

Jehovah Rapha - The Lord who heals!

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(Exodus 15:26)

I. The Lord who heals

How does God heal a sick individual?

- **Healing of Miriam (Numbers 12:1-15)** from leprosy - by Moses' prayer (v. 13)
- **Healing of Hezekiah (2 Kings 20:1-19)** from terminal illness. God added 15 years to His life. Turning his face to the wall, he prayed and wept bitterly. (v.2-3) Placing a fig cake over his boil (v. 7).
- **Healing of Naaman (2 Kings 5:1-14)** from leprosy – by humbly obeying Elisha's instruction and dipping himself in the Jordan River 7 times! (v. 14)
- **Healing of Job (Job 42:1-17)** from extreme skin disease when he prayed for his friends! (v.10)
- **Healing of Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 4:34-36)** from mental disorder when he lifted his eyes up to heaven! (v. 34)

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- **Healing of Asa (2 Chronicles 16:7-10)** from foot disease (not healed) - he did not cry out to the Lord, so he died ignoring God and relying on physicians! (v. 9)
- “If calamity comes upon us, whether the sword of judgment, or plague or famine, we will stand in your presence before this temple that bears your Name and will cry out to you in our distress, and you will hear us and save us.” (2 Chronicles 20:9)
- Isaiah explains the relationship between spiritual understanding, conversion, and healing. “Make the heart of this people calloused; make their ears dull and close their eyes. Otherwise they might see *with their eyes*, *hear with their ears*, *understand with their hearts*, and turn and be healed.” (Isaiah 6:10)

II. Image of Christ who heals in OT!

How does God heal a sick community?

- **Healing for the Israelites (Exodus 15:26)** from diseases brought upon the Egyptians!
 - By listening carefully to the LORD your God!
 - By doing what is right in His eyes!
 - By paying attention to His commands!
 - By keeping all His decrees!

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➤ **Healing for the Israelites** (Numbers 21:5-9; 2 Samuel 24:18-25)

- The LORD said to Moses, “Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.”⁹ So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when **anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.** (Numbers 21:8-9)

- ²⁴“However, the king said to Araunah, “No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price, for **I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God which cost me nothing.**” So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.²⁵ **David built there an altar to the LORD and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. Thus the LORD was moved by prayer for the land,** and the plague was held back from Israel.” (2 Samuel 24:18-25)

III. Jesus is the Great Physician, the Divine Healer - The Lord who heals!

- “Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that **everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.**” (John 3:14-15)
- “But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by **his wounds we are healed.**” (Isaiah 53:5) “and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree (cross), so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for **by His wounds you were healed.**” (1 Peter 2:24)
- “that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, **to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man,** so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith” (Ephesians 3:16-17)
- for “**WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.**” (Romans 10:13)

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