

OBSTACLES TO RECEIVING YOUR HEALING & MIRACLE By Jarrod Davidoff
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The bible says that all of God's promises are yes and amen. So, if healing is from God for His children to be healed, then why do some of His children not get healed or it takes a very long time to get healed-even years, and maybe never.

Today I want to list some of them so that you can be aware of them so that you can overcome them.

Mark 11:22 So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. **23** For assuredly, I say to you, whoever **says** to this **mountain**, Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he **says** will be done, he will have whatever he **says**. **24** Therefore I say to you, whatever things you **ask** when you pray, believe that you receive *them*, and you will have *them*.

25 "And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. **26** But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses."

Whatever mountain is standing in your way, here Jesus instructs us to SPEAK TO THE MOUNTAIN. 4 times he says speak to the mountain and 3 times he says believe.

Brothers and sisters, ladies and gentlemen, let's follow the instructions that Jesus is giving us.

Firstly:

What is your mountain? Sickness, disease, aches and pains, injuries, depression, anxiety, mental illness, anger, addictions, oppression, possession?

Whatever your mountain is, Jesus said we need to speak to it and command it to leave us.

BUT FIRST in vs 22 he says that in order to have the power to speak to that mountain, you need to have faith in God

We have an enemy that attacks with sickness and disease

We have a real enemy called the devil that comes to steal, kill and destroy. He's on attack mode all the time. He is constantly looking for open doors in your life to attack and he will even attack those around you to get to you.

Because Satan has no power to defeat God, he attacks the thing that God holds most precious and that is you and I.

Satan is the author of sickness and disease.

Genesis 2:17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Note that Adam and eve didn't die naturally straight away, yet they died spiritually

Because man sinned against God, he set in motion physical death to be limited to man living 120 years, but Satan also now had direct access to God's creation to attack us.

Job 2:7 So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and struck Job with painful boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.

It wasn't God instigating Satan to attack JOB as God is a Healing God.

Acts 10:38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him

How do these MOUNTAINS form in our lives?

I am going to share with you a few ways that we may open doors for these mountains to form.

When we allow sin in our lives and we start sinning willfully as a lifestyle, it opens the door to give satan access to strike us.

1. IMMORALITY

Sexual immorality

Romans 12:1 says, *"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service."*

1 Corinthians 6:15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make *them* members of a harlot? Certainly not! **16** Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body *with her*? For "the two," He says, "shall become one flesh." **17** But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit *with Him*.

18 *Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.*

19 *Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.*

Sexual immorality hurts others that are involved, and also your own body. You are opening a door by living a life of disobedience to God's word and you allow Satan in to afflict you with sickness and disease.

Make a decision to stop this and repent to the Lord. Ask Him to forgive you, to wash you in His blood and take this sin of immorality away and cleanse you and ultimately heal you.

Remember you cannot change yourself, ask the Lord to change your heart and desires and meditate daily on the promise "I am the righteousness of Christ", spend time in God's word and He will sanctify and cleanse you and your desires will change and so will your actions.

Break off friendships and relationships that cause you to sin and form new godly relationships with people that live in obedience to God's word.

ADVISE: Don't put yourself in situations where you can fall in this area.

Be aware that the devil is looking to trip you up. travel alone if you can, if you are married don't meet people of the other sex alone or in public if you can help it

General immorality

James 1:13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. **14** But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. **15** Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. **17** Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

SO THE PAYMENT FOR SIN IS THE END OF LIFE FOR YOU.

Therefore if there is a sin in your life that can lead to the death of you, you need to be set free of that sin

The lusts of the flesh, the pride or life, the deceitfulness of riches can lead you astray. Lying, cheating, stealing from man or God can open doors so be careful.

2. UNFORGIVENESS IN YOUR HEART

Note: **Mark 11:25** “And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. **26** But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.”

Unforgiveness in our hearts is like a cancer that eats away at our souls. In fact many people get cancer and other illnesses because they harbor unforgiveness in their hearts against others who have hurt them. The same may be true with you.

Unforgiveness is like you drinking the poison and expecting the other person to die.

You may have been hurt, lied about, cheated on or let down in a bad way. Maybe you have been abused, raped, molested, robbed or had a loved one experience this by someone and now you have unforgiveness in your heart towards them.

I have had many attacks in my life before I came to the Lord and even as a believer. Before I received the Lord I was bullied at school, in my South

African compulsory military service in 1991 I was hard done by , by anti-Semitic officers and this caused unforgiveness to rise up in my heart. But when I gave my life to Jesus in 1993 I forgave them all, as Jesus forgave me of all my sins.

