tim 5:23

A Model for Us?

Consider the account in the book of Ezra:

- The Temple was in a state of disrepair
 - Much like many of our bodies today!
- Ezra had faith that the Temple could be restored
- Then ensured one of the most intense spiritual battles in the OT (lasting 19 years)!
- The enemy said 'it can't be done!'
- They tried to discourage the people
- They tried to distract the people
 - They knew it must not be done or God's people would be free from their tolls, tribute and custom Ezra 4:13
 - God's people would be free from the bondage and oppression
- Ezra's faith never gave up and he saw the Temple rebuilt

Preach The Word!

- *“Instead of the ministry of healing diverting from the more significant matter of salvation for the soul, we have seen more conversions in a single week, than we ever saw in a whole year of evangelistic work during the 13 years before the Lord led us to preach this part of the gospel in a bolder and more public way”.*

- F.F. Bosworth

² And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils,

³ And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance.

Luke 8:2-3

- 18th miracle / 15th healing in the Gospel of Luke
- Mary and Joanna were both at the garden tomb on the morning of the resurrection
- ‘many others’ - not mentioned by name, will receive their reward in glory.

4 And when much people were gathered together, and were come to him out of every city, he spake by a parable:

5 A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it.

6 And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture.

7 And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it.

Luke 8:4-7

8 And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Luke 8:8

⁹ And his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be?

¹⁰ And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand

Luke 8:9-10

Israel's Blindness

⁹ And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not.

¹⁰ Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.

Isaiah 6:9-10

- 11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.
- 12 Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.
- 13 They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away.
- 14 And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection

Luke 8:11-14

15 But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

Luke 8:15

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To be continued...

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