

Jehovah Rapha: The Lord Your Healer **Exodus 15:22-27**

Names of God Series: We've been in a series this Spring and Summer on the Names of God (Adonai, Elohim, El Shaddai, El Elyon, Jehovah Jireh) Today, we will look at the name of the Lord as **Jehovah Rapha** (Rophe). Jehovah Rapha is mentioned over 60 times in the bible, but first in **Exodus 15. Jehovah** (Latin – Yahweh (I Am), Almighty or the One and Only God), **Rapha** (to heal or cure, to restore, to rebuild or repair).

There is SO much to this name, but I want us to focus on the 3 meanings of Jehovah Rapha:

1. **Jehovah Rapha is the Lord Who Heals Us** (could also mean Cures)

A. He heals us physically - Psalm 103:3 “Bless the Lord...who heals all our diseases.” (All healing before death is temporary; God's ultimate healing is eternal)! This means more than physical: Emotional, Relational and Spiritual.

B. He heals us holistically – Is. 1:5-6 “Why will you still be struck down? Why will you continue to rebel? The whole head is sick, and whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even to the head, there is no soundness in it, but bruises and sores and raw wounds; they are not pressed out or bound up or softened with oil.” ----- The Context was Israel's continued rebellion (They needed healing all over; they were sick all over...They were living outside of God's design, plan and commandments) -----

- **Not all sickness is linked to sin: (1) Nature (Older)** (the way of life...Unless an accident or killed); **(2) God's glory (John 9** “Jesus, this man who is blind. Was that his sin or his parents' sin?” And Jesus said, “You're mistaken. It's neither. But it's for the glory of God (to make Him known to the world).”;
- **BUT, (3) Discipline (1 Cor. 11:30** “Because of how you are treating one another and dishonoring Me around the Lord's Supper, some of you are sick and some are asleep prematurely.”); **(4) Enemy (Luke 13** the story of the woman bound “Look, each of you would release your oxen during the day on the Sabbath. Why do you accuse Me for releasing this woman from this sickness that has bound her because of this evil spirit for the last eighteen years?”)

2. **Jehovah Rapha is the Lord Who Restores Us** – (People Complained/Trapped by Faulty Thinking; The people of Israel had experienced a massive spiritual victory that led them to a strategic spiritual attack by the enemy! It impacted their mindset. It's easy to trust God in the good times, but what happens when times get tough, when the blood work comes back with cancer, when jobs are lost, marital issues grow worse or your spiritual dryness seems indefinite?)

- Today, you may have some faulty thinking that's negatively impacting your personal joy and emotional health! (You NEED Jehovah Rapha)
- You may have faulty thinking that's negatively impacting your relationships! (You NEED Jehovah Rapha)
- You may have faulty thinking that negatively impacting your spiritual life! (You NEED Jehovah Rapha)

Ken Hemphill writes, “Satan often intensifies his spiritual attack immediately after we experience spiritual victory. He always tries to snatch away our victory and attempts to dull our joy!”

A. We see this in the life of King David - **Psalm 32:1-5; Ps. 51:1-12**; Jesus shows us this in **Mark 2** – Jesus heals the paralytic

B. This is why Paul compels the church in Rome to “not be conformed to this world, but be...”- **Romans 12:1-2**

3. **Jehovah Rapha is the Lord Who Rebuilds Us** - **1 Kings 18** with Elijah rebuilding/repairing the altar – Israel's hearts had been turned to idolatry. Their lives had no power, no witness, no intimacy with the Lord – the drought in the land mirrored the drought in their hearts! Only when Elijah repaired and rebuilt the altar would the fire fall. The altar is a picture of our hearts. When they are broken down by idolatry in our lives, we cannot worship or know the power of God.

God led His people to Marah to teach them one major lesson, their lives would be bitter and powerless unless they **LISTENED to His voice, LIVED righteously and OBEYED His commandments**. In other words, when we do life God's way, we get God's power, God's peace and God's provisions! Where did God lead them after Marah? To Elim! At Elim, there were 12

Springs of water and 70 date palms!! One writer said, “God didn’t let the people of Israel get to Elim by skipping Marah. They would have never arrived in Elim if they hadn’t learned the lesson of Marah. People want to get to Elim without going through Marah.” Listen, you will never enjoy the riches of Elim until you learn to trust God in Marah. Bitter waters turned sweet by Christ produces in you “a spring of water welling up to eternal life” (John 4:14) and John 7:37-39 says, “and if anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink”...because those who have My Spirit, “Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water!”

Some of you today are stuck at Marah! Life seems bitter. Powerless to resist the idols confusing your mind! You’ve blocked the access to the Holy Spirit for cleansing to heal, restore and rebuild your heart and mind! You are not being strengthened by the JOY of the Lord...TODAY, you can experience healing from Jehovah Rapha in your personal life; your marriage; with your children...you might be stuck in the bitterness of unforgiveness or addiction. Today, you know that Jehovah Rapha has turned the bitter waters of your life into sweet because Jesus carried a tree and threw it into the waters of our sinful situation. “He who knew no sin became sin so we might become the righteousness of God in Christ” (**2 Cor. 5:21**). Jesus Himself was “pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace; and with HIS wounds we are healed” (**Is. 53:5**). **Today, it ALL changes!!**