



Sunday February 23, 2020
The God Who Heals

This is a simple message today to remind us that the God who we believe, the God of the Bible is the God who heals. We desire to encourage our faith and then pray and minister to see God heal those who are present here, as well as those who you may come in faith for.

Often we carry misconceptions or wrong ideas in our minds about God, about His ways, and this actually prevents us from receiving from God. Some of these misconceptions may have come from what we heard preached - and what was preached may have been some body's idea, and not necessarily what the Bible teaches.

Some of the misconceptions that we may be carrying in relation to healing and wholeness are:

- (A) God is the One who makes us sick, perhaps to teach us a lesson or make us more spiritual, or
- (B) God may heal if it is His will - we never know

We trust that we as present these three simple truths, it will help clear out some of these misconceptions and bring us to an understanding of the God of the Bible, that He is indeed, the God who heals, delivers, makes whole - all the time.

We will consider:

- 1, The Revelation of God's Nature
- 2, The Revelation of Jesus Christ
- 3, The Revelation of God's Promises

1, THE REVELATION OF GOD'S NATURE

When God brought His people out of Egypt, right after they crossed the Red Sea, as they journeyed, they came to a place where they found water, but the water was bitter to drink. It was not potable. God told Moses to take a tree and plunge it into the waters and God supernaturally made the waters sweet (Exodus 15:22-26).

At this moment God told His people not to fear any of the diseases that they saw come upon the Egyptians. **Instead, they needed to see their God as the One who turns the bitter into sweet.** And here He revealed who He really is through His covenant-name: **Jehovah Rapha**



Exodus 15:26

For I am the LORD who heals you.

I am Jehovah Rapha.

God revealed Himself as Jehovah Rapha - the God who heals.

Our God is Jehovah Rapha - the God who heals.

That is who He is. That is His nature.

Over time God revealed various aspects of who He was through His covenant names. We are familiar with many of these: Jehovah Jireh, Jehovah Shalom, etc. Each of these covenant names reveal a certain aspect of who He is, His nature.

God always speaks and works consistent with His nature.

God not only revealed who He was, but took care of His people according to what He had revealed Himself to be. He sustained them for forty years. This is what the Scripture records:

Psalms 105:37

He also brought them out with silver and gold, And there was none feeble among His tribes.

Nehemiah 9:21

Forty years You sustained them in the wilderness; They lacked nothing; Their clothes did not wear out And their feet did not swell.

Any time they messed up and got into trouble, they called out to Him and He delivered them.

Psalms 107:20

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

And so God's people knew Him as their healer. That is why we have Psalms that express Him as Healer, Protector, Deliverer and so on. Consider these well-known Scriptures:

Psalms 30:2

O LORD my God, I cried out to You, And You healed me.

That word 'healed' is the same word 'rapha'. David is acknowledging that God has been His Jehovah Rapha.

Psalms 91:9-10,16

9 Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place,
10 No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;



16 With long life I will satisfy him, And show him My salvation."

Psalm 103:2-3

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

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

God has not changed over time. He is still Jehovah Rapha, the God who heals!

Malachi 3:6

For I am the LORD, I do not change;...

We need to be absolutely convinced who our God is.

He is our Healer. He is our Jehovah Rapha. He is the God who heals us.

2, THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Christ is God with us. He is God who became a Man.

The Bible tells us that He is the exact expression of God to us.

Hebrews 1:3 (TPT)

The Son is the dazzling radiance of God's splendor, the exact expression of God's true nature—his mirror image!...

Colossians 1:15 (TPT)

He is the divine portrait, the true likeness of the invisible God,...

So if we want to know what God is like, what God would say or do in any situation - look at Jesus.

Everything Jesus said and did was a revelation or expression of the nature, purpose and will of God.

Jesus healed ALL who came to Him in faith. Here is what we have recorded for us in the Gospels. We quote just a few Scriptures:

Matthew 8:16

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,

Matthew 12:15

But when Jesus knew it, He withdrew from there. And great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them **ALL**.



Luke 4:40

When the sun was setting, **ALL** those who had **ANY** that were sick with VARIOUS diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on **EVERYONE** of them and healed them.

He never told any person "*I think it is God's will for you to be sick. God is teaching you a deep spiritual lesson*".

He never told any sick person "*If it is God's will He will heal you. Just be patient and hope for the best*".

Jesus removed any question of His willingness (e.g. The leper)

Matthew 8:1-3

1 When He had come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him.

2 And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, **if You are willing, You can** make me clean."

3 Then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, "**I am willing**; be cleansed." Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

Like many of us, this leper did not question Jesus' power or ability. His question was one of Jesus' willingness and whether he (the leper) qualified to be healed. Jesus' immediate response was to remove any question in this regard!

This continued in the book of Acts where we see people coming from various places to Jerusalem to be healed and delivered.

