

And if the bugler doesn't sound a clear sound, how will the soldiers know they are being called to battle? 1st Corinthians 14:8 NLV

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PRAYER STUDY #153

“The Balm of Gilead-PART TWO”

Is Your Heart Broken?

Is Your Spirit Wounded?

Is Your Mind Troubled?

Are You Bitter?

Do You Need Physical, Mental, Emotional, or Spiritual Healing?

Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? Why, then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?

If the Lord is calling an end time remnant company of Mighty Warriors, surely He wants them to walk in health and wholeness, including physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. In order to come to this wholeness, they must learn how to overcome the enemy.

GILEAD means *Hill of Testimony* or *Mount of Witness*.

BALM symbolizes the healing ministry.

Daughter of my people represents the Church or Bride of Christ.

In Part One we looked at ways to help us keep walking in victory over the Accuser of the Brethren. These include “Be prepared for increased demonic attack and be ready for end time tribulation;” “Keep your Vision;” and “Recognize that God is still a healer today.”

In Part Two we will look at “Be Not Deceived;” “Renounce the Lies of the Enemy;” and “Quit Complaining,” as ways to come to spiritual healing.

Deception

The greatest single danger in this end time is not sickness, nor poverty, nor persecution. It is deception. I have frequently commented that one obvious place for the antichrist to arise would be in the Charismatic movement, because most Charismatics seem to think that anything supernatural must be from God. That is not so. Satan is capable of great supernatural signs and wonders. Derek Prince

The Word of God strongly emphasizes in the New Testament that we are “to take heed that no man deceive you” (Matthew 24:4, Mark 13:5, Luke 21:8, Ephesians 5:6, Romans 16:18, and 1st John 3:7 to name a few). Although Matthew 24:24 (*For there shall arise false Christs and false prophets, and show great signs and wonders, insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.*) seems to imply that the elect cannot be deceived, I think this verse is talking about the specific deception of false Christ and false prophets that believers in tune with the Spirit will not receive. I think we are foolish if we think we cannot be deceived in other areas. The danger in deception is that people who are deceived don’t know they are. That’s why it is so important to be under spiritual authority and to read the Word of God instead of just listening to what others say about the Word, and to spend time alone with the Holy Spirit speaking Words of Truth to you. I know I have been deceived on certain Biblical points and stayed deceived until the Spirit of God showed me the TRUTH through the word of God. We certainly can be deceived by doctrinal error and, as Romans 16:18 tells us “by good works and fair speeches.”

SOME COMMON DECEPTIONS

Ways You Can Be Deceived by the World from Neal Anderson’s *The Steps to Freedom in Christ*

1. Believing that acquiring money and things will bring lasting happiness (see Matthew 13:22 and 1st Timothy 6:10).
2. Believing that excessive food and alcohol can relieve your stress and make you happy (see Proverbs 23:19-21).
3. Believing that an attractive body and personality will get you what you need (see Proverbs 31:30; 1st Peter 3:3-4).
4. Believing that gratifying sexual lust will bring lasting satisfaction (see Ephesians 4:22 and 1st Peter 2:11).
5. Believing that you can sin and get away without any negative consequences (see Hebrews 3:12-13).
6. Believing that you need more than what God has given you in Christ (see 2nd Corinthians 11:2-3, 13-15)
7. Believing that you can do whatever you want and no one can touch you (see Proverbs 16:18, Obadiah 3, and 1st Peter 5:5)
8. Believing that unrighteous people who refuse to accept Christ go to heaven anyway (see 1st Corinthians 6:9-11)
9. Believing that you can associate with bad company and not become corrupted (see 1st Corinthians 15:33-34)

10. Believing that you can read, see or listen to anything and not be corrupted (see Proverbs 4:23-27, Matthew 5:28).
11. Believing that there are no consequences on Earth for your sin (see Galatians 6:7-8).
12. Believing that you must gain the approval of certain people in order to be happy (see Galatians 1:10)
13. Believing that you must measure up to certain standards in order to feel good about yourself (Galatians 3:2-3; 5:1)

Ways We Wrongly Defend Ourselves from Neal Anderson's *The Steps to Freedom in Christ*

1. Denial of reality either consciously or unconsciously.
2. Fantasy (escaping reality by daydreaming, TV, movies, music, computer or video games, drugs, alcohol).
3. Emotional insulation (withdrawing from people or keeping people at a distance to avoid rejection).
4. Regression (reverting back to less threatening times).
5. Displaced anger (taking out frustrations on innocent people).
6. Projection (attributing to another what you find unacceptable in yourself).
7. Rationalization (making excuses for your own poor behavior).
8. Lying (protecting yourself through falsehoods).
9. Blaming yourself (when you are not responsible) and others.
10. Hypocrisy (presenting a false image).

