

2025-09-23 A Time For Healing Rosh Hashanah Part 1

Torah Reading of

Leviticus 23:24 “Speak to Bnei-Yisrael, saying: In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you are to have a Shabbat rest, a memorial of blowing (shofarot), a holy convocation.

25 You are to do no regular work, and you are to present an offering made by fire to Adonai.”

Biblical meaning of season we're in - 3 moadim - appointed times with a theme
Rosh Hashanah – started yesterday evening at sundown

A day of remembrance with the sounding of the shofar & shouting for joy
Remembering God's awesome creation, His laws, our sin, His promised return
Rosh Hashanah is the start of 10 Yomim Nora'im, 10 days of introspection, soul searching

Leading to t'shuva, turning from sin to God

Yom Kippur – 10 days after Rosh Hashanah, was the day atonement was made for the entire nation

Sukkot - time of rejoicing in the atonement along with the harvest

Last Shabbat Ruach Ha Kodesh led me to speak on Forgiveness for & to others & from God

Believing that God is forgiving enables t'shuvah, repentance

Last night, Erev Rosh Hashanah –shared how to make t'shuvah – turning from sin & to God

Turning from behavior, attitudes, beliefs that are displeasing to God

Turning to greater walking in the Spirit, closer relationship with Lord
Today: why should you want to do t'shuvah? Have sins revealed, repent

Make the effort to change your ways of behaving & thinking

Some think this effort not needed because of

Hebrews 10:10 ... we have been separated for God and made holy, once and for all, through the offering of Yeshua the Messiah's body.

Those who have put their trust in Yeshua's atoning sacrifice

Separated for God, made holy - accomplished once for all time

So, why the need for t'shuvah for those who have put their trust

In Yeshua's atoning sacrifice?

For me & most of you, when we first put our trust in Yeshua's atonement

& made Him Lord it was huge t'shuvah, turning from sin to God

Some believe that's all you need, just trust in what God has done
 & continue to live your life as you were living it
 & whatever you do contrary to God's will or in violation of His laws
 Is "under the blood", forgiven.

No need to strive to live a holy life, you're already been made holy
 But, BH teaches that your first t'shuvah was **not the end, the goal**
 But the **beginning** of a lifelong process of change
 How can we resolve this apparent contradiction?

Misunderstanding difference between forensic & behavioral righteousness
 David Stern makes a clear statement of this in his JNTC - recommend
 "In order for a person to have fellowship with God, he must be righteous;
 because God is righteous, holy, without sin, and cannot tolerate sin in his
 presence. Theology distinguishes two kinds of righteousness: (1) behavioral
 righteousness, actually **doing** what is right, and (2) "forensic righteousness,"
 being regarded as righteous in the senses (a) that God has **cleared him of guilt**
 for past sins, and (b) that God has given him a new human **nature inclined to**
obey God rather than rebel against him as before.

Yeshua the Messiah has made forensic righteousness available to everyone by
 paying on everyone's behalf the penalty for sins which God's justice demands,
 death. Forensic righteousness is appropriated by an individual for himself the
 moment he unreservedly puts his trust in God, which at this point in history
 entails also trusting in Yeshua the Messiah upon learning of him and
 understanding what he has done. The task of becoming behaviorally righteous
 begins with appropriating forensic righteousness by trusting in Yeshua; and it
 occupies the rest of a believer's life, being completed only at his own death,
 when he goes to be with Yeshua."

We understand that we need to continue to strive for **behavioral** righteousness
 Through t'shuvah, gaining power over our iniquity, flesh, carnal nature
 And growing in our ability to discern & resist satan's temptations
 & breaking free from the bondages in which satan has ensnared us
 & learning to be led by Ruach Ha Kodesh

Today's question: what should your motivation be to make effort, t'shuvah?
 Spiritual answer is clear – to be pleasing to the God I love
 Experience His forgiveness, fulfill His purpose making you more like Yeshua
 To be cleansed, sanctified, have victory over sin, bear fruit

But there is another very valid reason for you to want to have a contrite heart
& be willing to do t'shuvah

