

By His Stripes I Am Healed (Hymn)

(See Deuteronomy 25:3)

--Irma B. Williams

RECITATION

The Old Testament had a law: the Jews could beat a man no more than forty stripes (See Deuteronomy 25:3). The Jews used a long supple rod, and would beat a man no more than thirty-nine stripes; but who scourged Jesus? The Jews or the Romans?

The Romans did, and they had no such law. The Romans used a long leather strap attached to one handle; the whip was knotted with pieces of bone and lead. Sometimes a man died from the scourging or flogging.* Though we do not know how many horrendous stripes they laid on Jesus, we do know His excruciating suffering included healing for every individual: by His stripes we are healed.

*William Barclay, "The Daily Study Bible." The Gospel of Matthew, Volume 2, (The Westminster Press) p. 400.

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v.1 I do not know how many stripes they laid on Christ's body;
I do not know how deep the wounds, how deep His wondrous love;
but this I know for certain, He suffered for ev'ry-one; for He included me,
and by His stripes I am healed.

v. 2 I do not know the heaviness, the weight of Christ's Calvary;
I only know one sinner's guilt; But He knew all the world's;
but this I know for certain, He suffered for ev'ry-one; my sins are all forgiven,
and by His stripes I am healed.

Chorus:

I am healed; praise God I'm healed, And by His stripes I am made whole--
And this I know for certain, He suffered for ev'ry-one for He included me,
And by His stripes I am healed.

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