

**Zahakiel:** Ok, let's begin. Pastor, please offer an opening prayer.

**Pastor Chick / Barb:** Dear Father in Heaven. We are blessed to be in Your Presence...gathered with Your people on Your Sabbath day. May Your Spirit refresh us according to Your will as we worship You in spirit and in truth. In YAHSHUA's holy name, AMEN.

**Barb:** Amen

**Lucan:** Amen

**Zahakiel:** Amen

**Naraiel:** Amen

**Adriel777:** Amen

**daphna dee:** Amen

**Elyna:** Amen.

**Marie:** Bon sabbath a tous. Amen.

**Zahakiel:** Happy Sabbath to everyone. Tonight's study is called "The Nature of Healing Miracles." It is a most appropriate topic for this Sabbath, as I am presently in Colombia connected with the healing of two of our precious members. By Yah's grace, we will see His miracles come to pass, for the health of the afflicted, the joy of the saints, and the glory of our Father's name.

**Adriel777:** Amen

**Zahakiel:** Many years ago, I gave a study called something like, "Above all things," in which I pointed out that the Bible uses superlatives, extreme statements, very rarely. One of the few things that an inspired writer wishes us to have "above all things" is health. We may read it here: "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." (3 John 1:2)

Health is a "big deal" to our Father in Heaven, and not just spiritually. We are blessed with knowing that the desire of divinity is that we should prosper and be in health "even as" or to the degree that, our souls have received perfect healing from Yahshua. When combined with the Gospel message, effective instructions about physical health can transform a life, and a nation.

While we speak often of the Gospel message, tonight I would like to focus on the nature of miracles of healing that we read in the Bible, and that the CSDA Church has directly experienced, because this also is a part of the "Good News" about our Creator and Savior.

What is the nature of Yah's miracles of healing?

Some things that our Father has set in place do occur gradually, over time. The natural healing of the body, for example, with nutrition, exercise, and so on... this may be slow, compared to what the world has come to think of as "conventional" treatment; and yet, it is the least stressful on the body, mind and spirit. It does not have a long list of side-effects that we sometimes see (in very small print, for they are shamefully extensive) associated with advertisements for new medical drugs. Ideally, natural treatments effect a near-complete restoration to the state of being before the affliction, and this of course is best.

Miracles of healing are different, by definition, from the natural course of health restoration. These are not processes, they are events. And because they are events, there is a time distinctly "before" and a time distinctly "after." Let us look at the most remarkable of the Bible's miracles of healing: the complete restoration of life after it has already been extinguished.

Yahshua raised several people back to life during His time on earth, and through the hand of His prophets in the Old Testament. There were even one or two through His apostles after His ascent to Heaven, as with the young man that fell out of a high window during one of Paul's longer sermons, (Acts 20:9-12) and we have the promise that this is possible for others going forward as well.

"Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils; freely ye have received, freely give." (Mat 10:8)

There are blessings from miracles of healing; however, as I have said these are events, single incidents in time. Those who received them lived and (in the case of resurrections) died, before the event took place. Some time after they were raised, they died again, and most who did so await the Day of Judgment as do all others who have gone down to the grave. Even though Yah gave them life, and then perfect restoration of that life, this did not make them immortal thereafter. They still had to eat, breathe, drink water, and do all the other things necessary to maintain that life, until such a time as Yah called them to sleep once again. From this we may know that there are requirements for obtaining a miracle, and there are also requirements for maintaining the results of that miracle as long as possible.

We may think of receiving any miracle, including of those of healing, as being similar to baptism. Proper, Biblical Baptism must be preceded by two things: repentance and faith. We must turn away, by Yah's grace and power, from the lives we had before, and the associated works of the flesh. This is repentance.

Then, we must believe that Christ Yahshua has forgiven our sins, and has given us His perfect life for our own damaged ones. This is faith.

After this comes baptism, which is a public sign that we have surrendered the old life, and that the lives we now live, as it says in Galatians 2:20, is that of Christ who lives in us. This is the born again experience, into which willful sin never again enters, and ignorant sins are identified, confessed, discarded, and forgiven. That is sanctification.