Many think turning from sin means removing all the fun in your life

That God is a tyrant who wants you to submit to His laws

Rather than doing the fun, rewarding things you want to do

That was my fear when God was drawing me to Himself

Unwilling to give up running my life to follow Him, an independent spirit

But, I've learned getting rid of things in my life that are displeasing to God

Is very much in my own **self interest** & for the benefit of those I love

And, the longer I walk with the Lord the more clearly I can see the things in

My life displeasing to God actually would cause me **destruction, torment**

Conflict, isolation, & eventually death

Simple example is addictions – people get hooked because they like

What a drug or alcohol does for them

Before coming to the Lord, I liked being high on drugs & alcohol

But it's very common knowledge these addictions lead to destruction

Of relationships & eventually health

Alcohol & drugs led me to reckless driving

& only the grace of God protected me from being killed

Led me to broken relationships, financial distress, hypocrisy

Other things displeasing to God beside addictions, also cause destruction

But it's not always easy to see the connection

Good example is bitterness – with which I include unforgiveness

Resentment, anger & hatred

Most people who are bitter don't think their being bitter

Is causing them or anyone else any harm

But, medical science has discovered a significant connection

Between bitterness & cancer

I've also come to see the things displeasing to God in our lives

Cause destruction in other areas of our lives besides health

Destroy emotional health – bitterness also causes depression

Destroy relational health – unforgiveness keeps you from being reconciled

And if you've ever had any interaction with a bitter person

You know bitterness destroys relationships

Destroy financial health - gambling, addictions cause poverty

Destroy career health—pride, self promotion, inferiority, fear of failure

Can cause problems in your work life

Destroy ministry health - all the above can make you unfruitful in serving God

Many are unaware of the destructive power or existence of sin in their life

Because the world has taught that these destructive things

Are not sins, but normal human behavior

Romans 7:7 ... the function of the Torah was that without it, I would not have known what sin is. For example, I would not have become conscious of what greed is if the Torah had not said, "Thou shalt not covet."

Bible says the purpose of God's law, His Word, is to reveal sin in your life

Yet, many are ignorant of what the Bible says is sin

Things we normally think of as sin are the big ones like murder & stealing

But, self – hatred contradicts God's love for you

Unwarranted fear – violates Bible commands to "Fear not"

& includes anxiety, worry, panic, stress, nervousness

Bitterness – Bible commands you to root it out

It includes – unforgiveness, resentment, anger, hatred

Occult involvements, contention, jealousy, selfish ambition, causing factions

Are all listed in Gal. 5 as fruits of the flesh

When you understand how broad God's definition of sin is

You can more easily see its role destroying

Areas of your life and your vulnerability to it

How many need physical healing?

Believe that is why Ruach Ha Kodesh wanted me to speak on this subject

Look today at connection between things displeasing to God in our lives

& physical sickness & disease, because I believe there's strong connection

Ruach Ha Kodesh has shown me there is special power to remove things displeasing to God

During these moadim, Rosh Hashanah, the 10 Days, Yom Kippur thus

Enabling physical, as well as emotional, mental, relational, financial healing

And, that by practicing t'shuvah, having contrite hearts through rest of the year

God will give you the power to be healthy in all these areas

What does Bible say about connection between sin & physical health?

Before the fall, there was no death, so, if there was no death we also understand

There was no disease or sickness prior to the fall

Romans 5:12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—

Death, physical decay of our bodies due to old age

Disease & sickness became part of life on Earth because of sin

Because all of Adam & Eve's offspring have inherited their nature, we also sin

Death, decay, & disease have since been part of life on Earth

Tenakh describes God's plan to deal with this fall of man

He taught us His laws through Moses

& put into place a sacrificial system to deal with disobedience

Innocent animals had to die in place of the repentant guilty person

After bringing Israel out of Egypt God spoke to us through Moses

& connected health with obedience to Him

Exodus 15:26 and said, "If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the LORD who heals you." (Ani Adonai rofe-eh-kha)

He declared His name as Lord Our Healer - meaning Our Healer is His identity

& promised a disease-free society to an obedient people

Ex. of sin connected disease: AIDS connected with sexual immorality

Connection of disease with sin of disobedience connects it with many other sins

Because idolatry, lying, stealing, murder are all sins of disobedience

& so are self hatred, pride, bitterness, lust, greed, unforgiveness

Because God has commanded us not to do those things

This promise of health was made to Israel as a nation

But, it also applied to each individual

It still applies under the BH which is a better covenant

What does this season of t'shuvah have to do with the relationships

Between health & obedience, & between sickness and sin?

Well, if it is true there is a connection between them

You can deal with the root causes of sickness

By discovering those connections and dealing with that sin

Because Days of Awe are God's Appointed Time for this very purpose

You can have faith that process of uncovering and dealing will be fruitful

Some believe there **was** connection but it's no longer valid with coming of Brit Hadashah

I call them the “No Connection” group

Some in this group say such a connection is terribly judgmental

To believe people suffering from sickness or disease

Are suffering because of sin

Means it's their own fault, not only are they suffering sickness

But now they're to blame for their sickness

Besides, many very Godly people have suffered from sickness

Let's look to see if Brit Hadashah

makes a similar connection

James 5:14 Is someone among you ill? He should call for the elders of the congregation. They will pray for him and rub olive oil on him in the name of the Lord.

