

I. Introduction

A. Building a Strong Foundation for Healing

1. Our perception of God.

- a. Where did your beliefs originate?
- b. Why do you believe what you believe about God?

2. Our perception of God's attitude toward sickness.

- a. Do you believe that God sends sickness upon His people?
- b. Do you believe that sends sickness as a means of teaching and instruction?
- c. Do you believe that sickness is a blessing from the Lord?
- d. Do you believe that healing is the will of God?
- e. Do you believe that sickness is His will?

3. Our perception of God must be built upon the Word of God.

- a. The only means of building a true perception of God is from His word.
- b. When the Word of God is accurately interpreted, there are no contradictions.

4. ***CHALLENGE: To assume the position of one who has just been introduced to God – with no prior perceptions of Him or His ways based upon tradition or religion; thus, taking the Bible as the primary means of understanding what He is like and how He feels regarding sickness and healing.***

II. Taking God at His word regarding healing

A. Exodus 15:25-26 (NKJV) – ²⁵So 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 and an ordinance for them, and there He tested them, 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.

Exodus 15:26 (CWB) – *I will not let any of you come down with the diseases of the Egyptians. I will heal you for I am the Lord*

Exodus 15:26 (SG) – *I will inflict none of the diseases on you which I inflicted on the Egyptians, for I the Lord make you immune to them.*

1. Why did God allow these diseases to come upon the Egyptians?

- a. Because of the fall of mankind, sickness would come upon the inhabitants of the earth. God had to allow it because Adam gave his authority to Satan who became the god of this world.
- b. The Egyptians were not the people that God chose to establish His covenant with. They had no covenant of protection.

2. God’s attitude toward sickness is revealed in the provision of His covenant with His people.

- a. I will protect you from the diseases that others will easily catch.
- b. God desired that His people be well, not sick.

3. God’s healing nature revealed.

- a. I am the Lord who heals you.
- b. Other translations:
 - *I am your ever-living restorer*
 - *HAAK – I am he that is able to heal and help thee in body and soul and preserve thee from all hurt and misery present and to come*
 - *KNOX – I am the Lord, and it is health I bring thee*
 - *LESSER-OT. For I the Lord am thy physician.*
 - *YLT – For I Jehovah am healing thee.*

Notice the present and continuous tense Youngs used to explain how the Lord is healing us.

4. God made an ordinance and a statute that included healing.

- a. Statutes and ordinances were as legal documents in the covenant.
- b. When God declared, “I am the Lord that heals you,” he put it in legal terms – He made it a legal and binding agreement.

*The Old Covenant was a legal healing covenant.
The New Covenant is no less in healing benefits.*

- B. Exodus 23:25 (NKJV)** – *“So you shall serve the LORD your God, and He will bless your bread and your water. And I will take sickness away from the midst of you.”*

Exodus 23:25 (ABP) – *I will turn infirmity from you*

Exodus 23:25 (CT-OT) – *I will remove illness from your midst*

Exodus 23:25 (LTN-OT) – *I will banish sickness from among you.*

Exodus 23:25 (NJB) – *I will keep you free of sickness*

- 1. In this passage, God’s attitude is revealed once again regarding sickness. He is repelling sickness from His people, not sending it upon them.**
 - 2. His will is for sickness to leave our midst.**
- C. Psalm 103:1-5 (NKJV)** – *¹Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name! ²Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: ³Who forgives all your iniquities, **who heals all your diseases,** ⁴who redeems your life from destruction, who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, ⁵who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s*

NOTE: *The Psalmist recognized that healing was one of his covenant benefits.*

Psalm 103:3 (Aston PS) – *Whose pardon does all sins release and keep thy body from disease.*

Psalm 103:1-5 (Goode Psalm) – *At His command, diseases fly, and health beams cheerfully from the eye.*

Psalm 103:1-5 (YLT) – *Who is healing all thy diseases*

YOUNGS states this as a continual flow of healing

- D. Isaiah 53:4-5 (NKJV)** – ⁴*Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.*
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.*

NOTE: This passage is extremely important because it prophetically declares that healing will be part of the New Covenant that will be established through Jesus. ***If there is any question regarding healing being provided for in the New Covenant, this passage should answer it.***

- 1. The words griefs and sorrows may be accurately translated as sickness and pains.**

Isaiah 53:4 (AMPC) – *Surely, He has borne our griefs, (sicknesses, weaknesses, and distresses) and carried our sorrows and pains of punishment.*

Isaiah 53:4 (BBE) – *It was our pain he took and our diseases were put on him.*

- 2. Jesus took our sickness and disease that came because of the fall – Verse 5 -declares – with His stripes we are healed.**

- 3. While Isaiah prophesied of healing that would occur through the New Covenant, Peter echoed this as a declaration that our healing was accomplished in Jesus.**

- 1 Peter 2:24 (NKJV)** – *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.*

- 1 Peter 2:24 (CEV)** – *By his cuts and bruises you are healed.*

- Matthew 8:17** also affirms that Isaiah’s prophecy was an inclusion of physical healing through the ministry of Jesus.

Matthew 8:16-17 (NLT) – ¹⁶*That evening many demon-possessed people were brought to Jesus. He cast out the evil spirits with a simple command, and he healed all the sick. ¹⁷This fulfilled the word of the Lord through the prophet Isaiah, who said, “He took our sicknesses and removed our disease.”*

- E. **Acts 10:37-38 (NKJV)** – ³⁷*that word you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: ³⁸how 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.***

Acts 10:38 (ASNT) – *Who went about doing good and giving health to all that were oppressed by the devil.*

Acts 10:38 (GNC-NT) – *bringing healing to all those who had fallen into the power of the devil’s tyranny.*

1. **This passage reveals that the heart of God revealed through the ministry of Jesus had not changed regarding sickness and healing. We see the same attitude here that was revealed in Exodus 15:26 – *I am the Lord that health thee.***
2. **Notice – He healed ALL**
3. **Notice who sickness was attributed to – The Devil**

NOTE: Our foundation of healing begins with understanding God’s position on sickness and healing and the Devil’s responsibility for sickness, pain, and disease.

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