

# Divine Healing for Today

## The Old Testament Healing Covenant

There are many O.T. Names for the attributes of God and His active involvement with His people. Here are the well known:

- **Yahweh-Tsidkenu:** The LORD Our Righteousness (Jer. 23:6). He imparts His righteousness to us through Christ Jesus.
- **Yahweh-Raah/Rohi:** The LORD Our Shepherd (Psa. 23:1). He leads us and guides us.
- **Yahweh-Shalom:** The LORD Is Peace (Judges 6:24). God provides peace in the midst of chaos.
- **Yahweh-Nissi:** The LORD Our Banner/Victory (Ex. 17:15). He's the source of our victory & protection.
- **Yahweh-Jireh:** The LORD Will Provide (Gen. 22:14). The Lord provides for our needs.
- **Yahweh-Rapha:** The LORD Who Heals (Ex. 15:26). Jehovah heals physically, emotionally and spiritually.

In this series called “**Divine Healing for Today,**” we’re studying God’s will regarding His covenant with believers in Christ. So let’s begin tonight by going to **Ex. 15:26** and explore the truth about Divine Healing for Today.

**Ex. 15:22-26 NKJV** reads, “*So Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea, then they went out into the Wilderness of Shur. And they went three days in the wilderness and found no*

water. **23.** Now when they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they were bitter. Therefore, the name of it was called Marah [meaning “Bitter”]. **24.** And the people complained against Moses, saying, “What shall we drink?” **25.** So he cried out to the LORD and the LORD showed him a tree. When he cast it into the waters, the waters were made sweet.

There He made a statute & an ordinance (regulation) for them, and there He tested them, **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.** **27.** Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve wells and seventy palm trees; so they camped there by the waters.”

The “**tree**” represents the Cross, which makes a bitter, sinful life sweet when embraced! **The key is not the Cross, but the Christ!**

Notice **the progression of Israel** during this trial in the Wilderness of Shur: From three days (typical) of no good water to crying out to God to prayer being answered, then to an oasis called Elim with symbolic 12 wells of water (Apostolic #) as well as seventy palm trees for shade & dates (# of disciples sent out in Luke 10:1). With regards to “...keep all of His statutes” in **v. 26**, Jesus kept the law for us. In **Matt. 5:17 TPT** Jesus says, “Do not think that I have come to do away with or undo the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to do away with or undo but to complete and fulfill them.” This means that by living a perfectly sinless life, obeying all God’s requirements, and satisfying the law’s penalty on the Cross, Jesus brought them to their intended completion. Because Jesus satisfied the law’s requirements, believers are no longer under the “curse of the law,” but are justified by faith. **SFLB** on **Matt. 5:17** “(Jesus) came to **fulfill** the OT in the sense of bringing to completion its partial

revelation, in bringing to pass its messianic predictions, and in giving the true interpretation to its moral precepts.”

**Nathaniel Van Cleave** in The **SFLB KD** on **Ex. 15:26 The Old Testament Healing Covenant**. DIVINE HEALING. “This verse is widely referred to as the OT Divine Healing Covenant. It is called a “covenant” because in it God promises He will keep His people free from diseases, and He conditions the promise upon their diligent obedience.

“The words used here for “*diseases*” (Heb. *makhaleh*) and “*heals*”(Heb. *rapha*) are regularly used for physical sickness and bodily healing. This is not only a spiritual concept, but also an intensely physical one. The covenant is made absolutely certain by the fact that God joins His mighty name to the promise, call-ing Himself *Yahweh-Rapha*, meaning “the LORD Who heals.” *Yahweh-Rapha* is one of the compound names by which God revealed His attributes to Israel. Here His very name declares it is His nature to be the Healer to those who obey His word – to recover to health and to sustain in health.

“While sin and disobedience are not always the direct causes of sickness, the Fall into sin is the original and underlying cause of all disease. Those who seek healing will benefit by looking to Christ Jesus our sin-bearer, along with pursuing renewed consecration.”