15 The prayer offered with trust will heal the one who is ill—the Lord will restore his health; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

16 Therefore, openly acknowledge your sins to one another, and pray for each other, so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

Prescription: when you are in need of healing ask the elders to pray for you

Presumably they are righteous people with powerful prayers

We include our Prayer Team in those who pray powerfully

But also **confess your sins** to one another & pray for healing

Showing the connection between sin and sickness

Yeshua also connected physical sickness to sin when in Mark 2

He healed a paralytic, who was brought before him on a stretcher

By forgiving his sins

Clarification on the question - is all sickness due to sin? No

Bible does not teach that all sickness is the result of sin

John 9:1 As Yeshua passed along, he saw a man blind from birth.

2 His talmidim asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned—this man or his parents—to cause him to be born blind?”

Yeshua's disciples **assumed** the connection between sin & this man's blindness

3 Yeshua answered, “His blindness is due neither to his sin nor to that of his parents; it happened so that God's power might be seen at work in him.

But, this man was born blind so that God could be glorified

Through the miraculous healing Yeshua then performed

The blindness he was born with did not bring God glory

But his miraculous healing did

Bible also teaches sickness can be the result of someone else's sin

Example – a child can have AIDs through being born to an infected mother

Who got AIDs because of her promiscuity or perhaps being raped

Example – an abused child who grew up in constant fear

Can be constantly anxious leading to emotional & heart problems

Example – a traumatic experience, like a car crash

Can make an opening for phobias, emotional & mental health problems

So dealing with sin as a root cause can mean

Dealing with the effect of someone else's sin upon you

Yeshua also showed us that sickness can be the result of Satanic powers

Luke 13:10 Yeshua was teaching in one of the synagogues on Shabbat.

11 A woman came up who had a spirit which had crippled her for eighteen years; she was bent double and unable to stand erect at all.

12 On seeing her, Yeshua called her and said to her, "Lady, you have been set free from your weakness!"

13 He put his hands on her, and at once she stood upright and began to glorify God.

16 This woman is a daughter of Avraham, and the Adversary kept her tied up for eighteen years! Shouldn't she be freed from this bondage on Shabbat?"

Yeshua did not deal with this woman's sin at all

He specifically blamed her paralysis on satan

But, why did satan have the power to bind this woman? We don't know

Perhaps the sin of her parents or others in her life

Perhaps nothing to do with sin, just the enemy's way of preventing her

From fulfilling God's plan for her life

Or perhaps through her being deceived by the lies of the enemy

The point is satan can afflict people with sickness & disease

So prayer against him is needed for healing

Rabbi Sha'ul speaks of how satan does this through deception

In his advice to Timothy on how a pastor/rabbi should help people

2 Timothy 2:25 Also he should be gentle as he corrects his opponents. For God may perhaps grant them the opportunity to turn from their sins, acquire full knowledge of the truth,

26 come to their senses and escape the trap of the Adversary, after having been captured alive by him to do his will.

When satan deceives you through temptation to walk in disobedience to Lord

It gives him power to “capture you alive”, put you in bondage

Group #2 “No problem group” – you don’t believe **you** have a problem with sin

Others certainly do, but not you

Your reaction – this doesn’t apply to me

Because when I came to the Lord I repented of sin

So, it’s not a problem any more

I may be suffering from some illness, dysfunctions now

But that’s just an attack of the enemy

Remember, your character is being conformed to the image of Yeshua

A lifelong work of Ruach Ha Kodesh

Attitudes & behaviors that have not yet been conformed

May be causing you to reap what you sow

Clarification for the “No Problem Group”

Satan can attack you with sickness, when following God with all your heart

Not the result of sin but the result of your moving ahead

To advance the Kingdom

Yet, the chink in your armor that Satan penetrates with sickness

Is usually a place of your own disobedience you have not dealt with

If you’re part of the “No Problem Group” because you are

Not personally struggling with some sickness or other dysfunction

You certainly have loved ones who have an illness

You may need this understanding to help a loved one who is suffering

Clarification for the “No Connection Group” and the “No Problem Group”

