

TWISTING SCRIPTURE Pt. 1: CONFESS, HOW to be HEALED

A few weeks ago in the New Age teaching series part 32, I spoke on the prosperity gospel movement within the church. Health and Wealth, Word of Faith and Name it and Claim are all part of The Prosperity Gospel Movement along with what I call "Speak it into Existence". They are all essentially the same thing and they come straight out of new age. In new age these teachings are part of trying to get something to manifest. These false teachings in the church are under the following names in new age: The Law of Attraction, Positive Thinking, the I Am Movement, New Thought Movement, Speak it into Existence etc. In order to get these new age teachings in the church, satan's ministers cleverly twist God's Word to prop up their false teachings.

I spoke on The Prosperity Gospel Movement back in 2015. Today, I want to show you how they twist scripture to make their false teachings pleasing to the ear. **(2 Tim.4:3)** This is important because many people are being led astray by these false teachings. I know because as a baby christian I used to listen to the televangelists. This was before God showed me what master they serve. They are not just well meaning godly teachers who make a mistake here or there. They are crafty like their master, their false teachings are on purpose.

I have heard them teach this over and over again and they have people going around saying all sorts of stuff and expecting God to just bless their socks off. I want to focus on showing you how they twist Scripture to use it to teach Name it and Claim it, Health and Wealth, Word of Faith and Prosperity Gospel. My hope is that everyone who listens to this teaching will have eyes to see and ears to hear the truth and if they've been practicing this stuff that they will repent and ask God for forgiveness.

In order to teach prosperity gospel and all the names it goes by in the church, you have to twist God's scripture in order to deceive the people.


Joel Olsteen is a huge prosperity gospel preacher. He inherited Lakewood Church Ministry from his dad, John Olsteen.

*Please play from 0 to 1:24 – The intro to John Olsteen’s ministry – Lakewood Church before Joel inherited it. *(about 1.5 min’s)

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Just for the fun of it I listened to one of John Olsteen’s sermons a few weeks ago. I had heard years ago that he was considered a fire and brimstone preacher. Knowing what I know now, I had a pretty good idea about what I would discover. Let me tell you, Joel is a chip off the old block. He was raised in a luciferic home, his dad was a luciferian and his mom too. John and Dodie did all the false teaching together before the ministry was handed off to Joel and Victoria. His dad had a more serious demeanor but he was still teaching the same lies that Joel does. Joel and Victoria were groomed for the position they’re in now. You don’t get a mega ministry on tv without serving satan’s agenda – he is the god of this world and he promotes his own. God’s real ministers have never been popular and what we have to say has never been well received.

Let’s have a refresher look at what these false teachings are about:

"Name it and claim it" is another term for the Prosperity Gospel, or Health and Wealth Gospel, a movement within charismatic Christianity that teaches that God desires financial prosperity and physical health for believers and that they can obtain these things through faith, positive confession, and financial donations. However, this teaching is considered a false doctrine by many theologians, as it contradicts biblical accounts of faithful believers who experience suffering and poverty, and it misinterprets God's sovereignty and the nature of faith. 

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So what they do is pick out a verse or two of Scripture and they shape their false teaching around it so that it seems right and sounds good to the ears. They are

charismatic, convincing and persuasive. They have satan's anointing on their lives to empower them to move the masses in his direction.

I'm going to share some things from that one sermon I listened to so you can see how they work and recognize it in the future and if you are currently doing what they teach, you can get it out of your life.

First, the sermon opened with a clip from the weekly television show they had and Joel's mom, Dodie Olsteen, shared about how to get healed. Listen to this:

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She says she reads her "healing" scriptures every day. She doesn't leave home until she reads them. A lot of times as I read 'em I confess 'em. I confess them when I'm walking, my inner man confesses the Word of God when I'm walking when I don't even realize. See I'm meditating on the Word of God. And I've needed that through the years. Then John says, you know Dodie a lot of people don't realize what confession means. Confession means to say the same thing or to agree. So when we say confess the Word of God it means that we are saying the same thing that God says. And that we agree with God. I didn't understand that for a long time. If you are sick for instance, you don't say I don't hurt, don't have any symptoms, the dr's report is wrong. All those are facts, we don't deny the existence of sickness. We just read in the bible what God says about healing and we just simply say, "I agree with God." I'm going to say what God says and that turns things around. Dodie says, that's right. She says, remember back in 1981 they said I was going to die with liver cancer. I found this scripture, I found the place where it was written, in fact I found 40 scriptures on healing. That's what you need to do. If you need something from God, find something in the bible where it's written. Keep your mind on it, your heart on it, your eyes on it – don't let it depart from your eyes, Proverbs 4:20. But anyway, I got this scripture, Jeremiah 30:17. It says I will restore health unto you and heal you of your wounds. And I confessed that John, I'd find myself waking up in the middle of the night saying Father I thank You for restoring health unto me. It didn't seem like health was restored to me. I seemed like I was sick unto death. But I kept on saying it and kept on saying it plus a lot of other ones. And you know it worked John. Now you know if I would have said... I said another one, I shall not die but

live and declare the works of the Lord. If I had've changed it and said well I'm going to die there's no doubt about it the dr's have said so, I'd have probably been gone fast. He says, well that's true and through our mouth we can rise to a level of health and prosperity. You know people do not realize the power of their words. He then says he is going to teach and preach on that very subject so that everyone can be helped through the Word of God. *(about 2.5 min's)

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Ok, so she said in order to be healed, get in God's Word and find several passages of scripture about healing. She said she would not leave the house without reading those healing scriptures. She said she kept her mind, her heart and her eyes on those scriptures. She said she was meditating on those scriptures and she was confessing them over her life. She showed us a perfect example of new age in the church and then he went on to preach a perverted twisted teaching about the power of our words.

