

HOW THE POWER FLOWS

Lesson 19 – Outline

I. The woman who had an issue of blood powerfully illustrates these truths about how the kingdom of God operates by law.

A certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague.

Mark 5:25-29

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A. Jesus honestly didn't know who had touched Him (Luke 2:52 and 2:11).

B. Therefore, He didn't evaluate her to see if she was worthy or not.

C. This shows that the power of God flows under law.

II. When you tap into these spiritual laws, the power of God just flows.

A. God established His kingdom to operate under spiritual laws.

B. As believers, we need to find out what those laws are and cooperate with them.

C. As you learn how to cooperate with and enforce these laws, you'll see God's provision for you manifest.

III. God has already done His part.

A. The Word clearly reveals that the Lord has already healed us, but we have yet to take advantage of it (1 Pet. 2:24).

- B. When God said **“By whose stripes ye were healed”** (1 Pet. 2:24), He put it into the past tense, as an already-accomplished reality.
- C. Therefore, you ought to believe the Word and say, “I know it’s already done. He put the same power on the inside of me that raised Jesus from the dead (Eph. 1:18-20). I take my authority, and now I speak to my problem and command these things to happen.”

IV. Although there are many different spiritual laws, one of them that governs whether you receive from God or not is the power of your words (Matt. 12:34-37, James 3, Mark 11).

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Proverbs 18:20-21

- A. This woman in Mark 5 said, **“If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole”** (Mark 5:28).
- B. You will have what you say (Mark 11:23).
- C. You can’t speak death out of your mouth and expect to receive life—it doesn’t work that way.
- D. Faith flows through words.
- E. Words release either death or life, but your ignorance of this law doesn’t mean that the law is going to change.
- F. God’s Word says that faith speaks (Rom. 10:6).

V. God created these laws, and He doesn’t just suspend them.

- A. The same law that will help you if you cooperate with it will also kill you if you violate it (e.g., gravity, electricity).
- B. It’s the same way in the spiritual realm.

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Lesson 19 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to Mark 5:25-34, what did Jesus ask when He perceived that virtue (power) had gone out of Him?
2. Luke 2:52 reveals that Jesus increased in what?
3. He increased in favor with whom?
4. In Luke 2:11, Christ the Lord is also called what?
5. According to Matthew 12:34-37, what does the mouth speak out of?
6. What does a good man, out of the good treasure of his heart, bring forth?
7. What does an evil man, out of the evil treasure of his heart, bring forth?
8. What shall we give an account for on the Day of Judgment?
9. According to James 3:2-12, what are bits and bridles for?
10. A very small helm (rudder) turns what?
11. What is a fire, a world of iniquity?
12. What ought not to be?
13. Can a fountain yield both salt water and fresh?
14. According to Romans 10:6, what does the righteousness that is of faith do?

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Lesson 19 – Scriptures

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And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

Luke 2:52

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:11

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

1 Peter 2:24

The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 1:18-20

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Proverbs 18:20-21

O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? 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. But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

Matthew 12:34-37

For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!

James 3:2-5

And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.

James 3:6-12

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Mark 11:23

But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:).

Romans 10:6