If your understanding is that sin is things we normally think of as sin

Big ones like murder & stealing

There is also secret sin which other people can’t see

Sometime you can’t see them in yourself

Examples: self-hatred – connected with diseases of the immune system

Unwarranted Fear – Bible says “Fear not” yet many live with fear or anxiety

Medical science connects it with heart disease

Envy – Bible says it is rottenness to the bones, arthritis

Bitterness – Bible says it is a root that defiles us

Medical science connects it with cancer
 When you understand how broad the definition of sin is
 You can more easily see its possible connection with disease, dysfunction
 And your vulnerability to them
 So, with those clarifications I hope we can all agree
 There is a connection between sin and sickness
 Another clarification – sin effects more than physical health
 Certainly emotional health – bitterness connected with depression
 But also relational health
 Unforgiveness keeps relationships from being reconciled
 & financial health
 Gambling, addictions, greed, selfishness can cause poverty
 & career health
 Pride, self-promotion, control, fear of failure can cause job problems
 Through His prophet Isaiah, almost 600 years before Yeshua
 God began to reveal that He had a plan
 A way to deal with the mess the world had become
 Someone would come who would change everything
*Isaiah 53:4 Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we
 esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.*
 The person described in this and other prophecies
 Became known as the Mashiakh – the anointed one
 He would carry away our grief and sorrow
 Yet, it would seem like God was afflicting Him
*5 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.*
 He would suffer for our transgressions and iniquities
 He would be chastised, verbally attacked, to bring us shalom
 & notice He would be striped to bring us healing
 What does being striped mean? Whipped
 So, in the prophecies of the Mashiakh there were predictions
 Of God dealing with sickness and disease through the Mashiakh
 600 years after that prediction God came in the form of a man
 The Son of God, Yeshua the Mashiakh

How did people know He was the Mashiakh?

Remember Mashiakh means “anointed one”

Yeshua began to teach people about God and His ways

He was a powerful teacher, using parables, teaching from the Tenakh

But, His anointing became evident when He moved in the **power** of God

That flowed from Him to **heal** the sick

Matthew 8:16 When evening came, many people held in the power of demons were brought to him. He expelled the spirits with a word and healed all who were ill.

All as in every one

17 This was done to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet Yeshayahu, “He himself took our weaknesses and bore our diseases”

Matthew connects Yeshua’s healing power back to Isaiah’s prophecy

His ultimate purpose was to be the final sacrifice to atone for sin

Pour out His blood and give His body

To make atonement for transgressions and iniquity

But He spent most of His time here dealing with sickness

Where are we going? Today is the first of the 10 Days of Awe

Days for introspection, asking the Ruach Ha Kodesh to reveal sin in our lives

I’ll continue this teaching on Saturday by dealing with the questions

Does God want to heal us?

Is there a block to healing prayers being answered?

How can I learn what the block is?

Once the block has been discovered how can it be removed?

Beyond healing, how can I walk in health?

I hope today has been an encouragement for all of us

To seriously seek the Lord during the 10 Yomim Nora’im

To be asking Him to show you

The changes He wants to make in your life

Show you the connections to sickness, or other dysfunction

Through the 6 teachings I believe the process will lead to: Revelation,

Repentance, Faith, Healing, Joy and ongoing protection and health

Let’s take from this teaching a great hope for victory

Through God’s favor on this process

Prayer:

Lord, please confirm the connection between sin & sickness

Especially to the “no connection group”

Give each person who is struggling with a physical, emotional, relational,
Financial or career problem a revelation

Of the meaning of the connection to them

Confirm the connection to the “no problem group”

Prepare our hearts to seek your face during these coming 10 days

Give us contrite spirits so we can see the dysfunctions in our live
& not accept that they have to be there

Give us revelation on the causes of our dysfunction

Increase our faith in Your desire to see us overcome these problems

Give us hope for healings for ourselves and our loved ones

Thank you that You know what is best for us & have told us in Your Word

That you don't forbid things just because You're a tyrant, but for our good

Help us to understand how the things you forbid cause harm to us

Help us have contrite hearts & want to have revealed what's displeasing to You

Help us to make true t'shuvah, turning away from those things & to You

Strengthen us to turn from sin, acquire the full knowledge of the truth, come to
our senses & escape any traps the Adversary has ensnared us in

We appropriate Your power to break the chains of those traps

We take responsibility for anything you have revealed to us

That is displeasing to You

We repent of those things & of being in agreement

With their ungodly ways of thinking & acting

We ask that You forgive us & count Yeshua's sacrifice to pay price for our sin

We receive Your promised forgiveness

We renounce all You have revealed as displeasing to You

We command every spirit satan has sent

To keep us trapped in his snares to leave us

We ask gift of discerning of spirits to be able to recognize & resist their return

We ask You to renew our minds to remove any ungodly habits of thought

We set our hearts to grow our relationship with You

We pray for healing of physical sicknesses, disease

Tumors, fibroids, injuries & any other physical problems

For healing of relationships, reconciliations

For healing of emotions, finances, career problems, ministry problems

We rejoice in what You are doing

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This woman was a paralytic

12 On seeing her, Yeshua called her and said to her, “Lady, you have been set free from your weakness!”

13 He put his hands on her, and at once she stood upright and began to glorify God.

No dealing with the woman’s sin at all

14 But the president of the synagogue, indignant that Yeshua had healed on Shabbat, spoke up and said to the congregation, “There are six days in the week for working; so come during those days to be healed, not on Shabbat!”