Consider the above steps spiritually...we must repent and have faith in order to be legitimately baptized. But after that event has taken place, we enter another "phase." This is sanctification, the refinement and maintenance of the salvation experience. It is not works-based, but it does involve work of a kind. It is not earning salvation, but it is preparing for salvation's manifestation.

As we hold to the faith that we receive from Yahshua, the works of Yahweh are done through us, revealing His glory, and our willingness to submit to His desires. That is the "testimony of Yahshua," who did exactly the same thing. As we live this life of submission and the good works of the Father, we do not consider the possibility that we fall away, and this is the attitude we must take when we receive miracles in the body as well.

When Yahshua healed the paralytic in John 5, and when He forgave the sins of the woman caught in adultery in John 8, He told them both the same thing. "Sin no more." (John 5:14, 8:11)

You see, it does not matter what the nature of the healing happens to be. For Yahshua, commanding diseases is the same as commanding the demons...all obey the Lord of Creation. He says, "Be healed," and "Be clean" with the same perfect authority, and we who have come to Him with repentance and faith experience the same perfect healing. Thereafter, we read, the conditions are also the same... we enter a "maintenance phase," where there is work (of the Father, through the Son) in us, or else we show that we despise, to use the words of Paul, "the riches of His goodness and forbearance and longsuffering." (Rom 2:4)

"Sin no more," Yahshua says to those who are healed. We know that, whether directly or indirectly, all suffering is the result of sin. If not the sins of ourselves, then certainly the sins of mankind, are responsible for the current state of the world. By ceasing to sin, yes, we are standing in judgment, and yes, we are revealing the Faith of Yahshua to the world... but in the greater context of the great controversy between Christ and Satan, ceasing from sin has an even deeper, more significant meaning. We show, when we permit Yahshua to dwell in us so that we "sin no more," that we have cut ourselves off from the system that Satan wishes to impose on the world. We show that we prefer the

Law and character of the Almighty Father, rather than the experiment in lawless freedom that Satan has thus far been permitted to conduct. We show that we are healed of the mental disease called the "sin nature" that we have inherited from the First Adam, and have entered into the wholeness, the holi-ness, that is the divine nature of the Last Adam.

When we, through repentance and faith, experience a sacred event, such as baptism or divine healing, we enter into the goodness and grace of Christ. And yet, the mighty hand that leads us to this experience does not, in an ultimate sense, force us to remain there. I do not say that we are not perfectly safe in Yah's care, for as with Noah, once the believers entered the Ark, the invisible hand shut the door... but this was to keep destruction out, not rebellion in. There were windows through which one could have conceivably jumped back into the chaos of destruction. And yet, as saints approaching the end of all things, let us merely state such things because they are facts, and to avoid misunderstandings...but then move on, not considering such theoretical possibilities for ourselves. We are standing in the light of Yah's judgment; and here, where there is salvation, and joy, and fulfilment, we shall remain.

So then, Yahshua says to those whom He heals, "Sin no more." He does not say, "You are healed, go and do whatever you like." No, that is approaching the "holy flesh" error, that once we are healed, or once we are saved, all our desires and habits thereafter are righteous by definition. Again, we wish to avoid misunderstandings on this matter.

We have the Holy Spirit in place of the carnal spirit, but we must choose to maintain the "mind of Christ" that we have been given. With our free will that is not surrendered automatically, we remain within the Ark of safety, being instructed to "stand fast." Consider Paul's inspired words to the Church: "Live in the Spirit," and "Reckon the flesh dead," and "Follow me as I follow Christ." These things are not done without thought, or deliberate choice. They are natural to the Holy Spirit within us, but only made manifest by agreement – a right application of the will. Much of the Bible would be unnecessary if, after receiving the miracle of healing (either spiritually or physically) there was nothing left to do but go through the motions until Christ returns. The Bible, the New Testament anyway, would simply consist of the Gospels, and invitations to accept Christ...and that would be the end of the story. There would be no need for Paul's epistles, the exhortations of the other New Testament writers, or Revelation's description of the last days' events. We would need no advice, no instructions, and no warnings, if the will were not involved in maintaining Yah's miracles toward us.

