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GOD'S HEALING WAY

Part 3 Chapter 19

God's Healing Way

- Demonstrates His Power
- Develops Character
- Uses Natural Remedies
- Requires Prayer
- Utilizes Fasting
- **Exposes Satan's Deceptive Healing**
- Amplifies End-Time Truth



Chapter 19: Exposes Satan's Deceptive Healing

SATAN'S END-TIME DECEPTIONS

"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect" (Matthew 24:24).



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"And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light" (2 Corinthians 11:14).



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"And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do" (Revelation 13:13, 14).



"In the last days the enemy of present truth will bring in manifestations that are not in harmony with the workings of the Spirit, but are calculated to lead astray those who stand ready to take up with something new and strange... **God's work is ever characterized by calmness and dignity...** In our speaking, our singing, and in all our spiritual exercises, we are to reveal that *calmness* and *dignity* and *godly fear* that actuates every true child of God." E.G. White, *Selected Messages*, Book 2, pages 41-43.



SATAN'S END-TIME HEALING

Satan's Plan

"Satan will come in to deceive if possible the very elect. He claims to be Christ, and he is coming in, **pretending to be the great medical missionary**. He will cause fire to come down from heaven in the sight of men to prove that he is God.... The sick will be healed before us. Miracles will be performed in our sight." E.G. White, *Maranatha*, page 208.



"So far as his power extends, he will perform actual miracles. Says the Scripture: **'He ...deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do,'** not merely those which he pretends to do.... But there is a limit beyond which Satan cannot go, and here he calls deception to his aid and counterfeits the work which he has not power actually to perform." E. G. White, *Maranatha*, page 207.



"Wonderful scenes, with which Satan will be closely connected, will soon take place He will make people sick, and then will suddenly remove from them his satanic power. They will then be regarded as healed. These works of apparent healing will bring Seventh-day Adventists to the test." **E. G. White, *Selected Messages*, Book 2, page 53.**



"We shall be commanded to worship this being (Satan), whom the world will glorify as Christ. What shall we do?-Tell them that Christ has warned us against just such a foe, who is man's worst enemy, yet who claims to be God; and that when Christ shall make His appearance, it will be with power and great glory, accompanied by ten thousand times ten thousand angels and thousands of thousands; and that when He shall come, we shall know His voice." E.G. White, *Maranatha*, page 206.



Satan's Purpose Turn People from God's Law

"And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws" (Daniel 7:25).

"The time is at hand when Satan will work miracles to confirm minds in the belief that he is God." E.G. White, *Medical Ministry*, page 14.



"Disguised as an angel of light, he (Satan) will walk the earth as a wonderworker... Christ will be personified, but on one point there will be a marked distinction. **Satan will turn the people from the law of God.** He will declare that the Sabbath has been changed from the seventh to the first day of the week; and as lord of the first day of the week he will present this spurious Sabbath as a test of loyalty to him.... God's tried and tested people will find their power in the sign spoken of in Exodus 31:12-18." E.G. White, *Maranatha*, page 205.



"The worshipers of God will be especially distinguished by their regard for the *fourth commandment*-since this is the sign of His creative power and the witness to His claim upon man's reverence and homage. The wicked will be distinguished by their efforts to tear down the Creator's memorial, to exalt the institution of Rome." E.G. White, *Selected Messages*, Book 2, page 55.



"God's people have a special work to do in repairing the breach that has been made in His law; and the nearer we approach the end, the more urgent this work becomes. **All who love God will show that they bear His sign by keeping His commandments. They are the restorers of paths to dwell in.**" E.G. White, *Testimonies*, Volume 6, page 265.



God's Eternal Sign

Verily My sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations: that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you.

Exodus 31:13

"Thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in"

(Isaiah 58:12).



Make War with the Keepers of God's Law

"And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Revelation 12:17).

"The prince of darkness with his evil angels is working upon the Christian world, inducing those who profess the name of Christ to stand under the banner of darkness, to make war with those who keep the commandments of God, and have the faith of Jesus." E.G. White, *Maranatha*, page 204.