15 However, the Lord answered him, “You hypocrites! Each one of you on Shabbat—don’t you unloose your ox or your donkey from the stall and lead him off to drink?”

16 This woman is a daughter of Avraham, and the Adversary kept her tied up for eighteen years! Shouldn’t she be freed from this bondage on Shabbat?”

17 By these words, Yeshua put to shame the people who opposed him; but the rest of the crowd were happy about all the wonderful things that were taking place through him.

Why was she bound?

Perhaps the sin of her parents or others in her life

Perhaps nothing to do with sin, just the enemy’s way of preventing her from fulfilling God’s plan for her life

Summarize – Bible teaches there is a connection between sin and sickness

Sickness entered our world through sin

It is often spread by sin

It could be due to the sick persons secret sin

It could be due to someone else in their life’s sin

It could be due to an opening in their armor Satan has penetrated

It could be due to a traumatic experience that is caused by sin

Next question: does God want people to be healed?

Psalm 103:2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:

3 Who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases,

Note the connection in the verse

John 10:10 The thief comes only in order to steal, kill and destroy; I have come so that they may have life, life in its fullest measure.

3 John 1:2 Dear friend, I am praying that everything prosper with you and that you be in good health, as I know you are prospering spiritually.

Health was on the heart of the disciples of Yeshua

God put healing into the atonement

Yeshua was God come as a man so it was God Himself who suffered for our atonement

But, notice that it wasn't His death that brought healing but His stripes

According to the Mosaic Law all the sacrifices except the scapegoat were humane

So, Yeshua had to endure the stripes for our healing

If He had not come to deal with our healing He could have been spared that suffering

Is there a block?

We think that because we've repented received the Lord

The effect of sin in our life is gone

BH teaches we are being conformed to His image

A lifelong process

Work out your salvation

Strive to the higher calling

Sanctification

BH show this need in it very structure

Gospels and Acts – describe all the healing miracles

Sha'ul's letters, James, Peter, John writings don't mention them much

Except where Paul says that He ministered in power

John says he prays for us to be in health

James gives instructions for healing prayer

But these letters deal very strongly with our sanctification

Our growth toward overcoming sin

People are seeking an encounter with the living God
 How I began to pursue God
 Yoga taught me I had to practice strict disciplines
 Use the correct technique
 Great difficulty, hard work
 Need to read the Word
 Need to sing
 Need to pray
 Need to be in fellowship, accountability
 But to get His Ruach Ha Kodesh really flowing into me
 Being quiet
 Not interceding, confessing, declaring
 Seeking His face and not His hand
 When I come to Him for a word
 That's seeking His hand
 Always have to lay that aside
 And just seek His face
 Focusing on Him
 Listening for His voice in me
 Hearing His voice
 Always different from my own thoughts

Even when we're not hearing His voice something is happening
 His Ruach Ha Kodesh is infusing us with His shalom, power
 Bible teaches when we truly want to hear from Him He will come to us
*Proverbs 8: 17 I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently
 will find me.*

*Jeremiah 29: 11For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the
 LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.
12Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to*

you. 13And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

When do I really want to find Him?

When I take the time to be alone with Him

Quiet my thoughts

Can spend lots of time

Meditating on my plans, ideas, scenarios that could result

Have to stop

Listen for His voice

Meditating on the Word

Joshua

Think about it

Imagine it

Talk about it to others

John 5:1 After this, there was a Judean festival; and Yeshua went up to Yerushalayim.

2 In Yerushalayim, by the Sheep Gate, is a pool called in Aramaic, Beit-Zata, 3 in which lay a crowd of invalids—blind, lame, crippled waiting for the water to move;

4 for at certain times an angel of Adonai went down into the pool and disturbed the water, and whoever stepped into the water first after it was disturbed was healed of whatever disease he had.

5 One man was there who had been ill for 38 years.

6 Yeshua, seeing this man and knowing that he had been there a long time, said to him, “Do you want to be healed?”

7 The sick man answered, “I have no one to put me in the pool when the water is disturbed; and while I’m trying to get there, someone goes in ahead of me.”

8 Yeshua said to him, “Get up, pick up your mat and walk!”

Didn’t say anything about sin

9 Immediately the man was healed, and he picked up his mat and walked. Now that day was Shabbat,

10 so the Judeans said to the man who had been healed, “It’s Shabbat! It’s against Torah for you to carry your mat!”

11 But he answered them, “The man who healed me—he’s the one who told me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’ ”

12 They asked him, “Who is the man who told you to pick it up and walk?”

13 But the man who had been healed didn’t know who it was, because Yeshua had slipped away into the crowd.

14 Afterwards Yeshua found him in the Temple court and said to him, “See, you are well! Now stop sinning, or something worse may happen to you!”