I see Scripturally that Jesus paid the price for our healing as well as for our sins. **Psa. 103:2-3**

**AMPC** “*BLESS (AFFECTIONATELY, gratefully praise) the Lord, O my soul, and forget not [one of] all His benefits – 3. Who forgives [every one of] all your iniquities (“sins”), Who heals [each one of] all your diseases.*”

### **The Law of First Mention Regarding Healing**

The first mention of healing in the Bible is found in **Gen. 20:17** regarding Abimelech King of Gerar, who took Abraham's wife Sarah because of her great beauty. **Gen. 20:1-3 NKJV** says, *"And Abraham journeyed from there to the South, and dwelt between Kadesh and Shur, and stayed in Gerar. 2. Now Abraham said of Sarah his wife, "She is my sister." And Abimelech king of Gerar sent and took Sarah. 3. But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, "Indeed you are a dead man because of the woman who you have taken, for she is a man's wife." 6. "And God said to him in a dream, Yes, I know that you did this in the integrity of your heart (not come near her sexually – v. 4). For I also withheld you from sinning against Me; therefore, I did not let you touch her. 7. Now therefore, restore the man's wife, for he is a prophet, and he will pray for you and you shall live. But if you do not restore her, know that you shall surely die, you and all who are yours." Vv. 17-18 TPT "Then Abraham prayed to God; and God **healed** Abimelech! He also **healed** Abimelech's wife & female servants of their infertility and they began to have babies again. 18. For Yahweh had shut all the wombs of the women of Abimelech's household because he took Sarah, Abraham's wife." **TPT note:** "Considering that Abraham's wife had never given him a child, it was an amazing miracle for Abraham to pray for someone else to give birth! The very first healing in the Bible was through the prayer of a childless man, Abraham. He had no confidence in himself as he prayed this prayer of faith. However, he could pray in total confidence that it had to be God doing the miracle. He prayed for the very thing he had not yet received. When the last two verses of **Gen. 20** are read together with the first two verses of **Gen. 21**, we see that Isaac's conception occurred as a result of Abraham's prayer for another person with an identical need." **Gen. 21:1-2 TPT** says, "YAHWEH visited Sarah, just as He said He would, and fulfilled His promise to her. 2. And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the exact time God had promised them." Remember **Job 42:10** "And the*

*LORD restored Job's losses when he prayed for his friends. Indeed the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before."*

**Isa. 53:4-5 SFLB KD Healing Prophesied Through Christ's Atonement, DIVINE HEALING.** "Isa. 53 clearly teaches that bodily healing is included in the atoning work of Christ, His suffering and His cross. The Hebrew words for "griefs" and "sorrows" (v. 4) specifically mean physical affliction. This is verified in the fact that **Matthew 8:17** says this Isaiah text is being [definitively] fulfilled in Jesus' healing people of human sickness and other physical need.

"Further, that the words "borne" and "carried" refer to Jesus' atoning work on the cross is made clear by the fact that they are the same words used to describe Christ's bearing our sins (v. **11; 1 Pet. 2:24 TPT** "*He Himself carried our sins in His body on the cross so that we would be dead to sin and live for righteousness. **Our instant healing flowed from His wounding.**" TPT note: "This healing includes the body, soul, and emotions. It was*

fulfilled in two ways: first, by the healing ministry of Jesus, and second, by the blood of Christ's wounds. **Matt.**

**8:16-17 TPT** "*That evening the people brought to Him many who were demonized. And by Jesus only speaking a word of healing over them, they were totally set free from torment, and everyone who was sick received their healing! **17.** In doing this, Jesus **fulfilled** the prophecy of Isaiah: "He put upon Himself our weaknesses (Aramaic: "wounds" or "sores"), and He carried away our diseases and made us well."*

"These texts unequivocally link the grounds of provision for both our salvation and our healing to the atoning work of Calvary. Neither is automatically appropriated, however; for each provision – a soul's eternal salvation or a person's temporal physical healing – must be received by faith. Christ's work on the

cross makes each possible: simple faith receives each as we choose.

“Incidentally, a few contend that Isaiah’s prophecy about sickness was fulfilled completely by the one-day healings described by **Matt. 8:17**. A close look, however, will show that the word “*fulfill*” often applies to an action that extends throughout the whole church age.”

Tonight, let’s purpose not to take our salvation for granted, but embrace the full blessing of Christ Jesus’ death on our behalf. Let’s be more grateful each & every day for the lovingkindness He shows us by forgiving us & making intercession for us always. Let’s praise Him & tell others about His loving sacrifice!