In this way, the Nature of Healing Miracles is exactly like the nature of baptism. There are conditions to be met both before and after. Repentance and faith must come before we go down into the water. Similarly, repentance and faith must come before any healing is seen. We read:

"Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him." (James 5:14, 15)

It is the prayer of faith that saves the sick. It is the cleansing of the "cause" of the illness, and the confession and forgiveness of previously undetected, or un-repented of, sins that allows the body to respond to its internal "programming" to restore itself to its best condition. And Yah alone can forgive sins; therefore, true healing will always come from the Father, even as we, His servants, facilitate that process.

Let me deal here with one detail. Some may say, "But the dead whom Christ raised could not have faith, being dead." We note that Lazarus had faith in life, being a beloved friend of Yahshua, (John 11:5) and the others who were raised were all children. In such cases, their families prayed and believed on their behalf, for it is written, "the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy." (1Cor 7:14)

This may be a comfort to the faithful who have ailing family members, but we do need to be careful here. We cannot believe unto the salvation of any other soul. Unbelievers are "sanctified," they are brought nearer to the Father and Son, by the example of believers... but they can only be "justified," declared just, worthy, and therefore "saved," by Christ as a result of their individual acceptance. The wise virgins rightly declare that they have oil sufficient only for their own lamps. (Mat 25:8, 9)

But as a testimony to the world we do find examples of some receiving miracles because of the intercessory faith of others. Repentance and faith must precede any miracle of Yah toward us, just as baptism. And we see that, again like baptism, there is a "walk of sanctification" that follows. Whatsoever sins were surrendered remain separate from our experience. Whatsoever good things we have been counselled to do beforehand, in preparation for healing, must continue as long as they are necessary, which may be for the remainder of life... because (and I may explore this further next week) the one "problem" that Yah does not heal is the natural consequence of aging.

Let us be aware of that. He may restore health, and strength, but never youth – the extending of King Hezekiah's life in 2Kings 20:6 was the "adding of days," the delay of death, not the restoration of days already gone. Aging is a part of the curse of Adam, and it is designed into our bodies to reflect the suffering of creation. There is no restoration of the life and vitality that is lost this way, except that... vitality may seem to improve in old age if the habits that suppressed it earlier in life are removed through divine wisdom.

Remember that biologically, even after sin entered, we were able to live to be almost 1000 years old in the right environment, and so our experience at any age can be improved by more closely following the revealed will of Yahweh. Whatsoever, then, results from merely growing older must be mitigated, or lessened, as best we can by following Yah's perfect plan for our lives and obtaining the necessary nutrition, rest, and all other factors that inspiration has called to our attention. Whatsoever we have learned from our time on earth, we may apply them with greater and greater wisdom as that time lengthens into adulthood and then older age.

In this, as in all things, Yah's people may expect to see His miracles. As we do this, with wisdom, prayer and faith, with a pure conscience and continuing good use of the minds and bodies He has given to us, we shall see the greatest possible joy from the time we have been given on earth before the visible restoration of the Kingdom. We may rejoice in youth, and also in our advancing years, for every day is blessed by the Father and Son. This is the plan of Yah for all of His children.

Are there any comments or questions on tonight's study?

**Pastor Chick / Barb:** Amen.

**Adriel777:** Amen

**Naraiel:** Amen

**Elyna:** Amen

**Pastor Chick / Barb:** (Absolutely inspiring!!!)

**nattie:** Amen.

**Lucan:** C

**Zahakiel:** Go ahead.

**Lucan:** In the verse in 3 John, he writes that he wishes that his readers may prosper and be in health "even as" thy soul prospereth. "Even as" means to the extent that, in the same measure, according to. If the soul is not prospering, health should not be expected to prosper. This ties into the need for repentance and faith that you wrote about. It also has some application to the only resurrections, and most healings, being done for those who had demonstrated faith. Yahshua often "could work no miracle" among a people for unbelief. Now, was Yahshua, the Son of Yahweh, unable to mend their bodies? That does not seem correct. But, this ties into the "hard saying" we often must give to the various requests for prayers of healing for loved ones. For those who are in rebellion, what is the benefit of healing? It encourages the current course to be stayed. It teaches that no true change is necessary, and the soul is encouraged to death. No miracle can be worked in such a case, with a spirit of love for their eternal interests. I see lessons here for both

healing among us and healing for those without, regarding the health being "even as" the soul. <End.>

**Zahakiel:** Yes, thank you for adding that. That is one point (that healing does not truly benefit those who are not prospering spiritually)...