Satan's Agents

"For many shall come in My name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many" (Matthew 24:5).

"Persons will arise pretending to be Christ Himself, and claiming the title and worship which belong to the world's Redeemer. They will perform wonderful miracles of healing and will profess to have revelations from heaven contradicting the testimony of the Scriptures."
E.G. White, *Maranatha*, page 210.



"Men under the influence of evil spirits will work miracles. They will make people sick by casting their spell upon them, and will then remove the spell, leading others to say that those who were sick have been miraculously healed. This Satan has done again and again." E.G. White, *Selected Messages*, Book 2, page 53.



"He (Satan) is pleased when men and women claim to possess great spiritual power, and yet disregard the law of God, because through their disobedience they mislead others, and he can use them as effective agents in his work." E.G. White, *Selected Messages*, Book 2, page 49.

**"Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy name? and in Thy name have cast out devils? and in Thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity"
(Matthew 7:22, 23).**



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While here on earth, Christ refused to perform a single miracle to gratify curiosity or for Satan's diversion. Christ's followers today are to imitate their Lord. **"Unbelievers will require them to do some miracle, if they believe God's special power is in the church and that they are the chosen people of God....** They (God's people) should refer the unbelieving to the **written, inspired testimony** for evidence of their being the loyal people of God." E.G. White, *Medical Ministry*, page 15.



God's Miraculous Healing

is distinguished by

- Recognition of and obedience to Divine law
- Application of natural remedies
- Instruction in habits of healthful living
- Reformation among God's people

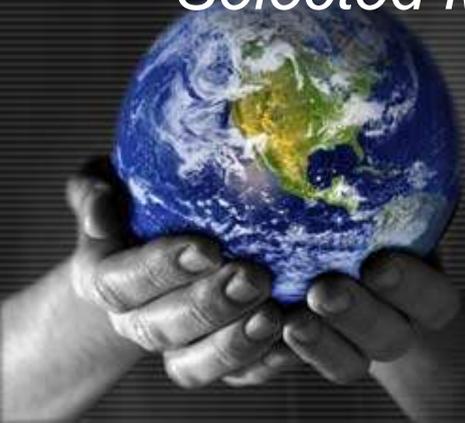


Recognizes Divine Law

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me" (John 10:27). Jesus is the True Shepherd. His sheep know His voice.



" 'The voice of a stranger' is the voice of one who neither respects nor obeys God's holy, just, and good law. Many make great pretensions to holiness, and boast of the wonders they perform in healing the sick, when they do not regard this great standard of righteousness... though they have power to any and every extent, it does not follow that they have the great power of God. On the contrary, it is the miracle-working power of the great deceiver." E.G. White, *Selected Messages*, Book 2, pages 50, 51.



"Genuine medical missionary work is bound up inseparably with the keeping of God's commandments, of which the Sabbath is especially mentioned, since it is the great memorial of God's creative work. Its observance is bound up with the work of restoring the moral image of God in man. This is the ministry which God's people are to carry forward at this time." E.G. White, *Testimonies*, Volume 6, page 266.



"He that hath My commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me" (John 14:21). Not one child of God need be deceived. The law of God is the standard by which character is tested.

"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isaiah 8:20).



Uses Simple Remedies

Heaven Approved

"Natural means, used in accordance with God's will, bring about supernatural results. We ask for a miracle, and the Lord directs the mind to some simple remedy." E.G. White, *Selected Messages*, Book 2, page 346.



Healthful, outdoor exercise combined with hygienic (water) treatments, "will work *miracles* in restoring and invigorating the diseased body and refreshing the worn and weary mind." E.G. White, *Testimonies*, Volume 7, page 78.

"We cannot expect the Lord to work a miracle for us while we neglect the simple remedies He has provided for our use, which, aptly and opportunely applied, will bring about a *miraculous* result." E.G. White, *Selected Messages*, Book 2, page 347.



