**By His Stripes We Are Healed Pt. 1**

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**Isaiah 53:4-4**

**Sunday Morning**

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Saints, after walking thirty years with Jesus, it was evident to the Apostle John as well that

**Healing is God’s will for Mankind**

He began his letter to his dear friend Gaius with this prayer:

**3 John 2**

“Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers”

Saints, unfortunately, many Christians don’t realize that God desires for them to live in health.

**Hosea 4:6**

“My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge…”

**1 Peter 2:24**

“who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.”

Saints, I don’t want anyone to be found ignorant about health and healing. The body of Christ needs to know what is rightfully theirs. I am convinced from my study of the Word that it is always God’s will to heal you.

**Hebrews 1:3**

“who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high”

Saints, this phrase means

**“The Perfect Representation”**

Saints, by looking at Jesus’ life, we can see what the character of God is like. While Jesus was on the earth, He healed the multitudes.

**Luke 6:17-19**

17 And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases,

18 as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed. 19 And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all.

Saints, this morning we are going to look at several Biblical Principles to help us believe in the Healing Power of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior!

**1. Grace**

**2 Peter 1:1-3**

1 Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: 2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue…

Saints, faith is based on knowledge. You can’t have faith for healing if you are unsure of what the bible says against sickness and disease. When we meditate on healing scriptures, we are increasing our knowledge of God’s desire to heal us.

Listen as our faith grows, we will receive what God promises us

**”all things that pertain to life”**

Saints, do you think healing pertains to life?

Absolutely

**2. God’s Medicine**

**Proverbs 4:20-22**

20 My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. 21 Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; 22 For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh.

**Exodus 15:26 (American Standard Version**

“and he said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of Jehovah thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his eyes, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases upon thee, which I have put upon the Egyptians: for I am Jehovah that healeth thee.

Saints, in these verses, Jehovah Raphah, the God who heals, tells us how to “take” His Word as medicine.

We have to pay more attention to what is written in the Bible than to what is on TV and in newspapers. We have to give more credence to God’s Word than anything else in the world.

If you are fighting for your life, it doesn’t matter what’s in USA Today or what the so called “experts” are saying, You need to feed only on the Word of God, for it is “…life…and health to all [your] flesh.

**3. God’s Plan**

**John 10:10**

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

Saints, while we live on the earth, we can follow one of two plans, both of which are found in John 10:10. Satan’s plan is to steal, kill, and destroy everything we have.

God’s plan for you, however, is abundant life. Sickness and premature death are from Satan and absolutely not from God. If you can ever think that God is the cause of your sickness, you are deceived and won’t pray to be healed.

We can see the error in this type of thinking by looking what Jesus prayed in:

**Matthew 6:10**

“Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

Is there any sickness in heaven? No, none at all. So if there isn’t any sickness if heaven, then it absolutely cannot be God’s will for you to be sick on earth.

Jesus came to do the will of the Father, and that was to give you abundant life—a life that brings God Glory!

**4. God’s Report**

**Isaiah 53:1-5**

1 Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? 2 For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him.

3 He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. 4 Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.

5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

Saints, Isaiah begins with the questions,

**“Who has Believed our Report?”**

Saints, when battling sickness, you are faced with two reports. First is the doctor’s report, which says you have a sickness or disease. Secondly, you have the report of the Lord, which says the stripes of Jesus have healed you.

Saints, the two options are clear. But the choice of which to believe is up to you.

**Are you going to believe the symptoms in your body and the report from your doctor?**

OR

**Will you believe the Word of God?**

Even though what you are experiencing may be factual, facts are subject to change. And a report from God is more than factual; it’s truthful. God’s word never changes.

**Isaiah 53:1**

1 Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

Verse 1 continues, “And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?” Or, on whose behalf has God shown His power? The answer is found in the question.

God’s power is revealed to those who believe His report. If you are worried, fearful, or anxious about your health, you haven’t yet fully believed God’s report.

