

Revelation 19:10 - Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy.

What do you suppose this means? What is "the testimony of Jesus"? It is simply your story - and my story - of how Jesus has saved you, how He rescued and redeemed you, how He has made you holy and whole. Another translation of this scripture reads, "The essence of prophecy is to give a clear word for Jesus."

If Jesus has called you to Himself and He is your Savior and the Lord of your life, when you share an account of what He has done, this is a prophetic act affirming the power of God to bring immortality and light - Salvation - through the sharing of the Gospel. Both the Greek and Hebrew words for salvation connote wholeness of spirit, soul and body. In Greek, the word is *sozo*; the Hebrew word is *yeshua*, the same word we use for Jesus. He is the One who makes all things holy and whole.

In Mark's gospel account of the healing of the woman who had been afflicted with bleeding for twelve years, we know that she pushed through a crowd to get to Jesus, believing in her heart that if she could only touch the fringe of His *tallit*, the prayer shawl whose blue tassel symbolizes all of the promises of God, she would be healed.

At the instant she touched Him, she knew that this had happened, for the bleeding immediately stopped. Jesus felt the glorious power of God that continually surrounded Him emanate through Him, and asked, "Who touched my clothes?" He already knew who it was, but He wanted this woman to boldly come forward and acknowledge that she had indeed been healed.

Crowds surrounded Jesus, the Living Word, throughout His ministry on earth; likewise, today many crowd around the written Word of God, seeking wisdom and instruction. But only those for whom it is illumined by faith in the power of the Holy Spirit, who "touch" the Word in faith, will receive its promises.

A few years ago, I was speaking at the inauguration of Christ Restoration Ministries, proclaiming the truth of God's Word and every promise that is "yes" in Christ. The Holy Spirit prompted me to say, "God's word in Psalm 107:20 says, 'He sent forth His Word and healed them.'" Remembering that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God, then perhaps right now someone is being healed as He sends forth His Word."

Immediately following the service, a very excited woman rushed up to me and ecstatically announced that at the very moment I said those words, she experienced a surge of power in her left shoulder down into her arm as Jesus healed an injury that had given her great pain for several months. She took God at His Word and received His promise.

If the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy, when we share with others what Jesus has done for us, we are His witnesses, testifying that what He has done for us, He is willing and able to do for others. Our stories of healing and hope raise the faith and expectations of those who hear and prepare them to receive those same things themselves.

Jesus has healed me and everyone in this room at various times in a multitude of ways. He is here today and every day, available and willing to touch our spirits, souls and bodies with the same resurrection power that raised Him from the dead. He has purchased your salvation - your eternal security, your physical and emotional healing, your deliverance from all of the powers of evil - paid in full at the Cross. Today, open your heart to receive the fullness of His love that heals - and then go and share it with others.