



SERIES TITLE	HEALING BLOCKERS: UNBELIEF
HEALING SCHOOL FOUNDATION SCRIPTURE	Proverbs 4:20-22 THE VOICE <i>²⁰ My son, pay attention to all the words I am telling you. Lean in closer so you may hear all I say.</i> <i>²¹ Keep them before you; meditate on them; set them safely in your heart.</i> <i>²² For those who discover them, they are life. They bring wholeness and healing to their bodies.</i>
SERIES FOUNDATION SCRIPTURE	Romans 4:20-21 HOLMAN CHRISTIAN STANDARD BIBLE <i>Foundation Passage is the entirety of Romans 4</i> 20 He did not waver in unbelief at God’s promise, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, 21 because He was fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.
OUR STUDY POINTS FOR THIS LESSON	1. We must establish in what we are to believe (and believe in) because there is a difference between the Law of God, the commands (or commandments) of God, and the promises of God. <u>The Law</u> The Law judges by works (e.g., “Did you stop at the stop sign or not?”) and has a “primary purpose to expose human sinfulness and our inability to save ourselves by our own merit.” (<i>learn.ligonier.org</i>) Laws can change, and thus are temporary in nature. They serve a purpose for a period of time. Laws require our performance, and works are not righteousness (which is an act of God’s grace). (Romans 3:19-22) <u>Commands (or Commandments)</u> These help guide our human behavior in response to God’s love. Jesus clarified this in Matthew’s account in Matthew 22:34-40, and Luke’s account in Luke 10:25-37. Note that the question was asked about the commandments <i>in the Law</i>. Jesus knew that He had come to fulfill the Law (if the Law is fulfilled, what else is there to do? Completed is completed.), and that it (i.e., the Law) was going to be done away with shortly in response to his own crucifixion, death, burial, resurrection, and ascension. So, He gave them two lasting commandments (ways to behave) hinged on one thing: LOVE-for God, self, and others.

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FOR THIS LESSON

Promises

These are the guarantees that we have because of God's very own faithful, everlasting character and NOT dependent on our performance (obeying the Law).

There is a difference between the "promises of the Law" and the "promises of grace"--the former depends on obedience (and results in rewards or consequences) while the latter is solely because God is good. (reference from *godwithuslc.org*)

2 Corinthians 1:15-22 tells us about God's promises. (specifically verse 20-22)

20 "For every one of God's promises is "Yes" in Him. Therefore the "Amen" is also through him for God's glory through us.

21 Now the One who confirms us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, is God.

22 He has also sealed us and given us the Spirit as a down payment (some translations "guarantee") in our hearts.

God's goodness and promises are why all different types of people were healed by Jesus. They were not born again; they were not all of the same sets of belief. Indeed, Jesus reminded them that they only needed to **believe that He was able to heal what they needed Him to--from servants not even in His presence to mothers-in-law to children to the blind to the hearing impaired to any and all afflicted by sickness, disease, and infirmities.**

2. God desires that we **believe** what He has said about healing, wholeness and our well-being. This belief is **faith**--in the promises of God for what is unseen (what has not come on the natural scene to be experienced by our senses). (**Romans 4:16**) Abraham did not get a chance to see himself become the "father of many nations" (**Romans 4:17**), and still he believed (see **Romans 4:20-21** below):

*20 He did not waver in unbelief at God's promise, but was **strengthened in his faith** and gave glory to God,*

21 because He was fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.



	We can be strengthened in our own faith because of God's promise--not man's. Are you convinced that God is able to do what He's promised? Then don't waver when it comes to your healing and health. When we believe God's promises, God credits it to us for righteousness. So, when we don't believe, it is no credit to us! It is a debit! A deduction for righteousness because It minimizes the resurrection of Christ! (Romans 4:24-25) To accept Christ, to believe that God raised Him from the dead, and not believe His promises minimizes our right-standing in God. This is why Jesus makes intercession for us--so we know our rights as believers!
WHAT ABOUT ME	Are there any areas in my life where I need to eradicate (completely pull up by the roots) unbelief because they are contrary to God's promise of healing?
THOUGHTS ON THE LESSON	We have a new covenant which is a promise of abundant grace through Christ, the Anointed One, because of God, the Eternal One, who helps us through Holy Spirit, the Sent One. Because of this, the promise of healing--spirit, soul, and body--is mine to receive.