

“Your Benefit Privileges”

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1. What did God do to Jesus on the cross and what did Jesus do for us on the cross?

Isaiah 53:4-6 NKJV:

⁴ Surely He has borne our griefs (**haliy**: calamity, anxiety, disease, sickness, strong illness)

And carried our sorrows; (**makobah**: affliction, physical and mental pain)

Yet we esteemed Him stricken, (**naga**: to strike, punished, plagued)

Smitten (**naka**: strike severely, wound) by God, and afflicted (**anah**: to be oppressed; deal harshly with).

⁵ But He was wounded (**halal**: to pierce unto death, defiled, sexual abuse or defilement)

for our transgressions, (**pesa**: sins and rebellion against God)

He was bruised (**daka**: beat to pieces, crushed) for our iniquities; (**aon**: guilt, moral depravity)

The chastisement for our peace was upon Him,

And by His stripes we are healed. (**rapahah**: to cure, physician, make whole, make healthful, restore to normal health, make fertile) (**Matthew 8:16-17**)

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;

We have turned, every one, to his own way;

And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

2. Sickness and disease were the curse for breaking God's law.

Deuteronomy 28:45 NKJV: ⁴⁵ “Moreover all these curses shall come upon you and pursue and overtake you, until you are destroyed, because you did not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which He commanded you.

Deuteronomy 28:59-61 NKJV: ⁵⁹ then the LORD will bring upon you and your descendants extraordinary plagues—great and prolonged plagues—and serious and prolonged sicknesses.

⁶⁰ Moreover He will bring back on you all the diseases of Egypt, of which you were afraid, and they shall cling to you. ⁶¹ Also every sickness and every plague, which is not written in this Book of the Law, will the LORD bring upon you until you are destroyed.

3. But, God and Jesus, the cross!!

Galatians 3:13-14 NKJV... ¹³ Christ has redeemed (to buy out, purchase back, especially of purchasing a slave with a view to his freedom, to recover one from the power of another) 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.

Psalms 103:1-5 NKJV:

Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, *bless* His holy name!

² Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: (CWSB Dictionary: It indicates a justified receipt for something purchased)

³ Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, ⁴ Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, ⁵ Who satisfies your mouth with good *things*, So *that* your youth is renewed like the eagle's. So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Disease and sickness are evil. Disease and sickness originated with the kingdom of darkness. And who is the commander in chief of the kingdom of darkness? The devil.

Jesus said, in **John 10:10**, "the thief (Devil) comes to steal, kill, and destroy, but I've come that you might have life and life more abundantly."

Disease steals health; it steals happiness; it steals money that we need for other things; disease is our enemy; it is a robber. Disease and sickness are never the will of our Heavenly Father. It is the will of vengeance and hate; it is the will of Satan. It is the enemy of God and it is our enemy.

Acts 10:38 (NKJV Strong's): ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

1 John 3:8 NKJV: ⁸ He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

James 1:13 NKJV: ¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, (tested or tried) "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.

James 1:16-17 NKJV: ¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

1 Peter 2:24 NKJV: 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.