



Sunday October 07, 2018
God's Provision for our Healing and Wholeness

A Psalm Of David

Psalm 103:1-5

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name!

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits:

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

4 Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,

5 Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

One of God's many benefits (acts of goodness, rewards, dealings) to us is that He heals all our diseases.

We know it is God's nature to heal and it is God's part of His covenant.

His covenant name - that reveals both His covenant with His people, and His nature - is Jehovah Rapha - the Lord our Healer (Exodus 15:26, Exodus 23:25)

Exodus 15:26b

.....For I am the LORD who heals you."

Exodus 23:25-26

25 "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.

26 No one shall suffer miscarriage or be barren in your land; I will fulfill the number of your days.

We know that the Lord Jesus Christ took upon Himself our sicknesses and diseases according to Isaiah 53:4-5, Matthew 8:16-17. So healing has been provided for us through the Cross of Jesus Christ.

Matthew 8:17

that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "HE HIMSELF TOOK OUR INFIRMITIES AND BORE OUR SICKNESSES."

Receiving God's Provision

How does God cause His healing to reach us?

Or how do we receive God's provision for our healing and wholeness?

So today we will discuss three important ways God's healing power is administered to us, and how we can receive.



#1, His Word

God's Word is a carrier of God's healing power

Psalm 107:20

He sent His word and healed them, And delivered them from their destructions.

Proverbs 4:20-22

20 My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings.

21 Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart;

22 For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh.

Hebrews 4:12 teaches us that God's Word is alive and full of power. This includes full of healing power or the power to heal and make whole.

We can meditate in and confess God's Word over our minds and bodies and receive healing.

#2, His Spirit

The Holy Spirit brings healing and wholeness to us.

Isaiah 61:1-3

1 "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn,

3 To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified."

The Holy Spirit gives life to our mortal bodies (Romans 8:11).

So you can personally receive this quickening work of the Holy Spirit for the health and healing of your body and mind.

Additionally, we understand that the anointing (presence and power of God's Spirit) is also "administered" to us through other ways, example:

- ✓ through anointed people (Acts 10:38)
- ✓ through a corporate gathering of believers (Luke 5:17; 1 Corinthians 5:5)
- ✓ through praise and worship

#3, His Name

There is healing in that name of Jesus when we confront sickness and diseases in the authority of the name of Jesus.



Mark 16:17-18

**17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;
18 they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."**

As a believer you can use the authority of Jesus' name to reject sickness and disease.

Faith

How do we connect with His Word, His Spirit, His Name in order to receive?

We must connect with His Word and the power of His Spirit and the authority of His name, **by faith. Faith is important.**

We will just reference one passage of Scripture to explain this:

James 5:14-15

**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.
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 there is the anointing with oil (representing the anointing of the Holy Spirit), there is the use of the name of Jesus - but very important is the "prayer of faith". Faith must be exercised.

We must mix faith in the Word if it is to benefit us (Hebrews 4:3)

Application

God is our healer. He heals us of all our diseases of body and mind.
He has provided His Word, His Spirit and His Name to cause healing in our minds and bodies.
Let us exercise faith - in His Word, His Spirit, and His Name - to receive His provision of healing and wholeness.

MINISTRY TIME
SALVATION CALL



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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This is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at apcwo.org/sermons. Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture passages: *Psalm 103:1-5; Proverbs 4:20-22; Isaiah 61:1-3; Mark 16:17-18; James 5:14-15*

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

1) The name "Jehovah-Rapha" reveals both God's covenant (solemn promise) and God's nature (who He is) to His people. Reflect on this. Because He calls Himself "Jehovah-Rapha" how does this define/influence your relationship with Him in view of healing and wholeness.

2) God enables us to receive His provision of healing and wholeness through His Word, His Spirit and His Name. Discuss how we can "connect" by faith to each "conduit of His healing" to receive healing and wholeness.

3) If you were to minister healing to someone in need - discuss how would you now help them connect with God's Word, God's Spirit and His Name - to receive healing?



If time permits, each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

- 1, families to be protected and strengthened*
- 2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.*
- 3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for God's hand to guide us through the land search and acquisition process, and for finances to be more than enough to get this project done.*

Close by thanking God together.