

God is Still the Healer Today

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We live in a world where sickness and disease are a real problem. I strongly believe that everybody on the planet was sick at some stage in their lives. There are also those that have recovered from some sort of disease and then there are thousands of people that weren't so fortunate. Even though there are literally a few billion people currently living around the world, most of us have experienced a death in the family due to some sickness or other.

What am I saying? I am saying that sickness and disease is a common problem on earth. Sickness and disease does not just affect the lives of non-believers but it also affects the lives of Christians.

Something that sadly isn't common, is the fact that God is still the healer today. Many Charismatic, Pentecostal and other religious movements don't always see eye-to-eye about the divine healing in today's society which is a big problem. This in itself is deeply disappointing as our Heavenly Father has given us His Word so we can all read what He is saying to us. Basically, our Heavenly Father tells us what we should be believing in and what we should not be believing in – all this can be found in the Bible.

I would like to take this opportunity now to share with you that our Heavenly Father is still in the healing business today. I'm going to do this via His written Word because it is His Word that counts, not our own personal ideas.

We start off in the Old Covenant where God introduces Himself as the Healer to His people, the Israelites: **'And he cried unto the Lord; and the Lord shewed him a tree, which when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet: there he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he proved them, And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee.'** (see Exodus 15:25-26 KJV).

I want us to focus on the last eight words of this passage: ***"for I am the Lord that healeth thee."***

As you and I both know, the Old Testament wasn't originally written in old English, it was actually written in Hebrew. So if you really want to see what the LORD was saying, it's wise to go back to the Hebrew language and get the direct interpretations from that. In this passage of scripture, the LORD introduces Himself as Yah-weh Rapha. Rapha is one of God's redemptive names and it means *'The God that heals.'*

Isn't that amazing? Our Father is the God that heals! He didn't heal people as a side gig, being the Healer is who He is.

Now that you know that God is Yah-weh Rapha (The God that heals), I want to show you another exciting scripture that works hand-in-hand with this truth: **'For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.'** (see Malachi 3:6 KJV). Let's marry those two scriptures to see the picture more clearer:

'For I am the Lord that healeth thee, for I am the Lord, I change not.'

If that doesn't excite you, I'm not sure what will! Our Heavenly Father IS Yah-weh Rapha, the God that heals and He doesn't change. If the Bible says He doesn't change, Yah-weh Rapha doesn't change – end of story! Nobody has the right to say that God has changed if God said He doesn't change. God was the Healer, is currently the Healer and will always be the Healer! Praise God!

You don't have to settle for sickness and disease! You don't have to leave the fate of your life in the hands of your illness. Refuse to believe the devil's lies that healing has passed away because God is still Yah-weh Rapha and He is still in the healing-business today.

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