They are building this false teaching around the word confess. This is what John Olsteen said: Confession means to say the same thing or to agree. So when we say - confess the Word of God, it means that we are saying the same thing that God says. And that we agree with God. So this is their way of teaching people to speak scripture over and over expecting God to move because of their rituals. My bible does not say that confess means to say the same thing or to agree, it says confess means acknowledge or acknowledgement. The definition he gave is not the Biblical definition nor the general definition of the word confess.

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.

Confessing our sins to God and asking forgiveness for them is something we do throughout our relationship with God, not just one and done.

We confess which is to call our sin out to God asking forgiveness and if we are sincere, then He forgives us. Where the definition of confess means to agree and say the same thing God does, is in regards to our sin. When we confess our sin, we are in agreement with God about what we have done and we are acknowledging it as sin so we are saying the same thing He says. The only time the word confess means to agree with God and say the same thing He does is in

regards to confessing our sin. The Bible doesn't teach us to go around confessing God's Word the way they are teaching people to do it.

Not once did she mention Jesus. Not once did she say to stand on God's Word that says by Jesus' stripes we are and were healed. Nothing about Jesus being our Healer – nothing. She did not even praise Him for her healing. She did not give Him any glory at all.

What she said sounded good and she had a testimony of being healed from liver cancer to lend credibility to what she was telling everyone to do. We don't have any proof she was ever sick. They make up things all the time in these false ministries and they certainly fake heal people and share fake testimonies to make people believe this is the way to be healed. If ministers in Africa pay people to come forward and lie about being healed and pay people to fall out in their services so that they appear to have great spiritual power and anointing on their lives and ministries, then you better know the false ministers here in America do it to an even greater degree.

As a baby Christian my best friend at the time told me to do this very thing. At that time when she told me to do this I had just gotten saved for real and was beginning to grow in the faith. So I looked up all these scriptures that mentioned anything about being healed and typed them up. I would read them out loud every day, I did that for a while and saw no change. It got to be like a chore trying to do this all the time. I eventually dropped off and let it go. But these false teachers that I was listening to at that time were reinforcing what my friend had told me because that's where the false teaching came from in the first place, was the televangelists who are just witches but I didn't know that back then. So if I was doing this, it had reached me in my house, then I know there are a ton of Christians still doing this stuff, still believing these lies.



This is Pastor Erustus who heads up our outreach ministry in Africa. I often share the false teachings that are going on here in America, largely taught by telewitches. He says many there in Africa are copying our American preachers and misleading their flocks. They see the mega churches flowing in money and because they are greedy they teach and speak the same things. All of these false teachers are serving on satan's altar, they are satan's ministers and they know what they are doing, it is not by mistake or error but on purpose.

So here is what Pastor Erustus shared:

Pastor I don't agree with this version of thought as far as healing is concerned. Healing is by faith in Jesus Christ that by His stripes on the cross we were healed. Our faith in Christ Jesus through His death on the cross gives us a spiritual legal ground to believe God for our healing.

But the issue of getting into God's word to find several passages of scriptures and meditate and read them over and over daily as you speak them out to me is not right. We are not here to dictate to God to heal us just by the fact of repeatedly reading, meditating and speaking out several passages of scripture as you believe.

Let's look at what Jesus did for us so that we could be healed:

Isaiah 53:5 - But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed.

It used to say by His stripes we are healed, I believe with His stripes is a Mandela Effect. This was prophesied in the book of Isaiah 500 to 700 years before Jesus ever went to the cross for us.

1 Peter 2:24 - Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by Whose stripes ye were healed.

In the Old Testament it states that anyone who hangs on a tree is cursed (**Deut.21:23**) and I think that is why Peter used the word tree there. Jesus became a curse so we could be forgiven and blessed by God. (**Gal.3:13-14**) Peter said we were healed. Jesus paid the price for our redemption and healing. This is our legal ground and promise from God regarding our healing.

No way am I going to go all through The Old Testament digging up scriptures pertaining to Israel who was always in sin against God and try to apply them to my life and situation. I'm not trying to dig up scriptures on healing period. I'm standing on what Jesus did for me and that's all I need to do and keep lifting it up to Him in prayer.

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I've heard this same sermon preached by these false teachers so many times. They will tell you that if you don't get what you wanted, you didn't have enough faith or you had sin in your life. Look how many people they are discouraging and actually turning away from God with these lies. If I believed them, I'd be tormenting myself thinking I didn't have faith and that maybe I had some spiritual door to satan opened in my life because of sin. Thinking I'm not good enough for

God to heal or why doesn't He love me enough to heal me or I'll never have enough faith if I don't have enough already. Just questioning everything and stressing over it and feeling judged by the body of Christ for not being healed.

Matt.17:20 - And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

Jesus gave this example to the disciples who were unable to cast out a demon because they lacked faith, He called it unbelief. Unbelief isn't faith, faith is believing. Jesus says all we truly need in order to do things that seem impossible is have a tiny amount of real faith and he compared it to the size of a mustard seed which is a very tiny seed. That's all the faith we need to overcome any obstacle and do great things because God will be moving on our behalf.

If you are worried you don't have faith or enough faith, be sure of your salvation and ask God to give you peace about it. Repent of known sin and ask forgiveness. Stay in God's Word so you will know how to live a life that pleases God and pray daily. Trust in Jesus for your healing and stop believing all the non-sense we've heard over the years. What Jesus did is all we need.

PRAYER

John Osteen's Faith That Moves God to Act! Functioning in Faith (1991)

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