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The Necessity of Repentance & Faith  
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## Repentance

Mt.4.17 – Repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand

Most Christians repent enough to be forgiven, but not enough to see the Kingdom.

Repentance = change of mind, change your way of thinking

What were the people thinking during the time of Jesus? Political leader coming; Word of God only; no demonstrations of supernatural power; you advance your plans through political and military maneuvering; God is in Heaven, but not present; keeping rules; the enemy is others.

What did Jesus teach about the Kingdom through words & deeds? A way of life that is transformational from the inside out; a leader who transforms the whole of the person from inside out; power; the Lord advances His plans through his people as they respond to the activity of the HS; Jesus is among us; following the Spirit; the real enemy is the Devil.

In order to have the Kingdom of God come to earth, we must know and expect nothing less than God's ideal. We must repent and root out any vestige of un-Kingdom thinking from our minds.

We must remove the thinking that says, "What is of this world is a superior reality than what is in the other(not next...it's here now) world. Jesus taught us to pray, "Your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven." Jesus came and established an outpost from Heaven on earth. Now, we are to take the realities of Heaven and bring them to earth. We are to extend the dominion of the King to the rest of the earth.

What did the dominion of the King look like when Jesus was extending on the earth? Jesus' answer, Mt.11.4-6.

As this pertains to health, we must have this mindset which is the mindset of God. First, sickness isn't the will of God. Second, it is God's will to heal. As long as you think the opposite, you won't pray with as much faith. Look at the ministry of Jesus - he healed everyone...he didn't say, "It's the father's will you be sick" or "it's not God's will to heal you."

## Faith

Faith is the mirror of the heart that reflects the realities of an unseen world - the actual substance of His Kingdom. Through the prayer of faith we are able to pull the reality of His world into this one. That is the function of faith.

Jesus told the Pharisees they could discern the weather (natural) but couldn't discern the times (spiritual). The King was bringing his kingdom among them and they couldn't see it...rather they thought it was the Devil's kingdom.

Faith sees the Kingdom of God...the realities of Heaven.

Jesus said, "Seek first the kingdom of God..." Paul said, "Set your mind on things above, not things of the earth." We must look to the unseen.

Faith lives within the revealed will of God. When I have misconceptions about who God is, what he's like or what he can do my faith is constricted by those misconceptions. For example, if I believe God allows sickness or brings sickness to build character then I will not pray with confidence when healing is needed. But if I believe, that sickness is to the body what sin is to the soul, then no sickness will intimidate me.

Western Christians are materialist...we believe more in the material than spiritual. Real faith doesn't deny the material. If the doctor says, I have a

tumor then I don't deny it. Rather, I believe in a superior reality that is greater than the cancer and that is, "by his stripes I am healed!" There are no tumors in heaven and faith brings that reality into this one.

Would Satan spread cancer in heaven? Yes, but he can't b/c he doesn't have dominion there. He can only spread it here where mankind has come into agreement through sin & false beliefs.

Understand that heaven isn't moved into action by need, otherwise India & the Sudan would be magnets for the supernatural intervention of God. God provides Kingdom principles that when applied by mankind correctly bring transformation to a situation. Now, heaven is moved by faith.

Faith comes by hearing...not having heard. It is listening to God's heart now and responding. Jesus heard the Father and then responded. We look at situations and ask God what he wants done and act...that's faith.

The fear of man is what keeps many from genuine faith. They don't want to appear foolish or in denial. Fear is faith in the situation or the devil over God. Fearfulness is the same as faithlessness. Like faith is a substance, so also is faith a substance. The devil can smell fear. The devil has no ground when we come in faith...only when we are in agreement with his intimidations.

Faith grabs hold of the reality of the Kingdom and brings it violently and forcefully into collision with the natural one. It can be loud like the beggars calling out to Jesus or quiet and tenacious like the woman with the issue of Blood. Either way, it grabs hold of an invisible reality and won't let go.

It's faith in something