HOLY SPIRIT WE WELCOME YOU

PART 21: THE GIFTS OF HEALINGS CONTINUED

Reading: **John 5: 1 - 9**

Introduction

- Sickness, disease and illness are by-products of the 'The Fall.'
- At times God has miraculously healed the sick.
- One of the greatest concentrations of divine healing was in the ministry of Christ.
- Jesus said it would continue after His Ascension. [John 14:12].
- [1 Corinthians 12:28] It has been 'set/appointed' in the church until Christ's return.

1 The FIVE Porches Of Divine Healing

- In [John 5] the sick made the 5 porches at Bethesda home.
- Waiting for the stirring of the water.
- First in experienced the healing of their body.
- Jesus encountered the lame man of 38 years here and healed him.
- There are 5 porches of divine healing today where the sick may encounter 'Jehovah Rapha'.

1st Porch: Anointing The Sick With Oil [James 5:14/15]

- The disciples anointed the sick with oil also in [Mark 6:13].
- The shepherd anointed the head of the weary sheep with oil.
 [Psalm 23:5]
- The onus is on the sick person to 'call upon' the elders of the church.

2nd Porch: The Laying On Of Hands

- Consider [Luke 4:40], [Mark 16:18] and [Acts 28:8].
- Identifying with the sick person.
- To act as a connection for the power of God to flow.

3rd Porch: The Word Of Command

• Consider [Mark 3:5], [Acts 3:6] and [Genesis 1:3].

4th Porch: By Special Means. [Acts 19:11 - 12].

- The sick couldn't be brought to where Paul was.
- A piece of material prayed over and sent to the suffering persons.
- This is a 'one off' incident.
- It ought not be made a rule.
- The individual when possible should be brought and prayed over in the church.

5th Porch: Simply Praying For One Another

- Consider [James 5:16].
- The body of Christ ministering to the sick of the body.