Since I have been a believer there have been many people that have used me, treated me unfairly in ministry and even lied about me. It has been a challenge to forgive them at times because of such malicious lies, but I have decided to forgive them and let the Lord rather judge them. Unforgiveness can hinder our prayers from being heard or answered, also Jesus said in Matthew 18 that unforgiveness in our hearts will cause us not to be forgiven and also we will be given over to the torturers.

***Psalm 66:18** If I have iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear*

***Hebrews 12:15** ...lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many have become defiled*

NOTE: The people robbed you the first time that they did something to hurt you, yet

So to conclude we need to forgive those that have hurt us, used and abused us and taken advantage of us.

Some people here even need to forgive yourselves.

Some may need to ask others to forgive them of what they did to them or how you treated others.

3. UNBELIEF

Unbelief is a mountain that stands in the way of you receiving your miracle.

Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.

Because you have rejected knowledge,
I also will reject you from being priest for Me;
Because you have forgotten the law of your God,
I also will forget your children.

Simply put that if you don't know it's God's will to heal you, you may not get healed.

Proverbs 4:1 My children, listen when your father corrects you.

Pay attention and learn good judgment, **2** for I am giving you good guidance. Don't turn away from my instructions. **3** For I, too, was once my father's son, tenderly loved as my mother's only child. **4** My father taught me, "Take my words to heart. Follow my commands, and you will live. **5** Get wisdom; develop good judgment. Don't forget my words or turn away from them. **6** Don't turn your back on wisdom, for she will protect you. Love her, and she will guard you. **7** Getting wisdom is the wisest thing you can do! And whatever else you do, develop good judgment.

8 If you prize wisdom, she will make you great. Embrace her, and she will honor you. **9** She will place a lovely wreath on your head; she will present you with a beautiful crown." **10** My child, listen to me and do as I say, and you will have a long, good life.

The Word of the Lord is alive and powerful. He watches over it to perform it. But we can either create an atmosphere of faith in our lives by believing and confessing God's word or an atmosphere of unbelief and doubt by confessing and believing the report of the evil one. I encourage you to rid your unbelief with faith. The way to do this is by studying the Lord's promises regarding healing.

Jesus went to Nazareth yet in:

Matthew 13:58 *Now He did not do many mighty works there because of unbelief.*

Sad here to think that even though the people had many needs for healing, their unbelief resulted in them losing their miracle. Unfortunately, they got what they believed for-nothing more and nothing less. How sad. The Son of God with all His miracle working power was in their midst, yet they never believed it.

I wonder what caused their unbelief? Often unbelief is attributed to false religion and doctrine of evil people, even well-meaning Christians, or pride? Yet because people don't take the time to read the bible and see the Lord's promises concerning healing, they just carry on defeated and sick. It doesn't have to be this way.

Mark 16:14 ...and He (Jesus) rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they **did not believe**

Hebrews 3:12 Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you with an **evil heart of unbelief** in departing from the living God

This is a major rebuke on unbelief. The Word even calls unbelief evil. It is doubting the promises of the Lord and actually making the Lord a liar.

Hebrews 3:19 So we see that they could not enter in because of **unbelief**

Unfortunately, you cannot enjoy and receive the promise of healing if you do not believe.

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

THE KEY TO DISPELLING DOUBT AND UNBELIEF IN YOUR LIFE IS FAITH.

Joshua 1:8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Job 3:25 For the thing I greatly feared has come upon me, And what I dreaded has happened to me. **26** I am not at ease, nor am I quiet; I have no rest, for trouble comes.”

4. YOU ARE A THREAT TO HIS KINGDOM

When the devil sees the hand of the Lord upon you and especially when the Lord starts using you, you pose a bigger threat to his kingdom. As a result he will look for ways to take you out, namely violence, accidents, demonic attacks and physical attacks.

He has attacked great men and women of God with sickness and disease through the ages, with accidents and life ending tragedies. Our enemy satan hates us and is looking to take us out.

That’s why we need to take inventory of our lives
We need to submit to the Lord's ways
We need to plead the blood of Jesus over our lives and families
We need to pray in the spirit the perfect will of God for our lives
We need to speak life and rebuke the devil

1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

1 Peter 5:8 Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour (NIV)

1 Peter 5:8 Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. (NLT)

2 Corinthians 11:24 From the Jews five times I received forty *stripes* minus one. **25** Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; **26** *in* journeys often, *in* perils of waters, *in* perils of robbers, *in* perils of *my own* countrymen, *in* perils of the Gentiles, *in* perils in the city, *in* perils in the wilderness, *in* perils in the sea, *in* perils among false brethren; **27** in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness— **28** besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches.

IN CONCLUSION if you have been sinning

1.REPENT & receive your healing

What does repentance mean? Change of heart, change of direction

Humble yourself before the Lord, acknowledge your sin to Him, ask for forgiveness and receive your healing

James 4:10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **10** If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

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You receive your healing when you pray, not when it manifests

James 4:7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.