Again Yeshua makes the connection between sin and paralysis

15 The man went off and told the Judeans it was Yeshua who had healed him;

16 and on account of this, the Judeans began harassing Yeshua because he did these things on Shabbat.

Yeshua did not however teach that all sickness, disease and infirmity were the result of that person’s sin

Let’s look at how when He healed people

Stop here

Led to address several questions

What is our healing prayer batting average?

What does the Bible say about the source of sickness and disease?

Does God want to heal us?

Why is our healing prayer batting average what it is?

Is there a block to healing prayers being answered?

How can I learn what the block is?

Beyond healing, how can I walk in health?

Will lead to a process of: Humbling, Contrition, Revelation, Repentance, Faith, Spiritual Warfare, Victory, Healing, Joy and ongoing protection

What is our healing prayer batting average?

A few years ago 11 Rabbis and wives praying together in NJ

Hundreds of years in ministry, believers in great commission

Mark 16:18 ...heal the sick by laying hands on them.

All agreed our batting average in healing prayer is very low

Why so low? Will answer later

God created humans, put them in Gan Eden, a wonderful place
gave them all they needed, set one condition before them

Genesis 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;

17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Penalty for disobeying God was death

Adam and Eve were tempted by HaSatan

Genesis 3:6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

Gave in & disobeyed God, suffered consequences of that rebellion

Lost their innocence and immortality

10 But look! I will prove to you that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." He then said to the paralytic,

11 "I say to you: get up, pick up your stretcher and go home!"

12 In front of everyone the man got up, picked up his stretcher at once and left. They were all utterly amazed and praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

Let's look at the connection Yeshua made between sickness & sin

Mark 2:3 four men came to him carrying a paralyzed man.

4 They could not get near Yeshua because of the crowd, so they stripped the roof over the place where he was, made an opening, and lowered the stretcher with the paralytic lying on it.

Can you imagine this scene? They had straw roofs so they didn't

Cause much damage by doing this

5 Seeing their trust, Yeshua said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

That's not what the paralytic or his friends had been expecting

But, Yeshua could see that this man's sin was cause of his paralysis

We don't know what his sin was but Yeshua did

Paralytic hadn't even asked to be forgiven

I'm sure he asked his friends to bring him into Yeshua's presence

To heal him of his paralysis
 Once there Yeshua could see, not only see his sin
 But could also see that he was contrite, humble
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Group 2 “No problem group” - don’t believe you have a problem with sin
 Your reaction – this doesn’t apply to me
 Because since I came to the Lord I repented of sin
 So, it’s not a problem any more
 I may be suffering from some illness now
 But that’s just an attack of the enemy

Clarification for the “No Problem Group”
 Satan can attack us with sickness, when following God with all our heart
 Not the result of sin but the result of our moving ahead
 To advance the Kingdom

Yet, the chink in our armor that Satan penetrates with sickness
 Is usually a place of our own disobedience we have not dealt with
 If you’re part of the “No Problem Group” because you are
 Not personally struggling with some sickness or emotional problem
 You certainly have loved ones who have an illness
 May need this understanding to help a loved one who is suffering

Clarification the “No Connection Group” and the “No Problem Group”
 Another clarification for both groups - understanding what sin is
 Things we normally think of as sin, big ones like murder & stealing
 There is also secret sin – other people can’t see them
 Sometime we can’t see them in ourselves

Examples we’ll go into details on later:
 Self – hatred – connected with diseases of the immune system
 Fear – Bible says “Fear not” yet many live with fear or anxiety
 Medical science connects it with heart disease
 Envy – Bible says it is rottenness to the bones, arthritis
 Bitterness – Bible says it is a root that defiles us
 medical science connects it with cancer

When we understand how broad the definition of sin is
 We can more easily see its possible connection with disease
 And our vulnerability to it

So, with those clarifications I hope we can all agree
 There is a connection between sin and sickness

Another clarification – sin effects more than physical health
 Certainly emotional health – bitterness connected with depression

But also relational health

Unforgiveness keeps relationships from being reconciled
& financial health

Gambling, addictions, greed, selfishness can cause poverty
& career health

Pride, self promotion, control, fear of failure can cause job problems
Through His prophets God began to reveal that He had a plan

A way to deal with the mess the world had become
Someone would come who would change everything
Isaiah 53:4 Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

The person described in this and other prophecies
became known as the Mashiakh – the anointed one

He would carry away our grief and sorrow

Yet, it would seem like God was afflicting Him
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.

