

Living A Kingdom Lifestyle

Healing - A Benefit In God's Kingdom

Psalm 103:1-3

Bless 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,

- The word, healed – Hebrew – **rapha**
- God said: My name is Jehovah **Rapha**
- Jehovah means: I am the **Lord**
- Rapha means: Who **heals**

God said: I am the Lord who **heals**

Verse 3 – who heals all your diseases – maladies or physical affliction

* Don't put spiritual affliction on this part of the verse – it's **physical**.

- First part of verse 3 is **spiritual** – who forgives all your iniquities.
- Second part of verse 3 is: “who heals all your diseases” – **physical**

The question is always brought to me is this: Why more people get healed?

Let me answer by giving you three reasons:

A. It makes a difference what you **believe**.

- If you don't believe healing is for **today**, it will affect you receiving healing.

Let's read Psalm 103:3 again.

Psalm 103:3

³ Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases,

- Which part is inspired?
- Which part is still for today?

Some believe half of a verse has passed away and the other half is still available.

Psalm 103:3

³ Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases,

Problem with the Church is we have gotten so sophisticated about our bodies we don't believe in healing anymore.

Question: Do you even want to believe God wants you well or, do you believe God wants you sick?

Do you want forgiveness? Do you want healing?

** It's not right believing **half** of what a scripture says.

Isaiah 33:24 – Zion: the Church

²⁴ And the inhabitant will not say, "I am sick";

The people who dwell in it *will be forgiven their iniquity.*

- Notice: Forgiveness and healing in the **same** verse.

Isaiah 53:5

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.

- How many of you believe Jesus was wounded for our transgressions?
- How many of you believe He, Jesus, was bruised for our iniquities?
- How many of you believe He, Jesus, was chastised for our peace?

Then it says “And by His stripes, we are healed” – why did Isaiah say this?

Rapha – we are **healed**

- 1 Peter 2:24 - Isaiah before the cross – **are**
- Peter after the cross – **were**

1 Peter 2:24

²⁴ 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. On the Cross, Jesus **paid** for our sins and our healing.

Isaiah 53:4

⁴ Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

- The word, grief – means **sicknesses**
- The word, sorrow – means **infirmity**

Matthew 8:16-17

¹⁶ When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, ¹⁷ that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our infirmities and bore *our* sicknesses."

2. If Jesus bore them, why do you want to **bear** them (you don't have to)

Church family – it makes a difference in what you believe.

Definition of atonement:

- Atonement means "at one with"

God has made us at one with Him.

Question: Can sin be one with God?

Answer: **No**

Question: Can sickness be one with God?

Answer: **No**

Here is the second:

- B. It makes a difference **where** you place your trust.

2 Chronicles 16:12-13

¹² And in the thirty-ninth year of his reign, Asa became diseased in his feet, and his malady was severe; yet in his disease he did not seek the Lord, but the physicians.

¹³ So Asa rested with his fathers; he died in the forty-first year of his reign.

Asa died not because He went to the doctors, He died because He didn't seek the Lord.

3. We believe in going to the doctors but you must have your trust in **God**.

Church: Do everything **possible**. I thank God for doctors and medicine. It matters where we put our trust.

4. The enemy causes some to walk in **pride** and that's part of the reason we don't go to a doctor. If you walk in pride, God resists the prideful.

Mark 10:52

⁵²Then Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.

Luke 17:19

¹⁹And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

Acts 14:8-9

⁸And in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother's womb, who had never walked. ⁹*This* man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed,

5. It's not faith in your faith, it is faith in what **God** has said and done.

Let me say it another way:

6. It's not faith in being healed, it is faith in **God** who heals.

Say it again:

- It's not faith in your faith
- It's not even faith in being healed
- It's faith in God.

Hebrews 11:6

⁶ But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

James 5:14

¹⁴ Is 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.

Look at verse 15:

James 5:15

¹⁵ And 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.

- Notice: And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.
- Notice the word "if"

Some people think: what did they do wrong?

Some sickness is a result of sin, but some – if you're sick – search your heart not with guilt or condemnation, but did I **open** the door for the enemy?

It's all there – **kingdom** lifestyle

James 5:16

¹⁶ Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

- Confess your trespasses – open your heart for God's **grace**
- Fervent prayer of the righteous avails much – you have the **advantage**

C. There is a difference between **fact** and **truth**.

Luke 8:41-42

⁴¹ And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, ⁴² for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him.

Luke 8:42-43

⁴² for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. ⁴³ Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any,

- Could not be healed by any
 - Daughter **12** years old
 - Woman with issue of blood – **12** years of sickness – same time frame.

Mark 5:25-26

²⁵ Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, ²⁶ and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse.

- She grew worse spending all her money and went through many procedures
- Are you feeling the stress and pain?

Go back to Luke 8

Luke 8:44

⁴⁴ came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped.

Question: Who touched who?

Answer: She didn't even touch Jesus, but the **border** of His garment.

Luke 8:45-48

⁴⁵ And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?' " ⁴⁶ But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me." ⁴⁷ Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. ⁴⁸ And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace."

That's faith: Let me explain something – we all need a touch from Jesus.

Who among us is persistent enough to touch Him – not waiting, but going **after** Him in faith.

Now, remember Jairus? His daughter

Luke 8:49

⁴⁹ While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher."

- Don't trouble the Teacher – your faith and prayers never troubles the Teacher

Jesus' response:

Luke 8:50-53

⁵⁰ But when Jesus heard *it*, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well." ⁵¹ When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. ⁵² Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping." ⁵³ And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead.

There is a difference between fact and truth:

- The fact was she was **dead**.
- The truth was she was **sleeping**.

Jesus says "I am the Truth"

* They ridiculed Jesus because they knew the facts.

7. The doctor tells you the facts, you see, hear, and feel the facts, but scripture tells us our faith goal is to find out the **truth**.

Jesus is the **Truth**.

- The fact is the woman has been sick for 12 years.
- The fact was the daughter died.

8. The truth was for both to touch the truth and that is faith in **Jesus**.

- The woman was healed because she touched the **hem**.

Luke 8:54

⁵⁴ But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise."

- The truth is the hand of grace touched and rose her up from sleep – touch God – it's called a **kingdom** lifestyle.