



BY HIS STRIPES . . .

Planting the Seed

STUDY GUIDE

To Those Needing Healing . . .

"He sent His Word and healed them . . . " Psalm 107:20

Introduction

This study guide has been put together to stimulate, challenge and plant deeply the truths in the teaching. Be sure to answer the questions slowly and reflectively with an attitude of reliance on the Holy Spirit for understanding as only He can give 'light'!

In the Panorama section, the writing out of each Kingdom Dynamic is a way for the truths to be planted deeper. Please do not pass up this exercise, the truths contained in this material are vast and can only bring forth maximum fruit as you "walk" through each one.

Please note that some of the questions in the Going Deeper section have not been developed yet. These will be written at a later date.

Please remember to study 'prayerfully' asking the Father to open up the eyes of your understanding and to wait 'expectantly' upon His illumination of the truth. For it is He who desires to reveal Himself personally to you as *Jehovah-Rapha*, the *Lord your Healer*. The timing of 'this revelation' is in His hands.

Growing Together
In the Lord,

Altha

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PLANTING THE SEED

Please note that I have consciously used repetition of passages, themes, and ideas in order to reinforce the truths presented in the narrative.

May the Lord use this repetition to plant the seeds deeply into your heart.

1. (p 5) What is important or necessary in order to have faith for the healing of our body? Why is having knowledge of the **revealed** will of God so important? _____

2. (p 5) What should **we do** before attempting to exercise faith for healing? Can appropriating faith go beyond the **knowledge** of the "**revealed will**" of God? _____

3. (p 5) What does knowing God's promises help us to do?

4. (p 5) Where do we go to "**find**" His **revealed will**?

5. (p 5) Is God interested in both our body and soul?

Appropriating Faith

6. (p 5) Can we increase faith without knowing His promises?

7. (p 5) What must happen to our minds in order to bring them into "harmony" with the Word of God?

12. (p 5) Does God have the same method of working on our bodies as our souls? And what is this method?

13. (p 5) What is God's way of doing everything?

14. (p 6) Write out how it was with Abraham. Read Romans 4:13-21.

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15. Were the things which, according to **nature**, made the birth of Isaac impossible **considered** by Abraham as having the slightest reason for doubt? What does that say to you?

16. (p 7) What are we to **occupy** our minds with at anytime?

17. (p 7) What is it then, when we are occupied by what we “**see**” or “**feel**”?

18. (p 7) What does the word “looketh” mean to you? What is promised to those who practice that discipline?

19. (p 7) Was Abraham **aware** of his circumstances? Did he **weigh** the difficulties? What was his **conclusion**? What happened to him as a result of his conclusion? Read Romans 4:17-18.

20. (p 7) Did his faith increase during his trials? What facilitated his faith growing strong?

21. (p 7) Write out Hebrews 11:11, what does this verse mean to you?

22. (p 7) What did Jonah call his circumstances?

23. (p 7) Why do you think we will “forsake mercy” by being occupied by **our** lying vanities?

24. (p 7) Write out Numbers 21:8, did God promise healing to the Israelites? To some or to “everyone”? What were **they** required to do? What are **we** required to do? (Spirit-Filled Kingdom Dynamic)

25. (p 7) Read Numbers 21:8 in the Amplified Version and write it out.

26. (p 7) Write out Jonah 2:7-10 and reflect on the passage principles.

27. (p 7) What does real faith thrive on? In lieu of what you have read so far on faith explain in your own words how faith thrives on a test.

28. (p 7) Did God test Abraham with Isaac to destroy his faith or to perfect it? What does perfecting your faith mean to you?

Possessing Faith

29. (p 8) God's blessings come to us through the what?

30. (p 8) Has God already given us all spiritual blessings? According to what you have learned so far, can you see healing of the body is one of the "spiritual blessings in Christ" with this one being manifested in our physical body?

Faith as a Possessor

31. (p 9) Write out Joshua 1:3, now write out the definition of "tread" from this verse. What do you think it means with respect of appropriating the blessing of healing for yourself?

