**Christ The Healer Lecture Series - Topics & Content:**

**Week 3: Tuesday May 23, 2017**

*Welcome – glad you are here!*

**Healer Session 3 A:**

*(Intro)*

* God is the God of supply or provision.

-Of whatever we need: spirit, soul and body.

* One of His names indicates this: *‘El Shaddai’*

-God almighty, the fertile one / breasted on who blesses

* The fact that no one name can describe all that God is proof too that God is the God of whatever you need:

-You need peace: Jehovah Shalom gives it to you

-You need healing: Jehovah raphe heals you

**Jesus heals the woman with the issue of blood**

*(She initiates her own miracle: faith in operation)*

# Matthew 9:18-26 / Mark 5:22-43 / Luke 8:41-56

***43****Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any,****44****came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped.*

* Context: ‘busy day at the office’ for Jesus

-Gone across the lake: stilled the stormy waves, casts out demons from the possessed man, returned across lake, on His way to raise up leader’s daughter, then the woman comes up and stops the procession.

* Power was there all the time, it was now ‘accessed’ by her touch of faith.

-Against the Law to do that: God’s mercy trumps the Law’s demands.

* Others were touching Him but not with expectancy like her.
* Some background to what was going on in her heart before the healing,
* Cross referencing (let Bible interpret Bible)

**-Matthew’s account:** *‘she said to herself’*

**-Mark’s account:** *‘when she had heard about Jesus’*

**Jesus heals the paralytic**

# *(This time the friend’s faith is involved)*

# Luke 5:17-26

***17****Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was present to heal them.*

# Power was present to heal all including the negative Pharisees.

# Determined faith of the friends: your faith can affect the well-being of others.

# What is easier to say?

# Luke 5:23

***23****Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise up and walk’?*

* Jesus was and is God, and has the power to both forgive sins and heal bodies.

-The religious folk strongly questioned that with calls of ‘blasphemy’.

* He was forgiven and healed: the two often go hand in hand.

**Man with the withered hand is healed**

*(God’s sovereignty emphasized)*

**Matthew 12:9-13**

***13****Then He said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” And he stretched it out, and it was restored as whole as the other.*

* Hostile environment with legalistic leaders accusing Him.
* Jesus commanded healing by speaking with authority.
* No record of faith being exercised in this example.

-Fair to conclude that the man simply obeyed and received.

**What about people who have no faith in Jesus, perhaps don’t even know Him?**

1. Bible example: Naaman the Syrian (Non - Covenant Gentile)

# Luke 4:27

***27****And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.”*

* Quicknote: Naaman had some crazy idea about how the healing should be done: something dramatic and not dipping in the small muddy Jordan River 7 times.

1. Modern Day Example: (Todd White You tube clip) – 5 mins.

**Conclusion to Session 3 A:**

* No one ever **earns their healing**: it’s God’s grace gift to suffering mankind:

-Even the faith anyone exercises is in the context of God’s already given grace: unmerited favor.

-Like the air we breathe. Successful athletes should give God the glory…

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**Healer Session 3 B:**

**What really happened on the cross?**

*(As it pertains to healing)*

**Big Picture Context of God’s plan for man:**

* Creation (all good) & God’s purpose for man.
* Fall and death entered because of sin.

-We now live on a fallen world and as yet not renewed.

* Restoration plan in motion concludes in the final resurrection and a new body.

-Extreme makeover time.

**Moses and the ‘bronze serpent’ incident**

**Numbers 21:4-9**

* The people became discouraged and begun to murmur despite God’s miraculous provision of food, protection & covering.

-There **was** water & food: manna was angel’s food (for champions)

* ‘Serpents’ – Nachash (Hebrew) means ‘poisoner’.

-Vs 6 God **permitted** the serpents that were already there to now bite.

(Some say the Hebrew tense is permissive rather than raw causative).

# Ecclesiastes 10:8

***8****He who digs a pit will fall into it,  
And whoever breaks through a wall will be bitten by a serpent.*

* Hedge of protection is affected when we question to the point of murmuring God’s goodness.

-Guarding your heart is the key focus here.

* The people’s request: ‘take away the serpents’ – relief!

-This limited solution doesn’t get to the heart of God’s dealings with them & us.

* Moses was instructed to make a bronze serpent and put it on a pole.

-When you **look** at it you will live.

