**Eternal Healing to Restore in the Sanctuary (Ezekiel 47:6-12) 1/12/2025**

During a time of great despair for the Israelites, God showed the prophet Ezekiel a vision of Israel's restoration (salvation) along with the blessings that would flow from His sanctuary (temple). In this passage, we see how the water flowing from the sanctuary becomes a river, then a sea, and brings life to the sea, its fish, and other living creatures. The trees around the river produce fruits that sustain life, and their leaves become medicine for healing.

**The passage concludes with a key statement.** What makes this possible? How can the river, sea, and trees bring life and healing to all creation? The answer is, "Because the water flows from the sanctuary" (verse 12).

**Disasters, corruption, curses, and suffering are continuing endlessly.** Amidst that, humanity continues to deteriorate. God has prepared the answer to restore life and healing for all creation and humanity, and He intends to use individuals and churches that hold this answer.

**1. God desires for all people to be healed and live in His blessings.**

**1) God sent His Son as Christ for this very purpose (Isaiah 61:1).** When Jesus came to earth, He personally met with and healed the sick, the broken, and the sinners (Mark 2:17).

**2) After His ascension, Jesus instructed His disciples and us to continue this work.** He called us to be used for the work of bringing healing to all nations (Mark 16:17-18).To those believers and churches called to this work, the Lord who sits on the throne promises to be with them and provide evidence (Mark 16:19-20).

**3) In the temple, before entering the sanctuary, there is a room called the "Courtyard of the Women."** It represents a place for healing. Anyone who is sick can come to God and receive healing (God's heart).

**2. What diseases does God desire to heal in us?**

Being ill and facing death is frightening. However, the greatest tragedy is being sick without realizing it. If we do not know the source or cure for the illness, we will just suffer along and face death when it comes. God desires to heal us in five areas:

**1) God desires for our souls to be healed. (spiritual healing).**  
**① God created human souls. He created them in His image (Genesis 1:27) and breathed life into them (Genesis 2:7).** However, ever since Adam and Eve's fall (Genesis 3), all souls became as good as dead (Ephesians 2:1). Our souls became ignorant of spiritual realities. This led to idolatry, bondage to darkness, fleshly desires, and worldly greed (Ephesians 2:2-3). From this root comes loneliness, anger, violence, depression, mental disorders, and incurable diseases. This condition is called "destiny" because no one can escape it, and it is passed down to future generations as hereditary curses (Exodus 20:4-5).  
**② Escaping from this is called "salvation," which is spiritual and eternal healing.** The moment you receive Christ, the Son of God, His spirit resides within you, and work Your soul is reborn (John 3:5). You are given a new life (Romans 6:4) and that life is an eternal life (John 5:24). Spiritual problems that could not be resolved before are now solved, and you experience freedom.  
**③ The saved believer should live everyday and every moment under His guidance (filling of the Holy Spirit).** That is when our souls will gain spiritual strength and become filled with spiritual joy (Psalm 23:5). This leads to the restoration of all things(3 John 1:2).

**2) From then on, He heals our mind and our thoughts (healing of our mind, healing of our thoughts).** Fear, discouragement, and despair that were inside our mind and thoughts are replaced with peace (Philippians 4:6-7). Hatred and anger are replaced with mercy, forgiveness, and it becomes possible to bless others (Colossians 3:12-14). When Joseph enjoyed this blessing, he overcame all his scars and blessed his brothers and even his brothers’ children (Genesis 45:5-8). When David enjoyed this blessing, he took compassion on all his enemies, forgave them, and even blessed them (Psalm 35:13).

**3) From then on, our interpersonal relationships will be healed (healing of relationships)** Those who persecuted and insulted you will come to bless you. People who will truly help you will come to you. People who will receive the gospel through you and join you in life will come. Evangelism will take place as your relationships become healed.

**4) From then on, physical healing will arise.** Peace that comes from healing the mind, thoughts, and relationships also brings health to the body.

**5) From then on, financial healing will arise.** God blesses financially so that His people can be used for His purpose (Isaiah 60:5).

**3. How does God heal individuals and the world? The answer is in today’s passage.**

**1) The sanctuary represents Christ, who redeems us (John 2:21), and the saints that are saved through Him (1 Corinthians 3:16).**

**① Through Christ, we have gained eternal atonement, life and the status of God's eternal children.** Not anything in the world nor the pain, scars, or failures of our past can ever condemn us (John 10:28; Romans 8:31-39). When we hold onto this blessing of Christ, believe it, and enjoy it, Christ who is in us heals us with His power of light.

**② Through us, God will heal others and send us as witnesses to the ends of the earth.**

**2) The water symbolizes the gospel message that brings life to all. More specifically, it is the Word of the gospel that is proclaimed on the pulpit.**

**① When we hear the Word of the gospel and believe it, we receive salvation, the Holy Spirit works, and healing takes place (Ephesians 1:13).** This is why the church must continuously proclaim only the Word of the gospel (Matthew 16:16-19).

**② When we meditate on the Word, that Word will transform our wounded heart and mind and bring healing (Hebrews 4:12).** It says that life and death depend on the heart (Proverbs 4:23). The standard for guarding and transforming our heart and thoughts is the Word. For this reason, Satan tries to prevent us from hearing the Word by any means, dragging us into darkness.

**3) Prayer is being able to meditate on these two things so that our mind and our thoughts dwell on them.**   
**① The prayer among prayers is meditation prayer (Psalm 19:14).** It is a prayer that meditates on the Word and holds onto the Covenant in it. Even fatal and deeply rooted problems, as well as unknown problems, can be healed.  
**② Concentration prayer is the time when we focus on the Triune God.** We set aside a time (Mark 1:35, Luke 6:12). In our daily lives, we can go into “24-hour” prayer (Ephesians 6:18, 1Thessalonians 5:16-18).

**Conclusion -** God gave us the gospel to save and heal us. Through Christ, the Son of God, all problems have been finished (John 19:30). Healing through the gospel leads to eternal blessings and eternal healing. May the courtyard of healing that restores the blessing of eternal healing become established (completed) in our personal lives, mission fields, and church.