He would suffer for our transgressions and iniquities

He would be chastised to bring us shalom

But notice He would be striped to bring us healing

What does being striped mean? Whipped, beaten

So, in the prophecies of the Mashiakh there were predictions

Of God dealing with sickness and disease through the Mashiakh
600 years after that prediction God came in the form of a man

The Son of God, Yeshua the Mashiakh

How did people know He was the Mashiakh?

Remember Mashiakh means “anointed one”
Yeshua began to teach people about God and His ways

A powerful teacher, using parables, teaching from the Tenakh

But, His anointing became evident in the power of God

That flowed from Him to heal the sick

Matthew 8:16 When evening came, many people held in the power of demons were brought to him. He expelled the spirits with a word and healed all who were ill.

All as in every one

17 This was done to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet Yeshayahu, "He himself took our weaknesses and bore our diseases"

Matthew connects Yeshua's healing power back to Isaiah's prophecy
His ultimate purpose was to be the final sacrifice for sin

Pour out His blood and give His body

To make atonement for transgressions and iniquity

But He spent most of His time here dealing with sickness

Where are we going? There are 7 more Days of Awe

Days for introspection, asking the Ruach Ha Kodesh to reveal sin in our lives

I'll continue this teaching on Yom Kippur by dealing with the questions

Does God want to heal us?

Is there a block to healing prayers being answered?

How can I learn what the block is?

Once the block has been discovered how can it be removed?

Beyond healing, how can I walk in health?

I hope today has been an encouragement for all of us

To seriously seek the Lord during the remaining 7 Yomim Nora'im

To be asking Him to show us the sin in our lives

Show us the connections to sickness, or other problems

Through the 4 teachings I believe the process will lead to: Revelation,

Repentance, Faith, Healing, Joy and ongoing protection and health

Let's take from this teaching a great hope for victory through God's favor on this process

Prayer:

Confirm the connection, especially to the "no connection group"

Give each person who is struggling with a physical, emotional, relational, financial or career problem a revelation of the meaning of the connection to them

Especially to the "no problem group"

Prepare our hearts to seek your face during these coming 7 days

Speak to us, give us revelation on the causes of our problems

Increase our faith in Your desire to see us overcome these problems

Give us hope for healings for ourselves and our loved ones

Yeshua also taught that sickness can be the result of Satanic powers

Luke 13:10 Yeshua was teaching in one of the synagogues on Shabbat.

11 A woman came up who had a spirit which had crippled her for eighteen years; she was bent double and unable to stand erect at all.

This woman was a paralytic

12 On seeing her, Yeshua called her and said to her, “Lady, you have been set free from your weakness!”

13 He put his hands on her, and at once she stood upright and began to glorify God.

No dealing with the woman’s sin at all

14 But the president of the synagogue, indignant that Yeshua had healed on Shabbat, spoke up and said to the congregation, “There are six days in the week for working; so come during those days to be healed, not on Shabbat!”

15 However, the Lord answered him, “You hypocrites! Each one of you on Shabbat—don’t you unloose your ox or your donkey from the stall and lead him off to drink?

16 This woman is a daughter of Avraham, and the Adversary kept her tied up for eighteen years! Shouldn’t she be freed from this bondage on Shabbat?”

17 By these words, Yeshua put to shame the people who opposed him; but the rest of the crowd were happy about all the wonderful things that were taking place through him.

Why was she bound?

Perhaps the sin of her parents or others in her life

Perhaps nothing to do with sin, just the enemy’s way of preventing her from fulfilling God’s plan for her life

Summarize – Bible teaches there is a connection between sin and sickness

Sickness entered our world through sin

It is often spread by sin

It could be due to the sick persons secret sin

It could be due to someone else in their life’s sin

It could be due to an opening in their armor Satan has penetrated

It could be due to a traumatic experience that is caused by sin

Next question: does God want people to be healed?

Psalm 103:2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:

3 Who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases,

Note the connection in the verse

John 10:10 The thief comes only in order to steal, kill and destroy; I have come so that they may have life, life in its fullest measure.

3 John 1:2 Dear friend, I am praying that everything prosper with you and that you be in good health, as I know you are prospering spiritually.

Health was on the heart of the disciples of Yeshua

God put healing into the atonement

Yeshua was God come as a man so it was God Himself who suffered for our atonement

But, notice that it wasn't His death that brought healing but His stripes

According to the Mosaic Law all the sacrifices except the scapegoat were humane

So, Yeshua had to endure the stripes for our healing

If He had not come to deal with our healing He could have been spared that suffering

Is there a block?