This great report is that Jesus has healed you, but no one can receive your healing except you.

**Isaiah 53:4**

Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.

In this verse,

The Hebrew words for griefs and sorrows are **choliy** and **mak’ob**. The literal translation for these words is **“sickness and pain.”**

**The Hebrew word for borne is nasá. It means “to lift up; to carry.”**

Saints, this means when Jesus was tied to that whipping post, He borne, or carried, our sicknesses and our pains for our reason—so we wouldn’t have to.

Now when you hear the words, “by His stripes we are healed,” imagine Jesus receiving 39 lashes on His back for your healing.

It’s up to you to believe and receive this. It’s already been done. And it was all done for you.

**5. God’s Redemption**

**Galatians 3:11-14**

11 But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for "the just shall live by faith." 12 Yet the law is not of faith, but "the man who does them shall live by them." 13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), 14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Saints, Paul explained to the Galatians that they no longer had to keep the Law to ensure that God’s blessings would rest on them. Instead, they simply had to live by faith to receive these blessings.

Under the old covenant, the only way to receive the blessings of Deuteronomy 28 was by keeping all of God’s commandments. But now since Jesus bore the punishments of our sins on the Cross, you and I became righteous before God through the blood of Jesus.

Because of Jesus we are God’s righteousness. This is what Paul calls the righteousness of faith. In verse 11,

**Galatians 3:11**

“But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for "the just shall live by faith."

Faith in what Jesus did on the Cross allows you to live and not die. Christ redeemed us, or bought us out, from the curse of the Law. He took the curse from us. Sickness, disease, and premature death were never intended for the righteous. The curse of the Law is for those who are not righteous before God.

And it’s okay if you don’t feel righteous, because we should never live by how we feel. You must know that your right standing with God is not based on how good a life you live.

**2 Corinthians 5:21**

“For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

It’s only through faith in Jesus that we become perfect, whole, and blameless in God’s sight. In the book of Romans some Jews tried to obtain righteousness by keeping the Law and not submitting to the righteousness of faith. The Apostle Paul responded by saying,

**Romans 10:3-4**

3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. 4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

**6. God’s Blessing**

**Deuteronomy 28:1-6**

1 "Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth.

2 And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God: 3 Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country. 4 Blessed shall be the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks.

5 Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. 6 Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.

**In Closing:**

Saints, this is the overcoming, victorious life that God desires for all of His children, and these are the blessing He wants us to continually live in. Some people think that God uses sickness to teach them something. But when you read the above verses, you see that there was no mention of sickness or disease in God’s list of blessings.

God desired the Israelites to be in health. He wanted them to be obedient to his commands in order that hey could walk in all His blessings. But He warned them that if they didn’t keep His Law, penalties for disobedience would come upon them.

The consequences for not keeping the Law are listed in Deuteronomy 28:15-68. If an Israelite kept the entire Law, he would be blessed. If not, curses would come upon him. This is what Paul calls in Galatians 3:13, “the curse of the Law.”

**Galatians 3:13**

“Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us…”

Saints, we live under a new and better covenant. And although there is a penalty for sin, God laid that entire penalty on Jesus. We do not get what we deserve. The blood of that Jesus shed on the Cross was the hefty price that was paid for all mankind.

Satan wants you to accept punishment for your sins. He wants you to endure sickness, and he tries to make you believe that you deserve it. He knows that the penalty for sin has already been paid; he just doesn’t want you to truly believe it. But now you know the Truth. Receive what was already obtained for you on the Cross and walk in all the blessings of Deuteronomy 28.

**Declaration of Faith**

Jesus redeemed me from the curse of the Law, and I walk in all of the blessings of God. These blessings include divine health. I refuse to allow sickness to come on me. I overcome all sickness and disease through the blood of Jesus.

**Let's Pray!**

**Benediction**

**"May The LORD bless you and keep you, May The LORD make His face shine upon you, May The LORD be gracious to you, May The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you His (Shalom) peace." '**