

You were Sent to Heal the Sick (i)

Psalm 147 v 1 – 7 “He heals the broken-hearted”

Luke 5 v 17 – 26 “Jesus said to them: What is easier for me to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you’, or ‘Get up and walk’?”

One of Jesus’ missions was to “Heal the Sick”.

He was not only concerned with sickness of the body, but sickness of the soul.

Along with the miracle of healing would come the forgiveness of sins.

Healing was very much dependent on faith and believing.

Jesus often asked, “Do you believe?” or said, “Your faith has made you whole”, or even, “What would you have me to do?”.

Jesus’ healing power is still active today through the Holy Spirit – but it’s not a circus trick. Jesus demands from us that we trust Him for healing.

Sometimes God works through Doctors;

Sometimes God allows someone to die;

Sometimes God heals miraculously, contrary to physics.

John 10 v 10 “I have come that you might have life, and that you might have it more abundantly”.

God wants us to be full to the brim with His healing – not just struggling on!

HOWEVER – God does not always remove the obstacles, but His GRACE is always sufficient to take us through them.

2 Corinthians 12 v 9 “My grace is sufficient for you.”

The healing of body can be an outward expression of our inward healing from sin.

v 24 – 25 “He went home praising God”!

It was his faith and the faith of his friends that allowed for God to heal him.

You Came to Call Sinners (ii)

Luke 19 v 10 “The Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost”

Jesus was with a great crowd,

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young children – “of such is the Kingdom of Heaven”;

rich ruler – “give away all your riches and follow me”;

His chosen disciples – “men will reject and kill Me, but I’ll rise again”;

He healed a blind beggar – “receive your sight, your faith has healed you”.

He was where the need was.

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Zachaeus wanted to see Jesus, but he had to hide in a tree because of the crowd

Tax collectors were despised by the people.

Jesus passed **that way** because He was seeking sinners.

He said **v 5**, “**come down immediately**”. Jesus had *come* and *found* that which was lost.

There is no hiding from God. His purpose is to find sinners, and He will seek until He finds.

In parable “The Lost Coin” in **Luke 15 v 8 – 10**, Jesus tells of widow who lost her precious silver coin and she looked until she found it.

Romans 3 v 23 “For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God...and redemption comes through Christ Jesus”

Romans 6 v 23 “The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord”

You Plead for us at the Right Hand of the Father (iii)

John 14 v 1 – 14 “No-one comes to the Father, except through Me”

- Jesus is preparing a place for us with the Father **v 1 - 3**
- Jesus is preparing the route for us **v 6**
- Jesus is preparing us to meet the Father **v 10 - 12**
- Jesus is preparing our direct line to the Father **v 13 - 14**

Romans 8 v 34 & 39 “Christ Jesus who died and was raised to life is now at the right hand of the Father, interceding for us...so nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God.”

Jesus opened the way –

- Through His death on the cross **v 34**
- Through defeating the power of death **v 34**
- Through bringing Gods love into our lives **v 37**
- Through nullifying all the obstacles and barriers **v 38 - 39**

The Reconciliation between God and Mankind

Ephesians 2 v 13 – 18 “You were once far separated from God, but, through the blood of Christ have been brought near... His death has abolished the barriers, reconciling man to God through the cross... through Christ we now have access to the Father.”

Revelation 21 v 3 – 4 “God’s dwelling place is with men, and He will live with them, and they will be His people, and He, their God.”