

# Ancient Wells Series: The Well of Healing

John 5:1-9

Intro: The church has become a prototype of the pool of Bethesda –

- We tolerate the status quo standard of sickness in our lives–
- We get compensation and pay to remain sick...it's called S.S.
- We'd rather go to the hospital in hopes of getting a break from our job
- Surgery sounds appealing – use sick days, get some r&r

***-Luke 18:8 – When the Son of Man comes will he find Faith on the earth?***

-He knew that faith could not live in the atmosphere of modernism, unbelief, doubt, coldness, indifference and skepticism that prevails today.

-We need to consider why we don't see more people healed today –

***-Luke 21:26 - Instead faith in the hearts of men, we find men's hearts***

***failing them for fear.***

1. Meanwhile the message Jesus is receiving is that he died in vain –
  - a. ***2 Cor 6:2 – Behold NOW is the day for Salvation***
  - b. In scripture there is a flagrant & deliberate guarantee made by God to heal you.
  - c. ***James 5:15***
  - d. ***Mark 16:17,18***
  - e. ***Exodus 15:26***
  - f. ***Numbers 23:19***
  - g. ***Psalms 103:2, 3***
  
2. You might say well that was during Bible times now it's different...Really???
  - a. ***Psalms 89:34***
  - b. ***Hebrews 13:8***
  - c. ***Jeremiah 1:12***
  - d. These are straight up Guarantees from God to you – Speak them, memorize them, study them, declare them, write them etc... They're yours!!!!
  - e. But every Guarantee has a condition – The terms of the guarantee must be met.

3. **You must follow directions -**

- a. How is it that that when a Dr. gives you a prescription w/ complicated instructions we follow them to a T. (Pink pill every 4 hrs, yellow pill with food and the other on an empty stomach) But we ignore the instructions given to us by God to heal us and keep us in perfect health?
- b. **Proverbs 4:13**
- c. **Mark6:5** - Lack of faith is often the result of lack of instruction. At Nazareth, Christ himself couldn't do mighty works
- d. **Mark 6:6**
- e. **Proverbs 8:33**

4. **You must build your Faith**

- a. Many people have been sick for years and have had many great men of God pray over them only to leave in the same condition. Others get in the prayer line hoping today is their lucky day.... But healing is not a matter of luck but a matter of Faith.
- b. 2 Timothy 3:16
- c. Read the book of Acts, Gospel of Mark, memorize scripture.  
***It's medicine to your bones –***
- d. When the tide of Faith rises then you're ready for your healing.

5. **Causes of sickness**

- a. **Rom 5:12**
- b. **Mark 2:5**
- c. **John 5:14**
- d. **James 5:16, 15**
- e. **Numbers 12:8**
- f. **\*\*1 Corinthians 11:30**

6. **Walk in fellowship with God**

- a. **Mark 11:23, 24, \*\*25**
- b. **1 John 1:5-7**
- c. Without real fellowship with God, there can be no real Faith in Him

7. Is it God's will to heal you?

- a. **James1:6,7**
- b. The only way to take the wavering out of your asking is removing the "if" out of your petition. Until you are convinced that God wants to

heal you there will always be doubt. Where there's doubt, faith is starved!

- c. In fact you can not be sure that God has heard your prayers until you are sure you have prayed according to His will -1 **John 5:14, 15**
  
- 8. ***Don't waver anymore, God wants to heal you;***
  - a. ***Psalm 103:2,3***
  - b. ***Isaiah 53:4,5***
  - c. ***1 Peter 2:24***
  - d. ***Matthew 8:16***
  - e. ***Matt 9:35***
  - f. ***Matthew 12:15***
  - g. ***Acts 10:38***