32. (p 9) What is our biggest enemy? How is it driven out?

33. (p 9) Will passivity hinder your possessing what God has already given to you?

The Word is A Seed

34. (p 9) What is the Word of God? Define seed.

35. (p 10) Can you reap a harvest of healing without being **sure** from God's Word that it is His will to heal you? Then "what" is the seed that needs to be planted before you can reap a harvest?

36. (p 10) Could a farmer have any faith for a harvest before he was **sure** the seed had been planted?

37. (p 11) Is it God's will that there should be a harvest without the planting of the seed - without His **will** being **known** and **acted** upon?

38. (p 12) What did Jesus say about how to be free? Write out the verse.

39. (p 10) Does freedom from sickness come from “knowing” truth? How do we come or what is the only way we can enter into the knowledge of the truth according to Jesus? Look up John 8:31-32 and memorize.

40. (p 10) What did He send in order to heal us? Memorize Psalm 107:20.

41. (p 10) How is God’s work done?

<i>Promise</i>

42. (p 10) Write out the definition of “promise” and reflect upon it as you tie it in to what you have learned so far.

43. (p 10) Keep this truth before your eyes “for each sick person to **know** that it is God’s will to heal **him**, **is** the ‘seed’ which is to be planted in his mind and heart” and it is not planted until it is **known** and **received** and **trusted**.

44. (p 11) Can a sinner become a Christian **before** he **knows** that it is God’s will to save him?

45. (p 11) Reflect: It is the Word of God planted and watered and steadfastly trusted, which heals both **soul** and **body**. Does the seed need to remain planted and be kept watered **before** it can produce its harvest? Why do you think that is so?

46. (p 11) Write out Romans 12:1-2 and the definitions of “will” and “transformation”.

47. (p 11) With having defined the word “transformation” can you see that the healing of the body is merely the change of condition from a sick to a healthy body? What must be done to our minds before this can happen? How is our minds made new? (Remember John 8:32, question number 38.)

48. (p 11) What is the difference in our thinking when we say “I know God is **able** to heal but I do not know if He is **willing**”?

49. (p 11) How does this way of thinking relate to the farmer?

50. (p 11) Is being healed being “saved” in a physical sense?

51. (p 11) Is the prayer of faith that heals the sick to **follow** or **precede** the planting of the “seed” (the Word) upon which alone faith is based on?

52. (p 13) What “is the power of God unto salvation”? Is salvation in all of its phases, both physical and spiritual? (Look up the word salvation)

53. (p 13) Note: **All** the gospel is for “**every creature**” and for “**all nations**”.

54. (p 13) Does the gospel leave us in uncertainty praying with an “if it be Thy will?” or does it tell us **what** God’s will **is**?

55. (p 13) Is the Holy Spirit’s words, “Himself bore our sicknesses” (Matthew 8:17) just as much a part of the gospel as His words “Who His own self bore our **sins** in His own body on the tree” (I Peter 2:24)?

56. (p 13) Read again Galatians 3:5 Moffatt’s translation. What is this passage saying to you right now?

57. (p 13) Again, write out how God works miracles in our body as it is the same way he works in our soul.

58. Write out the definition of "promise" again (on page 10 of narrative).

59. (p 13) Write out Romans 4:17-18.

60. (p 13) Is the spiritual or physical phase of the gospel to be applied by prayer alone? Is seed powerless until it is planted?

61. (p 13) When needing healing what should we start with first?

62. (p 13) Do I need to intelligently co-operate for my healing? How?

63. (p 14) **After being sufficiently enlightened** what should our attitude be?

64. (p 17) Should we ignore any part of the gospel? (Look up the definition of "ignore." _____)

65. (p 17) Reflect on the definition of "gospel".

66. (p 17) Write out Mark 1:1-3 and read the Spirit-Filled Bible notes. What does this passage say to you personally as you read the notes? Then read Isaiah 53:4-5. The gospel of Christ is in Isaiah 53:4-5.

