

**HEALING STREAM MINISTRIES** presents the full strength  
THREE ANGELS' MESSAGES AS GOD'S MEDICINE  
with enough power to...

- cleanse from all sin
  - set us free from all bondage
  - break all the power of the enemy over us
  - restore us to total spiritual health
  - develop immunity to all last-day deceptions
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### 73 – God's MRI in the Three Angels' Messages

When studying Scripture it is always tempting to just see those texts, which apply to the wrongs and sins of others. This can be especially true about the three angels' messages. Is it possible that in our eagerness to declare the fallenness of Babylon and the beast that we may fail to see where the traits these powers may subtly reside in our own lives?

Remember the words of the old hymn – *"It is not the deacon, or the preacher, but it is ME, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer."*

If we want to proclaim the three angels' messages with integrity and power, we must first see how these messages apply to our own lives. *"You, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself?"* (Romans 2:21). These messages are not just messages for others, but they also contain God's MRI for exposing secret and hidden faults inside our own lives. *"For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of the joints and the marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart"* (Hebrews 4:12).

Are we willing to pray, *"Lord, expose inside of me every hidden and secret fault that I may be healed and restored, and that Your Son, Jesus Christ, truly may be magnified as the Great Physician?"*

#### **Diagnosis of Spiritual Disease: The Results of Contract-salvation**

- The symptoms of 'Babylon' – that harlotry of looking for love in the wrong places, depending on others to fill your cup, pride, performance-generated self-worth, the abuse of love. Detect the accompanying negative emotions of Babylon-like living.
- The symptoms of the 'beast' – the 'never enough' disease, self-sufficiency, the control disease, the abuse of power (force, fear, threat, manipulation, intimidation etc). Detect the accompanying

negative emotions of beast-like living. Identify the principles of the operations of the beast by discerning the 'beast virus' – Satan's lies about God, yourself, and others resulting in an identity based on the performance of external behaviors.

- Detect where we have sought relief for the symptoms rather than addressing the core source of the pain. All addictive behaviors are usually rooted in our attempts of personal pain-relief through activities, relationships or substances that have life-damaging results. Trace the negative traits or emotions of fear, pride, anger, self-sufficiency and self-justification to their source/s of lies in our flawed thinking about God.
- Detect the effects of a false identity: Debunk the lie that *What you do determines who you are*. Diagnose this dysfunction through the first four commandments of the Decalogue. So many problems and so much of our pain arise from the violation of the 1<sup>st</sup> commandment – our attempt to replace God with idols that cannot deliver. The abuse of others often has its roots in our trying to play god.
- Jesus always knocked at the door of human pain. Find the pain, and you will find the door where God is knocking. The point of pain is the place where God wants to start working in your life now. Come to Jesus just as you are.

### **God's Remedy – The Gift of the Everlasting Gospel: Covenant-salvation**

- Because of Christ's redemption we are perfectly justified, completely forgiven, fully accepted, and deeply loved – covenant salvation. Our salvation is never found in attempting to produce inside of ourselves some kind of worthiness by which we seek to obligate God to save us. This is contract-salvation – God helps those who help themselves. Rather our salvation rests on our trust in the worthiness of the Lamb of God, who upon Calvary's cross took our place and died for us – *"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!"* (Revelation 5:12). This is covenant salvation: God helps those who cannot help themselves and who fully rest their cases on the covenant faithfulness of Jesus Christ. *"On Christ the solid Rock, I stand, all other ground is sinking sand."*
- The everlasting gospel is the good news of God's grace in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ. This is the foundation for spiritual and emotional health for both individuals and churches. When we are spiritually healed of our sin-disease, our joy will be restored, and others will be attracted to Jesus through our contagious testimonies. *"Make me to hear joy and gladness that the bones You have broken may rejoice...Restore to me the joy of your salvation...then I will teach transgressors your ways"* (Psalm 51:8,12,13).

## Our Response to the Gospel

- *Fear God* – and face all your other fears unafraid. If we look to ourselves for assurance of salvation we will always be afraid, for we can never be sure that we have done enough.
- *Give glory to Him* – and overcome the life-damaging effects of legalism and pride. God is most glorified when we are most satisfied in Him.
- *Worship Him* – and receive the fullness of God’s resources for your every need.
  1. Worship is a decentralization of self and the antidote to pride.
  2. Process all positive and negative emotions through worship. Start living your life in the Psalms daily. Example: *Whenever I am afraid I will trust in You* (Psalm 56:3).

## The Evidences of Spiritual Health

- *The patience of the saints* – “super-abiding in Christ,” a willingness to wait on the Lord without running ahead of Him. Accepting trials and difficult situations without giving God a deadline to remove them.
- *Keep the commandments of God* – joyful and loving obedience, not to earn salvation, but to protect the free gift of salvation already provided through His covenant. No longer will we ever take pride in our law-keeping because we recognize that legalism can also be the adherence to standards for the purpose of exalting ourselves. Rather we will daily use the law as God’s diagnostic tool to show us our need of a Savior.
- *Faith of Jesus* – complete trust in the covenant-faithfulness of Jesus Christ. “*For He who promised is faithful*” (Hebrews 10:23).

Just think of the possibilities for our own personal spiritual growth when we discover God’s assessment of the sin disease inside ourselves and then to Jesus to receive His healing balm.