

CHRIST THE HEALER (OF PHYSICAL DISEASES)

Text: Psalm 103:3

Introduction: This is the fifth message on Christ the Healer. I do pray that through these messages a new faith in Christ's power to heal all of our diseases has encouraged each heart. This morning and tonight we conclude these messages with awe because we are well assured that this evening, when we anoint with oil, standing in obedience on the Word of God, that healing will come to sick bodies. Please be in earnest prayer for the divine healing service at the close of the evening service. This morning I wish to lay a foundation for the message to-night. We will be dealing with two great areas of divine healing, and this evening we conclude with three other areas.

I. THE WORD OF GOD AND HEALING

A. Healing in the Old Testament

1. The Barrenness of Sarah
 - a. Close to 100 years
 - b. Performed a miracle to sustain the Messianic lineage
2. Jehovah Rapha
 - a. Wrapped up in the name of God
 - b. Means literally "Make whole thoroughly"
 - c. At the bitter waters of Morah
 - i. "I will put none of these diseases on thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians for I am Jehovah Rapha."
 - ii. According to Psalms—There was not one feeble one among them.
The first mass healing.
 - d. Leprosy of Miriam
3. The Brazen Serpent
 - a. Type of the coming Messiah
 - b. Who bore our sins and sicknesses on the tree
4. Elijah and Elisha Ministry
 - a. The widows son raised from the dead
 - b. Namaan
 - c. Bones of Elisha
5. The great promise of Isaiah—53:4

B. Healing in the New Testament

1. By Jesus
 - a. Too numerous to mention
 - b. Demons, lepers, blind, deaf, dumb, epileptic, fever, paralytic, withered limbs, dropsy, the dead raised to life

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2. By the disciples
 - a. The commands of Jesus—Heal the sick, raise the dead, cast out devils—**FREELY YE HAVE RECEIVED, FREELY GIVE**
 - b. Devils subject to us through thy name
3. The Early Church
 - a. Two cases of the dead raised
 - i. Dorcas
 - ii. Euthycus
 - b. Innumerable
 - i. Men at the beautiful gate
 - ii. Snake bite
 - iii. Devils cast out
 - iv. Peter's shadow
4. For us—James 5:14

C. Healing through the Word of God Itself

1. He sent His Word and healed
2. I have known cases where people simply reading the Word were gloriously delivered
3. "While He was teaching"—the spirit of the Lord was present to heal
 - a. You can be healed as I am teaching!
 - b. "Teaching them whatsoever things I have commanded you." He commanded us to heal the sick, raise the dead, and cast out devils.

II. The Will of God and Healing

A. God's Word is God's Will

1. Impossible to disconnect God's will from His Word
2. The purpose of the Word is to reveal His will, and what does the Bible say?
 - a. III John 2—"...and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."
 - b. "Ask bread will he give a stone"
 - c. "Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven."—Heaven—no sickness.
 - d. "Pray for one another that ye may be healed." (James 5:16)

B. Why is it God's will to heal me?

1. Because He loves
 - a. He first loved
 - b. As a father pitieth his children, so the Lord



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2. I believe according to the scriptures that the cross was for everyone.
 - a. The stripes
 - b. The blood and water
3. Because sickness is an enemy
 - a. The last enemy to be destroyed is death
 - b. The Lord looks upon sickness as an opportunity to triumph

C. When God says “wait”

1. Must be something more important
 - a. Details to work out in the life
 - b. The enemy delayed Daniel for 21 days
 - c. Greater miracle is to be performed
2. In answer to the “wait”
 - a. Surrender everything
 - b. Keep praying and holding
 - c. Have faith

D. When God says “No”

1. Again a better way. God doesn't say “no like we do.”
 - a. Syrophenician woman
 - b. Great blessing for all time
2. Paul's thorn in the flesh
 - a. Prayed three times but God said “no”
 - b. Through this Paul was glorified.
 - c. He took pleasure in his weakness and out traveled, out preached his contemporaries.
3. Lazarus
 - a. Could have healed
 - b. Something better
4. We then conclude that it is the will of God to heal in all cases except where once in a great while God says “wait.” God says “no,” and then we are to rejoice the more because God is going to do something greater through us for His glory.

III. JESUS THE HEALER

A. Because He can be touched by the feelings of our infirmity

1. Need compassion
 - a. Without compassion there is no understanding
 - b. Bible says He took our infirmities as His own

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2. Need Mercy
 - a. “Have mercy on us”
 - b. We need help, unmerited
 - c. Micah 7:18—“He delighteth in mercy.”
 - d. Mercy seeks to give rather than gain

B. Because He has authority over the devil

1. Through knowledge of sickness
 - a. He knows the snares
 - b. He knows the disease
 - i. He the creator knows how to mend
 - ii. The power of His knowledge is great.
2. Through knowledge of Satan
 - a. “All power is given unto me.”
 - b. Devil recognized Jesus
 - c. We have authority in His name
 - i. Literally standing in the place of Christ and by His authority
 - ii. Given Him a name that is above every name

C. Because He has power over all sickness

IV. THE LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING WITH OIL AND PHYSICAL HEALING

A. Point of Contact

1. The bridge from the visible to the invisible
2. An expression of faith

B. The extension of His arm

1. Ye are the arm of the Lord
2. As the Father sent me, so send I you
 - a. Touching and lifting
 - b. Compassion and power