HOLY SPIRIT WE WELCOME YOU

PART 20: THE GIFTS OF HEALINGS

Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:7 - 11 & Exodus 15:26

Introduction

- Pentecost was the birth of the New Testament church.
- The Holy Spirit gives 9 gifts to celebrate the birth.
- Gifts to strengthen and edify the church.
- These gifts were never removed from the church.
- This first gift is from the group referred too as 'the gifts of demonstration.'

1 What This Gift Is NOT

- It is not high degree medical or surgical ability practised in hospitals.
- We do acknowledge that such healing is also a gift from God.
- The healing brought by this spiritual gift is not natural but divine in nature.

2 What This Gift IS

• The supernatural power of God granted by the Holy Spirit flowing through people so that by either something they say or do divine healing is brought to the body.

3 The Purpose Of The Gift

- · A blessing for the body of Christ.
- A token/foretaste of the Kingdom of God.
- To assist with the task of evangelism.

4 But Is The Gift Still For Today?

- How are we to view the various Bible accounts of reported 'healings?'
- Modernism: They never happened. There is no miraculous.
- Cessationism: Thy were only for the time covered by the pages of the Bible.
- Continuists: There is no expiry date on them. They are still for today.

5 Jehovah-Rapha

- There are a number of 'compound' or hyphenated names of God in the Bible.
- [Genesis 22:14], [Exodus 17:15], [Judges 6:24], [Psalm 23:1], [Jeremiah 23:6] and [Exodus 15:26].
- Our God is **STILL** His people's Provider, Banner, Peace, Shepherd, and Righteousness.
- Why can He still not be Jehovah Rapha also His people's Healer?