**Naraiel:** C.

**Zahakiel:** I considered adding, and I am glad to see it brought to light in the comments here. In the study, I took the position that John was anticipating, or assuming that those who read His letter, were indeed prospering spiritually...and so his statement would be seen as a blessing. But absolutely, for those who are thinking to apply the Bible's promises to their lives, this angle must also be carefully considered.

Go ahead, Giselle.

**Naraiel:** Well, conventional medicine treats only parts of the body, natural medicine treats the body as a whole, some areas of natural medicine treats the emotional state of the patient. But the Word of God tells us that physical manifestations of health or lack of health are fruits of the spiritual state of the patient. How can conventional medicine be successful, when there is a spiritual aspect they do not see? As non-converted individuals they can't heal. Only Yahshua and Yah's Bride can truly heal body, mind and spirit. 😊  
End.

**Pastor Chick / Barb:** C

**Zahakiel:** Yes, very good 😊 Go ahead.

**Pastor Chick / Barb:** Some have accused us here in Uganda of using "placebo" in our healing ministry. Yahshua healed some who were merely believing in His power to make them whole. He spoke with authority... and WE speak with that same authority... and when people DO what we say they receive the blessing. YES, it is often "placebo" (or a species of faith) that gives them the blessing. We, as YAHSHUA, hope and pray that even placebo will be that "measure of faith" given to all people which will transport them to the "faith of YAHSHUA" and complete healing of body, mind, and spirit. END.

**Adriel777:** Amen

**Zahakiel:** Thank you for sharing that. You know... I had wondered from time to time if that might not happen, the accusations of healing based purely on the outlook of the patient. I imagine this would happen in any country where there is a certain degree of

respect for western medicine, and insufficient knowledge of the Bible and Its promises to sort of balance it. Of course, as you say, "state of mind" has a part to play in making one ready to receive Yah's miracles, but that cannot be the end of the experience. The results are real enough, and this is the testimony. 😊

**Lucan:** C

**Zahakiel:** Go ahead.

**Lucan:** Spit and mud don't have any repeatable, scientific elements to heal blindness... Doing seven laps in the Jordan River doesn't heal every leper who happens to do them. "Placebo," it seems to me, is a word that is limited to atheistic medicine. I'm not sure why it is an accusation, unless they would have accused Yahshua and Elisha of the same. <End.>

**Zahakiel:** Ah, Giselle was just saying the same thing to me here, about the mud in the eyes used by Yahshua to heal blindness. 😊 Are there any other comments or questions?

**Pastor Chick / Barb:** A

**Zahakiel:** Go ahead.

**Pastor Chick / Barb:** I think "placebo" has become a "catch all" term for the "state of mind" in relation to a particular treatment. If a client "believes" the treatment will heal them, it usually does heal them...not necessarily permanently. I notice that our clients often respond more readily to me or Barb than they might to their fellow Ugandans who are "workers" in the project, however,

**Adriel777:** c

**Pastor Chick / Barb:** when someone with \*authority\* speaks or gives instruction they are more likely to respond with belief. The "command" is "believable" and the "state of mind" accepts the healing potential and it does not matter if I say take these fiber pills or take a salt bath or do rebounding exercise the effect will be the same because the "state of mind" is accepting the "command" being given with "healing authority." END.

**Zahakiel:** Right. Go ahead Jody.

**Adriel777:** As for the "state of mind" the reverse is true of hypochondriacs as Ellen White mentioned many were sick and even died simply because they thought so. "A merry heart doeth good like medicine" (more on the repentance, forgiveness and resulting joy of the Lord). And as a man thinketh, so is he. Our mind is very powerful thing. End.

