

The School of Healing

Lesson 5

God's Will to Heal the Sick is Revealed through His Name

I. Intro: In order to receive healing by the power of God, we must first be convinced that it is God's will for us to be healed.

A. As long as doubt exists concerning the will of God to heal you, your faith will not operate to receive healing from God.

B. Faith is the God given ability to act on the revealed will of God.

C. Consequently, faith will only operate where the will of God is known.

D. If we want to receive something from God, we must first be assured that what we are praying for is in line with the will of God. (1 John 5:14, 15 NKJV) describes the confidence we can have in prayer when we are assured of God's will concerning the thing we are praying for. *¹⁴Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.*

II. One way to know and be assured of God's will is to look at His Name.

A. In the Old Testament, God revealed to Moses His memorial Name.

B. (Exo. 3:13-15 NKJV) *¹³Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?"¹⁴And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.' "¹⁵Moreover God said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all.*

C. In our English Bibles, I AM is rendered "Jehovah", or "Yahweh", or most commonly "LORD".

III. In building upon the revelation of His memorial Name, God gave the children of Israel eight compound expressions of that Name. These expressions are sometimes referred to as the Jehovah Titles.

A. The LORD Our Righteousness (Jer. 23:6)

B. The LORD Who Sanctifies You (Lev. 22:9)

C. The LORD Is Peace (Judg. 6:24)

D. The LORD Is There (Ezek. 48:35)

E. The LORD Will Provide (Gen. 22:14)

F. The LORD Who Heals You (Exo. 15:26)

G. The LORD My Banner (Exo. 17:15)

H. The LORD My Shepherd (Psalm 23:1)

IV. These Jehovah Titles are significant for two reasons.

- A. First, they reveal God's eternal nature.
- B. Second, they reveal God's redemptive relationship to His people.

V. Now let's consider how this applies to the Jehovah Title "I Am the LORD Who Heals You."

A. In (Exo. 15:26 NKJV) God made a healing covenant with the children of Israel. *²⁶and 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."*

B. In revealing Himself as I Am the LORD Who Heals You, God was showing us something about His eternal nature as well as His redemptive relationship with His people.

VI. God is by His very nature the Healer.

A. It is very significant that He revealed Himself as the LORD Who Heals, not as The LORD Who Makes Sick.

B. Now in Exo. 15:26 it says, *I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians.*

C. Some people use this phrase to teach that God puts diseases on people.

D. But Hebrew scholars tell us that this passage is to be understood in the permissive sense.

E. In the Hebrew, God is said to do what He allows, but the sense of the passage is that God allowed diseases upon the Egyptians, though He Himself was not the author of the disease.

F. In the New Testament, the curtain is drawn back and the real author of sickness and disease is revealed. (Acts 10:38 NKJV) *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. Clearly, the devil is the one who oppresses with sickness.

2. But God is the healer of all who are oppressed by the devil.

G. The devil is the author of sickness and disease, but God is the author of healing and health.

H. If people choose to live outside of God's redemptive covenant, then they will be subject to the attacks of the devil.

I. But that does not mean that it is God's will for them to be sick, rather it means that people have a choice.

J. Here is one other important fact about God's nature.

1. (Mal. 3:6a NKJV) says, *⁶"For I am the LORD, I do not change.*

2. God's nature is unchanging.

3. If He was The LORD Who Heals in Exo. 15:26, then He is still The LORD Who Heals today.

4. *Our God is not a "has been."*

5. *He is not "The Great I Was".*

6. *He has lost none of His attributes.*

7. *He is as much The LORD Who Heals today as He is the LORD My Shepherd today.*

VII. The Jehovah Title "I Am the LORD Who Heals You" is not only a revelation of God's eternal nature, but it is a revelation of the redemptive relationship He has with His people.

A. He is not only The LORD Who Heals, but He is The LORD Who Heals You.

B. Now it becomes personal.

C. He is your Healer.

D. If you belong to the Lord Jesus Christ, then you are a part of God's people.

E. And He has revealed Himself as the healer of His people.

F. But someone might say, yes but that was under the Old Covenant.

G. Let me show you something about the New Covenant.

1. *(Heb. 8:6 NKJV) ⁶But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.*

2. The New Covenant is a better covenant than the Old Covenant, and it is established upon better promises.

3. The New Covenant is superior in all respects to the Old Covenant.

4. If God was the Healer of his people under the Old Covenant, how much more is He the Healer of his people under the New Covenant because it cannot be that the New Covenant is inferior to the Old Covenant in any respect.

5. As a matter of fact, James 5:14, 15 is to the New Covenant what Exo. 15:26 is to the Old Covenant. **(James 5:14, 15 NKJV)** *¹⁴Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.*

6. Plus there is a caveat in the New Covenant that is really sweet. **(2 Cor. 1:19, 20 NKJV)** *¹⁹For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me, Silvanus, and Timothy—was not Yes and No, but in Him was Yes. ²⁰For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.*

7. In other words, if you are in Christ then all the promises of God, including Exo. 15:26, are yes to you.

VIII. Concluding remarks

A. There are some who have been taught that Exo. 15:26 was made during the day of miracles, and that the day of miracles has past. They have been taught that the day of miracles ceased when the last apostle died.

B. But my friends, there never was a day of miracles. There is a God of miracles and He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

C. And one of His titles is "I Am The LORD Who Heals You".