

#### 4 Qualifications of the King:

- 1) **The King has Authority Over Israel:** Jesus' ministry was Israel centered at the outset: Is. 53:3, 5 predicted Jesus would be rejected and pierced for their sins. Jesus was teaching in synagogues to help those who needed to learn the Scriptures. Jesus was publicly preaching the gospel of the kingdom. Jesus was healing Jews, "among the people" is a term used to describe Jews and didn't include Gentiles in this passage.
  - 2) **The King has Authority Over All Disease:** V23, "all kinds," of diseases and sicknesses. This is a "general" disease that was identifiable at current time. Every "sickness" would be everything else, healing the afflicted (those w/ pains). V24, epileptics and paralytics or those with paralyzes or palsies, Matt. 8, 9, Luke 7. Jesus healed them all. The King will one day eradicate sickness and disease on a global scale.
  - 3) **The King has Authority Over All Evil:** power over demoniacs of two groups: 1) free demons, 2) confined demons, 2 Pet. 2:4, Jude 6, Gen. 6:2. They have intellect and speak, Matt. 8:29. They believe in the gospel but work against it, James 2:19. They aren't omnipresent. They are powerful, Dan. 10:13. They masquerade as gods, Is. 24:21-22. Idol sacrifices are sacrifices to demons, 1 Cor. 10:20.
    - a. **Christians can't be possessed by demons,** Holy Spirit dwells in believers.
    - b. **Never in NT are Christians asked to cast out demons:** the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation, Rom. 1:16-17. Jesus healed and cast out demons with a word. In verse 23-25, Jesus is plundering the power of Satan, destroying the power of sickness and disease. He came to destroy the works of the devil, 1 John 3:8.
  - 4) **The King has Authority Over All Nations:** V24, Syria (North of Israel), V25, Galilee (Northern province), Decapolis (Southeast of Galilee), In Jerusalem, and in Judea (South of Jerusalem), and "beyond the Jordan," called Perea (North and East of the Jordan River).
- Christ's authority over All things will be demonstrated in the future.** Over Israel, Ps. 24, 2 Sam. 7 (on the throne of David). Over evil, 1 Pet. 5:8, Eph. 2:2, Rev. 20:4-6. Over Nations, Ps. 2, Zech. 14:9. 2:11.
- >>What about all diseases? What about divine healing? This comes during the Millennial Kingdom, not the Church Age. It was used to confirm the message of the Gospel.

#### 6 Hallmarks of False Theology of Divine Healing:

- 1) **It is Always God's Will:** Jacob's hip, Paul's companion Trophimus left in Miletus sick, 2 Tim. 4:20, further evidence: all believers have died.
- 2) **Healing is a Supernatural Secret You Must Discover:** witchcraft is believing words can make God do something. Sickness doesn't mean I'm out of the will of God.
- 3) **Sickness is Purely Satanic:** Sickness is used by God to bring about His glory and plans in the earth, Gen. 12 (Pharoah), Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, Hannah (barrenness), Miriam (leprosy), Sennacherib's army (2 Kings 19), Nebuchadnezzar as a beast, Ananias and Saphira (Acts 5), Lord's Table (1 Cor. 11:27-34).
- 4) **Healing is Synonymous with Salvation:** healing is emphasized and not the Gospel. The Gospel brings salvation. God healed unbelievers, Gen. 12, Naaman, Nebuchadnezzar. Can't equate healing with salvation.
- 5) **Divine healers have spiritual gift of healing:** "gifts of healings" used 3X in 1 Cor. 12, these are gifts of healings and not the "gift" of healing. Paul couldn't heal himself, Trophimus,

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Matthew 4:23-25

- 5) Continued.. Timothy, Barnabas performed miracles but didn't heal Paul after being beaten (Acts 14: 19-20), and Epaphroditus. In 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus, using the gift of healing was not articulated or ordered in the churches.
- 6) Divine Healing Might be Gradual or Partial: in Scripture the healings and miracles of Jesus were immediate and instant (or soon confirmed), public, spontaneous, irreversible, and of unknown medical knowledge. Jesus showed the power of the coming kingdom.

The passages of Psalms 103:3 and 1 Pet. 2:24 show the results of salvation and the eventual, complete, and eternal healing coming to those when Christ comes to receive His own and when He sets up His kingdom (See also Is. 32:17-18, 33:19-24. 35:1-10, 65:17-25, Micah 4:6).

### Further Discussion and Application

Read 1 John 3:8. Jesus demonstrated a kingdom to the House of Israel that would convince them of God's power and promise. How does the Word of God and the power of Gospel dismantle Satan's power in our lives and in the lives of those who come to Christ? Read 1 John 3:1-2, what is coming to for the children of God? Based upon what we read in Matthew 4:23-25 and throughout the Gospels and the Scriptures in Isaiah above (Ch 32, 33, 35, 65) what is the Millennial kingdom like, describe what it is like.

Divine healing and divine healers are very different. Why were gifts of healing and gifts of miracles used in the early church? How can believers today believe in Jesus yet have never seen Him? How does the Holy Spirit operate during the church age? How do divine healers of today pervert the Gospel? How is the false healings of today man centered and not at all like what Jesus encountered while He was here?

Read 2 Tim. 3:16-17. How does Scripture that we hold in our hands become the ability in our lives to be lead by the Spirit, conform to the Spirit's will, and make us more like Christ? John 17:17, gives us a great promise, what does knowing the truth do in our lives?

When thinking about counseling another believer, or someone who desires to hear the Gospel, how will the Gospel bring about peace and give them power to be saved? How do we disciple them to help them build their faith upon the truths of the Bible? Outline a plan of how to help a new believer begin to order their lives in a godly way and help them grow in Christ according to Col. 1:28.