Heaven Protected

The Bible records instances in which God has set bounds that Satan cannot cross over. Speaking of the Flood, the Psalmist declares, **"Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn not again to cover the earth" (Psalm 104:9)**. Satan accused God of setting a bound around Job. **"Hast not Thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side?" (Job 1:10)**.



God's guarding influence was dramatically demonstrated during Elijah's confrontation with the priests of Baal on Mount Carmel. Satan would have answered the cries of his deceived devotees. "Gladly would he have sent the lightning to kindle their sacrifice. But **Jehovah has set Satan's bounds, restrained his power**, and not all the enemy's devices can convey one spark to Baal's altar." E.G. White, *Prophets and Kings*, page 150.



God has also set a bound around His healing methods that Satan cannot counterfeit.

"God's people will not find their safety in working miracles, for Satan would counterfeit any miracle that might be worked For this reason the Lord has marked out a way in which His people are to carry forward a work of physical healing, combined with the teaching of the Word. Sanitariums are to be established, and with these institutions are to be connected workers who will carry forward genuine medical missionary work. Thus a guarding influence is thrown around those who come to the sanitariums for treatment." E.G. White, *Selected Messages*, Book 2, pages 54, 55.



Involves Instruction

"Some have asked me, 'Why should we have sanitariums? Why should we not, like Christ, pray for the sick, that they may be healed miraculously?' I have answered, 'Suppose we were able to do this in all cases; how many would appreciate the healing? Would those who were healed become health reformers, or continue to be health destroyers?' Jesus Christ is the Great Healer, but He desires that by living in conformity with His laws we may cooperate with Him in the recovery and the maintenance of health. **Combined with the work of healing there must be an imparting of knowledge of how to resist temptations.**" E. G. White, *Medical Ministry*, page 13.



"Every human being is in a school, where he is to learn to give up hurtful practices, and to obtain a knowledge of what he can do for himself. Those who ignore these things ... are careless, reckless, presumptuous, and self-destroying. Knowledge is strewn along their pathway, but they refuse to gather up the rays of light, saying that they depend on God. **But will God do those things that He has left for them to do?... Will He wink at their willing ignorance, and do great things for them, by restoring soul, body, and spirit, while they ignore the simple agencies, the use of which would bring them their health? . . **This is not the Lord's way of working.**" E.G. White, *Medical Ministry*, page 226.**



"And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent" (Acts 17:30). "I am instructed to say that in the future great watchfulness will be needed. There is to be among God's people no spiritual stupidity." E.G. White, *Selected Messages*, Book 2, page 53.



Requires Reformation God's Reforming Grace

"The grace of God is always reformatory." E.G. White, *Medical Ministry*, page 226. "God's grace and the law of His kingdom are in perfect harmony; they walk hand in hand By receiving it (grace), and letting it work in our lives, we testify to the validity of the law.... There is but one power that can bring us into conformity to the likeness of Christ, that can make us steadfast and keep us constant. It is the **grace** of God that comes to us through **obedience** to the law of God." E.G. White, *My Life Today*, page 100.



God's Miracle-Working Power

In the last days there will be those "having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away" (2 Timothy 3:5).



"You may say, 'Why not, then, take hold of the work, and heal the sick as Christ did?' I answer, You are not ready. Some have believed; some have been healed; but there are many who make themselves sick by intemperate eating or by indulging in other wrong habits. When they get sick, shall we pray for them to be raised up, that they may carry on the very same work again? **There must be a reformation throughout our ranks; the people must reach a higher standard before we can expect the power of God to be manifested in a marked manner for the healing of the sick.**" E.G. White, *Medical Ministry*, pages 15, 16.



"In visions of the night, representations passed before me of a **great reformatory movement** among God's people. Many were praising God. **The sick were healed, and other miracles were wrought.**" E.G. White, *Testimonies*, Volume 9, page 126.



"Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give" (Matthew 10:8). "The sick are to be healed through the combined efforts of the human and the divine. Every gift, every power, that Christ promised to His disciples, He bestows upon those who will serve Him faithfully." E. G. White, *Medical Ministry*, page 12.



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