**Zahakiel:** Yes 😊

**Pastor Chick / Barb:** Amen.

**Zahakiel:** Any others?

**Elyna:** C

**Zahakiel:** Go ahead.

**Elyna:** I also like this study, however as we are discussing right now, it may seem that commanding one's healing as Pastor is stating about Ugandans is not in line with the healing of body, mind and spirit, if the person healed was warned of what caused their ailment or disease and they choose to take heed or NOT to, that does not mean that Yahshua did not heal them by their faith in his healing power....

**Pastor Chick / Barb:** A

**Elyna:** I say that because people in general tend to go with excitement about a doctor/healer, organization that promotes health just like they did with Yahshua when He walked on the earth. However, if they have persevering faith their healing will endure. Now a question to ask is: Of those who have maintained physical health, how many are seeking to follow Yahshua in every other respect? End.

**Zahakiel:** Go ahead.

**Pastor Chick / Barb:** Just to clarify our work here...we use a 3-phase approach.

1) Examination...

2) Education...

And 3) treatment plan...

During the examination we find out as much about the person as we can. What their life-style is...what they eat and drink...and even facts about the emotional and spiritual. Following that we educate them regarding their faulty life-style delineating what mistakes they are making to predispose them to the problems and afflictions they are experiencing. During this time, certain "commands" may come forth such as "stop consuming soft drinks". Lastly, we give them the treatment plan and THAT phase is where authoritative healing words become effectual. For example..."IF you do not DO this" you cannot expect to be well, etc.

So, we KNOW what we are doing, just like YAHSHUA knew exactly what He was doing. Sadly, and it was also in the days of YAHshua, people are NOT responding to the Gospel invitation, to be healed via genuine conversion and embracing the "faith of YAHshua"...

**Elyna:** (sad)

**Pastor Chick / Barb:** Perhaps the language barrier is one critical aspect or the fact that 99.9% of the people are "believers" already and most of them are churched. They seem to be satisfied with their "churchianity" AND, in their local language Saturday is the "sixth day of the week" which means Sunday is the "seventh day of the week". They just don't see any reason to become "sixth-day observers". So, with those challenges we are left with loving them and demonstrating the "fruits of the Spirit" while praying that with time our Gospel of total victory will break through and win their hearts. END.

**Lucan:** C

**Zahakiel:** Go ahead.

**Lucan:** I'm reminded of the ten lepers that Yahshua cleansed, of which only one, a stranger, returned to give thanks. Mrs. White wrote that for the sake of the one, He healed the ten...

**Adriel777:** (I was too 😊)

**Lucan:** She applied it to the health work, saying that if one in twenty actually does what they are told and are benefited, it should be taken with gratitude on the part of the workers. And, if one soul in a hundred of those becomes converted, the health work has been successful. So, those who maintain physical health are to be expected to be the exception. And, those who seek to follow Yahshua in every other respect more so, but, the work itself is the same as the One that came before. <End.>

**Pastor Chick / Barb:** Amen.

**Lucan:** (CH 349 is the reference)

**Adriel777:** Amen

**Elyna:** Amen.

**Zahakiel:** If there are no further comments, I will ask Bro. Luke to offer a closing prayer.

**Lucan:** Dear heavenly Father. We thank you for the commission you have given us, to do the works your Son did in the earth; to heal the sick, cleanse lepers, raise the dead, and cast out devils. We thank you that, though we ourselves have no power to do any of these things, you provide it in full, even as you have healed us of our sins, cleansed us of our contamination, raised us from the dead, and cast out the devils that once ruled us. As we have freely received, we are blessed to also freely give, and thank you for the indescribable opportunity to co-operate with Heaven in this work for the time that remains. As we work while it is yet day, we ask for the outpouring of your Spirit on that work. And

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we thank you, knowing it is your good pleasure to do so. In Yahshua's name we pray,  
amen.

**Elyna:** Amen.

**nattie:** Amen.

**Pastor Chick / Barb:** Amen. Barb: Amen.

**Naraiel:** Amen

**Zahakiel:** Amen.

**Adriel777:** Amen

**daphna dee:** Amen