

THE UPWARD CALL

*Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet;
but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,
**I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God
IN CHRIST JESUS.***

(Philippians 3:13-14 NASB)

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The Kingdom of Our Lord #16.

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Healthcare #2

In the previous issue of this series, I wrote that there is only one answer to the universal healthcare debate that is raging across America today, and that answer is in Christ, His kingdom, and His immortal conquerors who will lead the nations in the oncoming eon (age).

The politicians who long ago abandoned God as the One who gives us our inalienable rights are spending hours on end pontificating on the need to do something now, as if our lives depend on it.

Many Americans are voicing their concern and, in some cases, outrage over government intrusion into our lives and the socialist-leaning programs that the Obama administration is trying to enact. What is the response from the politicians to those voicing opposition? Their response is that those opposing the Obama plans do not represent America and are even un-American. I have news for the politicians; the day of reckoning is coming when **the cord of falsehood** that they have attached to the American people is going to be broken.

For more on this, please see the seven-part series #03-0947 through #03-0953, March-April 2009, *A Hammer Which Shatters A Rock*, and issues #02-08125, September 30, 2008, *The Cords of Falsehood*, and #02-08132, October 23, 2008, *The Cord of Corruption is Cut*.

Those with spiritual eyes should be able to see through the rhetoric and political spin of our day and realize that the political leaders are fearful of losing the power and control over the people that they have masterfully architected since the US was brought under bondage to mystery Babylon's financial system back in 1913-1914. Many, but not all, politicians don't get it and are clueless, having been blinded by their trumped-up self-worth, hypocrisy, and arrogance. The time is almost here for this captivity to come to an end, along with the political system of power, control, and money.

A better government is coming, one in which true righteousness and justice and mercy and equity rule the day. This government is called the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ.

Well, this is a bit of a diversion, but an important one, nonetheless.

Now, back to healthcare; I previously stated that the real issue is not about insurance plans or even doctors and drugs; it is about healing and good health in general. It saddens me when I hear people, some of whom take upwards of twelve different drugs a day, state that without their drugs, they will die. Others seem to think that if they don't have health insurance, they will die as well.

But I have good news for all who live in this fear. When the kingdom of God draws near and begins to reign over the nations, there will be a change in the very health of mankind, not all at once but over time. When Jesus walked this earth as the embodiment of the kingdom of God, wherever He went and proclaimed the good news of His Father's kingdom, He healed every kind of disease and illness and even resuscitated the dead.

I realize that there are some Christian ministries that specialize in healing, but I am not referring to healing ministries. My wife and I can testify that healing takes place in our day. Both of us have experienced the healing power of God in our bodies, especially my wife who was healed of stage 4 cancer over five years ago. What I am referring to are a people who have the power to heal and

resuscitate the dead just as Jesus did when He walked this earth 2,000 years ago. I am referring to the Lord's conquerors who will be changed into the immortal likeness of Christ.

We know that Jesus traveled throughout the land and proclaimed the good news of the kingdom and **healed every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people** (Matthew 4:23). But we also know that when He sent out His twelve apostles to the lost sheep of the house of Israel, Jesus told them to preach, **'The Kingdom of the Heavens is close at hand,'** and commanded them to **cure the sick, raise the dead to life, cleanse lepers, drive out demons** (Matthew 10:7-8 WNT).

In like fashion, the first fruits of God and of the Lambkin will go forth with the message (word) of the kingdom as the kingdom begins to take root among the nations in the next eon (age). As proof that the kingdom has come on earth as it is in heaven, people will be healed.

I also believe that the first fruits will have heavenly wisdom that the world has not seen among mankind since the first Adam and, most definitely, since the last Adam, the Son of God Himself, walked the earth. The immortals of the Tabernacles Age will have the wisdom mankind needs to care for the human, mortal body. Medicine will be transformed from treating symptoms to preventive care, not through drugs but through what God has provided in His creation in the way of the plant kingdom. I truly believe that the hospitals and the waiting rooms of doctors' offices will be emptied over time.

Simply, the mortal body will have the longevity that was experienced from the time of Adam's fall to the time of Noah's ark and the flood. We are given an intimation of this through Isaiah.

I am creating a Jerusalem, full of happy people. ... No child will die in infancy; everyone will live to a ripe old age. Anyone a hundred years old will be considered young, and to die younger than that will be considered a curse. (Isaiah 65:18b; 20 CEV)

Death will still be possible and, in fact, will occur, but not as frequently or as soon as it does in our present evil age. It is possible that some will live as long as Methuselah did or even exceed his age by living the full span of God's day of 1,000 years (2 Peter 3:8). This is no pipe dream; it will be a reality as the kingdom of Christ, which has no end, continues to expand over the next 1,000 years.

Jesus declared that the kingdom was being taken away from the Judahite nation that had rejected Him, the nation centered on the earthly and ancient city of Jerusalem. He also declared that the kingdom was being given to another nation.

I say to you, The kingdom of God will be taken from you, and it will be given to a nation producing the fruits of it. (Matthew 21:43 LITV)

This nation is New Jerusalem, which is the conquering body of Christ, the complement of the One completing the all in all (Ephesians 1:22-23 CV).

A *nation* is defined as "a stable, historically developed community of people with a territory, economic life, distinctive culture, and language in common." New Jerusalem has all things based in Christ, from its history to its common spiritual language. The Son of God is the living cornerstone of the sons of God, the living stones of God's holy city. It is this city and nation, also called the wife of the Lambkin, that will bear the fruit of the tree of life that will give life to the nations and bring the healing power and ascendancy of the leaves of the tree of life to the nations. Praise God!

In other words, New Jerusalem, in the form of an immortal people, the new creation in Christ, the holy nation of God, will bring healing to the nations of the world. This healing will transcend the human body to include the soul of mankind as the nations begin to learn the loving way of God and yield to His will, until God the Father is all in all new. This is true healthcare. May it begin soon!