

1. Divine Healing in God's Covenant

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Today we begin a new series of messages & take a fresh look at divine healing in the covenant that God's has established with us.

As Bible-believing Christians we believe in the full redemptive acts of Jesus Christ that He achieved through His sacrificial suffering & death on the Cross.

God makes covenants with His people, and enshrines certain blessings within those covenants, so we can have faith, confidence & certainty about His promises, including His promises on healing.

In other words, God does not work randomly. He works according to His covenant promises.

1 Corinthians 11:23–25 (NKJV) ... *the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; 24 and when He had given thanks, **He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."** 25 In the same manner **He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."***

- Vs. 24 ... ***Take, eat; this is My body...***
- This bread that Jesus broke & gave to His disciples – it represents His own physical body ... ***which is broken for you ...***
 - Sacrificially
 - Vicariously (on behalf of another, as our substitute)
- Today, our body can be healed & **made whole** because Jesus' body was broken 2000 years ago

- Vs. 25 ... ***This cup is the new covenant in My blood ...***
- Jesus established a new covenant, ratified (signed) in His own blood
- The content of the cup that Jesus passed around His disciples, it represents His blood that was shed for the remission (forgiveness) of our sins

This Passover meal became the first Communion Service for Jesus' followers. In this new covenant, Jesus included the blessings of:

- Salvation for our soul – forgiveness of sins
- Wholeness for our body – healing from sicknesses and diseases

1 Peter 2:23–24 (NKJV) *...when He (Christ) was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; **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.***

- Again, this speaks of salvation for our soul and healing for our body
- Christianity is based entirely on substitution:
 - Jesus bore our sins so we can be forgiven
 - He carried our sicknesses & pains so we can be healed
 - By the wounds that were inflicted on His body we are healed

Salvation & Healing in Isaiah 53:

Isaiah 53:4–5 (YLT) *Surely **our sicknesses He hath borne, and our pains—He hath carried them**, and we—we have esteemed Him plagued, smitten of God, and afflicted. **5 And He is pierced for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities**, the chastisement of our peace is on Him, and **by His bruise there is healing to us.***

- Many Bibles precede Isaiah. 53 with the heading: The Suffering Servant
- The Suffering Servant is Jesus Christ who suffered on our behalf, as our Substitute
- Vs.4 *Surely our sicknesses He hath borne, & our pains—He hath carried them*
- Vs. 5 *He is pierced for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities ...*
- *... by His bruise there is healing to us.*
- Why is there healing to us by His bruise?
- Because God the Father made His Son Jesus sick on our behalf (sacrificially & vicariously) so we could be healed

Isaiah 53:10 (AMP) *Yet **it was the will of the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief and made Him sick.** When You and He make His life an offering for sin [and He has risen from the dead, in time to come], He shall see His [spiritual] offspring, He shall prolong His days, and the will and pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand.*

- ... it was the will of the Father to bruise Jesus ...
- ... He has put Him to grief and made Him sick ...
- Once again, God the Father made His Son Jesus sick on our behalf (sacrificially & vicariously) so we could be healed

Isaiah 52:13–15 (NCV) *The Lord says, “See, my servant will act wisely. People will greatly honor and respect him. 14 Many people were shocked when they saw him. **His appearance was so damaged he did not look like a man; his form was so changed they could barely tell he was human.***

- This describes the end-result of the beatings and scourging that were inflicted on Jesus just before they hung Him on the cross (Matt. 27:26)
- Vs. 14 *His appearance was so damaged he did not look like a man*
- ... *his form was so changed they could barely tell he was human*

Jesus confirms that Isaiah 53 was a prophecy about Him

Matthew 8:14–17 (GNB) *Jesus went to Peter’s home, and there he saw Peter’s mother-in-law sick in bed with a fever. 15 He touched her hand; the fever left her, and she got up and began to wait on him. 16 When evening came, people brought to Jesus many who had demons in them. Jesus drove out the evil spirits with a word and **healed all who were sick.** 17 **He did this to make what the prophet Isaiah had said come true, “He himself took our sickness and carried away our diseases.”***

- Jesus began His public ministry at age 30, which lasted about 3 ½ years
- By healing people of their physical ailments, He demonstrated bodily healing that is available as a result of what Isaiah had prophesied 7 centuries earlier
- He Himself was about to experience the suffering that Isaiah prophesied

Healing is as easy as Salvation:

Matthew 9:1–8 (NKJV) *So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. 2 Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, be of good cheer; **your sins are forgiven you.**” 3 And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, “This Man blasphemes!” 4 But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? 5 For **which is easier,** to say, ‘**Your sins are forgiven you,**’ or to say, ‘**Arise and walk**’? 6 But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins”—then He said to the paralytic, “**Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.**” 7*

And he arose and departed to his house. 8 Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

- *When Jesus saw their faith ...*
- Jesus forgave the paralytic man's sins
- He also healed the man from his paralysis
- The religious leaders (scribes) were offended at Jesus forgiving the man
- Jesus said: Vs. 5 which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'
- Both salvation for our souls, and healing for our body is available today

- Jesus is looking for faith in our hearts
- He wants to forgive people's sins today
- He also wants to heal people's body today