Acts 5:16

Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were **ALL** healed.

Some may say, but that was Bible times. They needed that kind of help in those days. But the Bible states, that Jesus has not changed. Yes, times have changed, but Jesus has not!

Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

He still makes healing, deliverance and wholeness available to ALL, MANY, EVERYONE, ANYONE who comes to Him in faith.

The Bible tells us that Jesus healed all who were "oppressed of the devil" (Acts 10:38). Jesus treated sickness and disease as an oppression of the devil.



As part of what He taught, Jesus said that the thief came to steal, kill and destroy, but Jesus came to give us life and life in abundance (John 10:10). His healing and deliverance was part of this process for us to have life in abundance.

We must see sickness and disease as a work of the devil, not the work of God. Sickness and disease is the devil trying to steal, kill and destroy. Jesus heals and gives us life in abundance.

3, THE REVELATION OF GOD'S PROMISES

Every promise of God is a revelation of God's will. God promised it because it is His will for us to have what He promised.

Let's just look at two provisions in Scripture. There are many more we could look at.

A, The Cross is for anyone and everyone

Every things Jesus accomplished on the Cross He did it for every person. Every person can receive for themselves, by faith, what Jesus did on the Cross.

He bore our sins on the Cross (Isaiah 53:6). So by faith in Jesus, we can have our sins forgiven. The blood of Jesus Christ washes every sin.

He bore our sicknesses on the Cross (Isaiah 53:4; Matthew 8:17). So by faith in Jesus, we can have our sicknesses healed. The stripes of Jesus Christ heals every sickness (1 Peter 2:24).

B, Is anyone sick?

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.

These Scriptures are for anyone and everyone in the Body of Christ.

The word "save" is the Greek word 'sozo' which is also translated 'heal'. 'Sozo' is a comprehensive word and includes healing, deliverance, victory, wholeness, etc.

Notice the absolute certainty expressed in these verses: "will" not "may".



SUMMARY

Hence, based on these 3 truths presented from Scripture,

- 1, The Revelation of God's Nature
- 2, The Revelation of Jesus Christ
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each of us, can have the absolute, complete confidence that God is willing to heal us and make us whole - right now. He is the God who heals us.

God is not the source of your sickness.

God is not the Author of sickness and disease.

WE RECEIVE BY FAITH

As we saw in James 5:15, it is the "prayer of faith" that will heal the sick.

Jesus healed all who came to Him in faith.

To two blind men, Jesus asked them "do you believe that I am able to do this?". They replied "Yes, Lord" and to them He said "According to your faith, be it done for you" and they immediately received their sight (Matthew 9:28-29).

The woman who had been suffering for 12 years with the issue of blood, said "If I touch His garment I will be made whole" (Mark 5:28). She made her way through the crowds, touched Jesus' garment and was instantly healed. Jesus turned around and told her "daughter, your faith has made you well" (Mark 5: 34).

Notice, she did not say "I may get well if it is his will".

She did not say "If I don't get well it may be an indication that this sickness is from God and God is teaching me a lesson".

Faith is now! Hope is for the future.

Faith is being confident. It is being absolutely certain.

Faith is having believed - you are complete in your believing.

As we pray, expect to be healed.

You can also pray and release your faith on behalf of someone who may not be present here.



MINISTRY TIME | SALVATION CALL

There is nothing too hard for God. Nothing impossible with God.

Proclaim Jesus Christ as Savior, Healer, Deliver, Miracle Worker.

He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

The power of the Holy Spirit and all the gifts of the Holy Spirit are for us today.

We have been commissioned to do the works He did and even greater works.

We must come to Him in faith and we will receive.

Minister for people to receive healings, deliverances and miracles.

Take testimonies.

Lead in prayer for repentance and salvation.



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 91, Psalm 103:1-3*

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) Discuss the 3 truths presented from Scripture to assure us that our God is the God who heals.

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Take time to pray and minister to one another for healing, deliverance and wholeness.



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.



USEFUL RESOURCES



Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

YOUTUBE: <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

WEBSITE: <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

CHURCH: <https://apcwo.org>

FREE SERMONS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

FREE BOOKS: <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

DAILY DEVOTIONALS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional>

JESUS CHRIST: <https://examiningjesus.com>

BIBLE COLLEGE: <https://apcbiblecollege.org>

E-LEARNING: <https://apcbiblecollege.org/elearn>

WEEKEND SCHOOLS: <https://apcwo.org/ministries/weekend-schools>

COUNSELING: <https://chrysalislife.org>

MUSIC: <https://apcmusic.org>

MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP: <https://pamfi.org>

CHURCH APP: <https://apcwo.org/app>

CHURCHES: <https://apcwo.org/ministries/churches>

WORLD MISSIONS: <https://apcworldmissions.org>