We think that because we've repented received the Lord

The effect of sin in our life is gone

BH teaches we are being conformed to His image

A lifelong process

Work out your salvation

Strive to the higher calling

Sanctification

BH show this need in it very structure

Gospels and Acts – describe all the healing miracles

Sha'ul's letters, James, Peter, John writings don't mention them much

Except where Paul says that He ministered in power

John says he prays for us to be in health

James gives instructions for healing prayer

But these letters deal very strongly with our sanctification

Our growth toward overcoming sin

People are seeking an encounter with the living God
 How I began to pursue God
 Yoga taught me I had to practice strict disciplines
 Use the correct technique
 Great difficulty, hard work
 Need to read the Word
 Need to sing
 Need to pray
 Need to be in fellowship, accountability
 But to get His Ruach Ha Kodesh really flowing into me
 Being quiet
 Not interceding, confessing, declaring
 Seeking His face and not His hand
 When I come to Him for a word
 That's seeking His hand
 Always have to lay that aside
 And just seek His face
 Focusing on Him
 Listening for His voice in me
 Hearing His voice
 Always different from my own thoughts

Even when we're not hearing His voice something is happening
 His Ruach Ha Kodesh is infusing us with His shalom, power
 Bible teaches when we truly want to hear from Him He will come to us
*Proverbs 8: 17 I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently
 will find me.*

*Jeremiah 29: 11For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the
 LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.
12Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to*

you. 13And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

When do I really want to find Him?

When I take the time to be alone with Him

Quiet my thoughts

Can spend lots of time

Meditating on my plans, ideas, scenarios that could result

Have to stop

Listen for His voice

Meditating on the Word

Joshua

Think about it

Imagine it

Talk about it to others

John 5:1 After this, there was a Judean festival; and Yeshua went up to Yerushalayim.

2 In Yerushalayim, by the Sheep Gate, is a pool called in Aramaic, Beit-Zata, 3 in which lay a crowd of invalids—blind, lame, crippled waiting for the water to move;

4 for at certain times an angel of Adonai went down into the pool and disturbed the water, and whoever stepped into the water first after it was disturbed was healed of whatever disease he had.

5 One man was there who had been ill for 38 years.

6 Yeshua, seeing this man and knowing that he had been there a long time, said to him, “Do you want to be healed?”

7 The sick man answered, “I have no one to put me in the pool when the water is disturbed; and while I’m trying to get there, someone goes in ahead of me.”

8 Yeshua said to him, “Get up, pick up your mat and walk!”

Didn’t say anything about sin

9 Immediately the man was healed, and he picked up his mat and walked. Now that day was Shabbat,

10 so the Judeans said to the man who had been healed, “It’s Shabbat! It’s against Torah for you to carry your mat!”

11 But he answered them, “The man who healed me—he’s the one who told me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’ ”

12 They asked him, “Who is the man who told you to pick it up and walk?”

13 But the man who had been healed didn’t know who it was, because Yeshua had slipped away into the crowd.

14 Afterwards Yeshua found him in the Temple court and said to him, “See, you are well! Now stop sinning, or something worse may happen to you!”

Again Yeshua makes the connection between sin and paralysis

15 The man went off and told the Judeans it was Yeshua who had healed him;

16 and on account of this, the Judeans began harassing Yeshua because he did these things on Shabbat.

Yeshua did not however teach that all sickness, disease and infirmity were the result of that person’s sin

Let’s look at how when He healed people

Stop here

Led to address several questions

What is our healing prayer batting average?

What does the Bible say about the source of sickness and disease?

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Why is our healing prayer batting average what it is?

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Will lead to a process of: Humbling, Contrition, Revelation, Repentance, Faith, Spiritual Warfare, Victory, Healing, Joy and ongoing protection

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A few years ago 11 Rabbis and wives praying together in NJ

Hundreds of years in ministry, believers in great commission

Mark 16:18 ...heal the sick by laying hands on them.

All agreed our batting average in healing prayer is very low

Why so low? Will answer later

God created humans, put them in Gan Eden, a wonderful place
gave them all they needed, set one condition before them

Genesis 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;

17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Penalty for disobeying God was death

Adam and Eve were tempted by HaSatan

Genesis 3:6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

Gave in & disobeyed God, suffered consequences of that rebellion

Lost their innocence and immortality

10 But look! I will prove to you that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." He then said to the paralytic,

11 "I say to you: get up, pick up your stretcher and go home!"

12 In front of everyone the man got up, picked up his stretcher at once and left. They were all utterly amazed and praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

Let's look at the connection Yeshua made between sickness & sin

Mark 2:3 four men came to him carrying a paralyzed man.

4 They could not get near Yeshua because of the crowd, so they stripped the roof over the place where he was, made an opening, and lowered the stretcher with the paralytic lying on it.

Can you imagine this scene? They had straw roofs so they didn't

Cause much damage by doing this

5 Seeing their trust, Yeshua said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

That's not what the paralytic or his friends had been expecting

But, Yeshua could see that this man's sin was cause of his paralysis

We don't know what his sin was but Yeshua did

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