67. (p 18) Write out I Thessalonians 2:13 and reflect on the power of God's word which "works" in those who **believe**.

68. (p 19) Write out again Galatians 3:4-5 from Moffatt's translation.

69. (p 19) Again how does God work miracles in our bodies according to Galatians 3:4-5?

The Full Gospel

70. (p 19) When does "the gospel" become a different gospel?

71. (p 20) Once again what should our "attitude" be after being enlightened?

72. (p. 20) Write out Matthew 8:16-17 as well as the Biblical grounds for divine healing from the Kingdom Dynamics. Explain in your own words the truth of this passage. (Be ready to discuss)

73. (p 21) Write out Isaiah 53:4-5 and the Kingdom Dynamics: "Healing Prophesied Through Christ's Atonement." (Be ready to discuss.)

74. (p 22) Write out I Peter 2:24-25 and the Spirit-Filled notes. What is this passage and the notes saying to you. (Be ready to discuss.)

75. (p 24) What has our Substitute borne?

76. (p 24) Should we believe as we do for the forgiveness of sins that the Lord has heard our prayer and expect healing for our bodies as we expect cleansing of our sins through **His blood**?

77. (p 24) What does Mark 11:24 say to you. Write it out.

78. (p 24) Is Hebrews 10:35-36 optional or mandatory? Write it out.

79. (p 24) What should our mindset then be according to Hebrews 10:35. Write it out.

80. (p 24) What happens after we exercise endurance? Hebrews 10:36

Divine Promise

81. (p 24) Again, write out what constitutes a promise (on page 10 of the narrative). Do I have ground to expect healing? Why?

82. (p 24) What do we do between the time we commit the healing of our bodies to the Lord and completion of our healing? Write out the passage which answers this question.

83. (p 25) What did Jonah do **after** he had prayed? Read Jonah 2:7-10 again.

84. (p 25) What is a "lying vanity", in your own words?

85. (p 25) What did he add to his confidence? Write out Hebrews 13:15 and memorize.

86. (p 25) God's promises work their wonders **while** we "see" and act on **eternal** realities (on that which He says to be true **now** and has accomplished on our behalf). Now write out Isaiah 53:4-5, Matthew 8:17, I Peter 2:24, I John 5:14 (If you have Spirit-Filled Bible, look at notes on I John 5:14-15).

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87. (p 25) Looking at **eternal realities** is cooperating with God for healing of body or soul. Write out II Corinthians 4:17-18.

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Comprehensive Instructions

88. (p 26) Write out Proverbs 4:20-25.

89. (p 26) Why is this passage considered as comprehensive instructions for healing; in your own words? Write out the key active words that express what **we** are to **do**.

90. (p 26) Appropriate for yourself the reality that when it says "**My** son" it is the Father talking to **you personally**.

91. (p 26) The Word of God cannot be health to either soul or body before it is:

1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____

92. (p 28) Are the words of God life and health to all or only to those who "**find**" them?

93. (p 28) What does it take in order to “find” them?

94. (p 28) What are we looking for in order to co-operate with God for healing?

95. (p 28) Has He already given us healing as one of the “every spiritual blessing in Christ”? How do you know this by what you have read so far?

96. (p 28) God says when **we do** as we are told in scripture that His words are made _____.

97. (p 26) Write out again Proverbs 4:20-24 and explain the principles you see in this passage and how you can apply them to yourself personally NOW.

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Cannot Look Two Ways at Once

98. (p 28) In Proverbs 4:20-24, God tells us exactly how to “attend” to His words. Please explain in your own words what He says.

99. (p 28) What are we to be occupied with?

100. (p 28) Occupied occasionally or continually?

101. (p 28) Will our faith “wax strong” if we practice the above discipline? Who is our example? Write out Romans 4:20. What “happened” to him (our example) because of his steadfast faith?

