

**THE LORD THAT
HEALETH THEE
2 Corinthians 3:6-11**

I will put none of these diseases upon thee which I have brought upon the Egyptians, for I am the Lord that healeth thee. Exodus 15:26

How often have we read these words without daring to take them for ourselves, and without expectation that the Lord would fulfill them in us! We have seen in them that the people of God ought to be exempt from the diseases inflicted upon the Egyptians. But we believed that this promise applied only to the Old Testament. Because we were obliged to recognize the superiority of the new covenant (Hebrews 8:6), we came in our ignorance, to assert that sickness often brings great blessings. Consequently, we believed God had done well to withdraw what He had formerly promised, and to be no longer for us what HE WAS FOR ISRAEL, “the LORD THAT HEALETH THEE.”

But in our day, we see the church awakening and acknowledging her mistake. She sees that it is UNDER THE NEW COVENANT THAT THE LORD JESUS ACQUIRED THE TITLE OF HEALER BY ALL HIS MIRACULOUS HEALINGS. She is begging to see that in charging His church to preach the Gospel to every creature, He has promised to be with her “always, even unto the end of the world” (Matt. 28:20).

As the proof of His presence, His disciples should have the power to lay hands on the sick, who should then be healed (Mark 16:15-18). In the days of Pentecost, the Miraculous outpouring of the Holy Spirit was accompanied by miraculous healings, brought about by the power from on high (Acts 3:16; 5:12; 9:40). There is nothing in the Bible to make the church believe that the promise made to Israel has since been retracted, and she hears, from the mouth of the apostle James, this new promise: “The prayer of faith shall save (or heal) the sick” (James 5:15).

LET US LEARN TO SEE, IN THE RISE JESUS, THE DIVINE HEALER, AND LET US RECEIVE HIM AS SUCH. In order that I may recognize, in Jesus, my justification, my strength, and my wisdom, I must grasp, by faith, that He really is all these things to me. When the Bible tells me that Jesus is the sovereign Healer, I must take hold of this truth and say, “Yes, Lord, it is You who are my Healer.”

When I bring my sickness to the Lord, I do not depend on WHAT I SEE, WHAT I FEEL, OR WHAT I THINK, BUT ON WHAT HE SAYS. Even when everything appears contrary to the expected healing, even if it should not take place at the time or in the way that I had thought I should receive it, even when the symptoms seem only to be aggravated, my faith, strengthened by the very waiting, should cling immovably to this word that has gone out of the mouth of God:

“ I AM THE LORD THAT HEALETH THEE.”

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