Renounce the Lies of the Enemy from Neal Anderson's *The Steps to Freedom in Christ*

1. I renounce the lie that my Father God is distant and disinterested. I choose to believe the truth that my Father God is intimate and involved. **Psalm 139:1-8:** *O LORD, thou hast searched me and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising; thou understand my thoughts afar off. Thou compasses my path and my lying down and art acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue, but lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether Thou hast beset me behind and before and laid thine hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it. Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? Or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there; if I make my bed in hell, behold thou are there.*

2. I renounce the lie that my Father God is insensitive and uncaring. I choose to believe the truth that my Father God is kind and compassionate. **Psalm 103: 8-14:** *The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. He will not always chide; neither will He keep His anger forever. He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward them that fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. As a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him. For He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust.*
3. I renounce the lie that my Father God is stern and demanding. I choose to believe the truth that my Father God is accepting and filled with joy and love. **Zephaniah 3:17:** *The LORD, thy God, in the midst of thee is mighty; He will save; He will rejoice over thee with joy; He will rest in His love; He will joy over thee with singing.*
4. I renounce the lie that my Father God is passive and cold. I choose to believe the truth that my Father God is warm and affectionate. **Isaiah 40:11:** *He shall feed His flock like a shepherd; He shall gather the lambs with His arm and carry them in His bosom and shall gently lead them that are with young.*
5. I renounce the lie that my Father God is absent or too busy for me. I choose to believe the truth that my Father God is always with me and eager to be with me. **Hebrews 13:5** *Let your manner of life be without covetousness and be content with such things as ye have; for He hath said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."*
6. I renounce the lie that my Father God is impatient, angry and rejecting. I choose to believe the truth that my Father God is patient and slow to anger. **2nd Peter 3:9:** *The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness, but is long-suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.*
7. I renounce the lie that my Father God is mean, cruel or abusive. I choose to believe the truth that my Father God is loving, gentle, and protective. **Psalm 18:2-3:** *The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my shield and the horn of my salvation and my high tower. I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised; so shall I be safe from mine enemies.*

8. I renounce the lie that my Father God is trying to take all the fun out of life. I choose to believe the truth that my Father God is trustworthy and wants to give me a full life; His will is good, perfect and acceptable for me. **John 10:10:** *The thief cometh not but to steal and to kill and to destroy; I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly.*
9. I renounce the lie that Father God is controlling and manipulative. I choose to believe the truth that Father God is full of grace and mercy, and He gives me freedom to fail. **Hebrews 4:15-16:** *For we have not a high priest who cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us, therefore, come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*
10. I renounce the lie that Father God is condemning and unforgiving. I choose to believe the truth that Father God is tenderhearted and forgiving; His heart and arms are always open to me. **Psalms 130:1-4:** *Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice; let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications. If thou, Lord shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with thee...*
11. I renounce the lie that Father God is a nit-picking, demanding perfectionist. I choose to believe the truth that Father God is committed to my growth and proud of me as His beloved child. **Hebrews 12:6-7 & 11:** *For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?...Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless, afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them who are exercised by it.*

Finally, Quit Complaining

1. Complaining makes the Lord angry: **Numbers 11:1** *And when the people complained, it displeased the LORD; and the LORD heard it, and his anger was kindled; and the fire of the LORD burned among them and consumed those who were in the farthest parts of the camp.*
2. Complaining is a sign that a person is walking after his own lusts. **Jude 16-19** *These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage. But beloved,*

- remember ye the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; how they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lust. These are they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.*
3. Complaining is walking in disobedience to God: **Philippians 2:14** *Do all things without murmuring and disputings.*
 4. Complaining is evidence that you have a heart problem: **Matthew 12:34b-35** *For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.*
 5. Complaining opens you up to the tormenter. **1st Corinthians 10:10** *Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed by the destroyer.*

1st Timothy 6:6

Godliness with contentment is great gain. KJV

Serving God makes us very rich, if we are satisfied with what we have. NCV

But godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment. NAS

And religion does make your life rich, by making you content with what you have. CEV

Yet true religion with contentment is great wealth. NLT

The Longer I Serve Him

By Bill Gaither

Since I started for the Kingdom, Since my life He controls,
 Since I gave my heart to Jesus, The longer I serve Him,
 The sweeter He grows.

Every need He is supplying, Plenteous grace He bestows;
 Everyday my way gets brighter, The longer I serve Him,
 The sweeter He grows.

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The longer I serve Him the sweeter He grows,
 The more that I love Him, more love He bestows;
 Everyday is like Heaven, my heart overflows,
 The longer I serve Him the sweeter He grows.