102. (p 28) What is the only way seed can do its work? Think as a farmer would think.

103. (p 28) Does the seed need to be kept in the “midst of our hearts”? What does this mean to you?

104. (p 28) Why have many not been healed or transformed?

105. (p 28) Write out I Thessalonians 2:13 in KJV and Amplified. Reflect and summarize what this truth means to you.

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Must Do What the Farmers Do

106. (p 29) When is the seed considered in "good ground"?

107. (p 29) What can you "expect" in God's timing? Is it working effectually even when you do not feel or see any change? How do you "know" that?

108. (p 29) What does the farmer do after he plants his seed?

109. (p 29) What does Jesus say the Word is? What does the psalmist say?

110. (p 29) Will every word of God "worketh" in us if we receive and "attend" it? How can we be sure?

111. (p 29) Is obedience to the Word important? Why?

112. (p 29) What does Paul say about the Word?

113. (p 29) If a field could talk what would it say?

114. (p 29) We plant but who gives the increase? Write out I Corinthians 3:7, 9.

The Parable of the Growing Seed

115. (p 29) Write out Mark 4:26-29.

116. (p 29) What does the parable of the sower emphasize?

117. (p 29) What does the parable of the growing seed emphasize?

118. (p 30) Remember, in this parable it is presumed that the seed is sown in good soil (Pulpit Commentary). Write out the 7 reasons for using parables.

119. (p 30) Reflect on reasons 2 & 5.

120. (p 30) What is a mystery?

121. (p 30) Write out II Corinthians 4:3-4.

122. (p 30) Ask God to reveal and remove areas of blindness in your own mind, especially any “unbelief” as it pertains to your own personal healing.

123. (p 30) Read and write out Mark 4:21-29 in the Amplified.

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124. (p 31) What does the word "harvest" mean?

125. (p 31) Can you "expect" a harvest from the seed you plant? Why?

126. (p 31) Read NIV study notes on this passage and write out the main principles you see. Does the gospel message contain its own power? What is the ingredient needed to release it? (See Hebrews 4:2 note c in Dakes, if you have Dakes.)

127. (p 31) Write out the main principles given in the Spirit-Filled notes.

128. (p 32) Are certain aspects of truth "hidden" from those who do not diligently seek? Do you think the truth of healing is one of those that is hidden? _____

Three Essential Things

129. (p 32) Again, write out Proverbs 4:20-23 and memorize it.

130. (p 32) Write out the method of obtaining results from the promises of God's Word.

1.) _____

2.) _____

3.) _____

131. Again, write out the definition of a "promise" (on page 10 of the narrative).

132. From this definition, do we have the “right” to “expect” God to answer our prayer if we “see” He has clearly promised healing as one of the many spiritual blessings?

133. As you reflect on what you have learned to far, is healing of the body a spiritual blessing manifested in our physical bodies?

Galatians 6:7-9

- 7) *Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.*
 8) *For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.*
 9) *And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.*

**Spirit-Filled Life Bible; Kingdom Dynamics:
 God Has a Due Season for All of the Seeds You Plant -
 Good Seeds As Well As Bad Seeds**

God has a timetable for every seed we plant. His timetable is not always our timetable. Sometimes the “due season” means a quick return. Sometimes it means a process or a slow return that may take years - even a lifetime. But we can count on three things. First, God will cause a harvest to come from our seeds. Second, God is never early or late - He is always right on time with our best interests at heart. Third, our harvest will have the same nature as our seeds sown: good seeds bring good harvests, bad seeds bring bad harvests.

What are we to do during the growing times of our seeds? 1) Refuse to become discouraged. 2) Determine to keep our faith alive and active. 3) Give and keep on giving; love and keep on loving. Know this - His harvest is guaranteed. Continue in an attitude of expectancy.

Luke 6:38/Malachi 3:10-11

134. (p 32) What kind of “seed” do you have in the ground when your mind is **occupied** with your symptoms more than with God’s Word? Will this mind set produce the harvest you desire?

135. (p 32) Is it possible to “sow” tares and “reap” wheat (Galatians 6:6-8)?

136. (p 32) What direction does God’s Word point you toward?

137. (p 32) What direction does your symptoms point you toward?

138. (p 32) Can we “look” two ways at the same time?

What Kind of “Seed” Have YOU?

139. (p 33) What are we to “look” at steadfastly and continuously?

140. (p 33) Where do we “find” the **evidence** God gives us of **our** faith?

*The definition of evidence: to elucidate; to prove; to make clear to the mind; to show in such a manner that the mind can **apprehend** the truth, or in a manner to convince it. That which elucidates and enables the mind to see truth; proof arising from our own perceptions by the senses, or from the **testimony of others** or from induction’s of reason. Reasoning or the deductions of the mind from facts or arguments, furnish **evidence** of truth or falsehood; any instrument or writing which contains proof. Websters*

141. (p 33) Again “where” do we “find” the **evidence** God gives us for our faith (belief)?

142. (p 33) Write out Numbers 21:8 (Amplified if you have it), what does God say in this verse?

143. (p 33) What does the word "looketh" mean?

144. (p 33) Who speaks to **us** in this passage? Have you heard His voice **personally** speaking to you?

145. (p 33) His words are life and health to "some" or "all" your flesh? What does this truth mean to you personally?

146. (p 33) What truths have you "found" so far from what you have been reading? Pray and think over this question before answering.

147. (p 33) A medicine **effectual** for the cure of "all" our flesh - what is "**the effectual medicine**" and Who administers it?

148. (p 33) Write out Psalm 103:2-3.

149. (p 33) Does God tell us not to forget all His benefits? Is physical healing one of those benefits? How do you know?

150. (p 34) Write out William Wilson's Old Testament word study for Heal. What does this say to "**you**"?

151. ***Ponder.*** How can we “forget” not all His benefits if we do not “know” them in the first place. We need to “know” first before we can guard the truth from forgetfulness. “My people (believers) perish for lack of knowledge (Hosea).

The “Evidence” of Things Not Seen

152. (p 34) “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the **evidence** of things not seen” Hebrews 11:1. What does this verse mean to you personally?

Richard's: Belief/Faith

Few words are more central to the Christian message or more often used to describe Christian experience than “belief” and “faith.” Yet these words are often corrupted by a misunderstanding of their biblical meaning. People today may use “faith” to indicate what is possible but uncertain. The Bible uses “faith” in ways that link it with **what is assuredly and certainly true**. Christians may sometimes speak of “believing,” as if it were merely a subjective effort, as if our act of faith or strength of faith were the issue. But the Bible shifts our attention from subjective experience and centers it on the object of our faith - God Himself and His Word.

153. (p 34) After you have planted your seed, what are you to do before you “see” it grow?

154. (p 34) Why can you count on the fact of it growing when you cannot “see” the results? Remember the parable of the growing seed.

155. (p 34) After you have planted your seed, you **believe** (as a farmer would) it is **growing** before you “**see**” it grow. This is faith (belief) which is “the evidence of things not seen.” What does this mean to you personally?

156. (p 34) For each person to **know** that it **is** God’s will to heal **him**, is the “seed” which is to be planted in his mind and heart based on his conviction of God’s will and that now he can pray the prayer of faith knowing his prayer has been heard and will be answered because its “**according to God’s will.**” Again, write out I John 5:14-15 and memorize it.

157. (p 34) Why is it important to **only** “see” what God says? What will that kind of gaze produce?

161. (p 34) Does anyone ever look in vain to the Great Physician?

162. (p 34) What "happened" to everyone that looked at the brazen serpent - the type of Christ?

163. (p 34) Was "everyone that looketh" both healed and forgiven? What does that say to you if Jesus is the antitype (of **the fulfillment** of the type, Scofield)?

164. In Numbers 21:8-9, what three truths are key in appropriating healing? Be ready to discuss.