**Digging deeper:**

1. To ‘look’ in Hebrew is Nabat – to gaze intently with expectancy.

-This was God’s provision in the midst of danger. (hedged or shielded from)

-Like Daniel in the Lion’s den was shielded even though he was in the midst.

1. ‘Bronze’ speaks of judgement: the snake has been judged on the pole.

-Jesus became sin for us (and it’s attendant consequences: disease and death) so that we can be saved from it all.

-God did **not give each a stick** to beat off the snakes but an instruction to see with the eye of faith what He has done for them and us

1. Overall, our transformation comes when we ‘behold’ Jesus’ glory.

**2 Corinthians 3:18**

***18****But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

1. A bit deeper: ‘Nachash’ – serpent in ancient Hebrew with its pictographs:

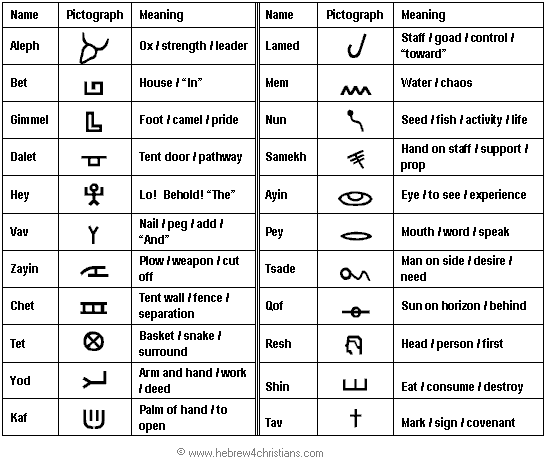
-Hebrew reads from right to left.

**Shin** **Chet** **Nun**

El Shaddai Doorway Fish

(God) (Connector) (Believer)

-The work of satan the serpent is to obscure (hedge) the believer from seeing Jesus and going through the doorway of salvation and enjoying it’s benefits.





**In the time after Jesus’ death believers used this symbol**



1. The word for ‘bronze’ (judgement) is a combination between:

-Tav = ‘Cross’ & Nun Chet Shin = ‘Serpent’

-The serpent has been judged at the cross.

1. Jesus’ commentary on the Moses moment connects His work on the cross to the symbolism used with the snake and the pole (cross).

**John 3:14**

***14****And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up,****15****that whoever believes in Him should not perish but[*[*b*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+3%3A1-20&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-26136b)*] have eternal life.*

1. Then Jesus Himself emphasizes ‘seeing’ or beholding.

# John 6:40

***40****And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who* ***sees*** *the Son and* ***believes in Him*** *may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.”*

1. Believers are compared to ‘eagles’, and eagles eat snakes.

# Isaiah 40:31

***31****But those who wait on the Lord  
Shall renew their strength;  
They shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
They shall run and not be weary,  
They shall walk and not faint.*

**Conclusion to 3 B:**

* Every word of God has depth to it that when we plumb them with the help of the Holy Spirit, we enjoy the benefits:

**Psalm 103:1-3**

Bless the Lord, O my soul;  
And all that is within me, *bless* His holy name!  
**2**Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
And forget not all His benefits:  
**3**Who forgives all your iniquities,  
Who heals all your diseases,

**The Prophet Isaiah foresees the cross:**

**Isaiah 53:4-5**

1. **Jesus and the New Covenant: Matthew**

* The new covenant fulfills and encapsulates all and more than the old covenant.

1. **New Testament interpretations & revelations:**
2. Paul in the revelation of communion’s value in 1 Corinthians

**1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

*23For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; 24and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” 25In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”*

* Paul explains the bread & wine are two definite aspects of Christ’s work @ the cross.

-Body & blood.

-This is covenant talk

* He goes on to say that we must discern Jesus’ body in the same way as His blood if we are to enjoy the intended benefit from it.

1. Peter in his letter **1 Peter 2:24**

* He links the two together naturally as they are connected in the Work Jesus did at the cross.

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You may not be physically bowed over, but like the woman, you become dust-conscious and life every day is a struggle.  Having a dust-consciousness also affects the way you see others. You look at people’s faults all the time. You point out their shortcomings and rake up their past failures. When you are dust-conscious, you find your relationships robbed of peace and joy.  And if you, like the woman, keep looking at the dust, before long, that inward position of dust-consciousness becomes so entrenched that you become the devil’s food because dust is what he eats. God’s Word describes him as being like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. (1 Peter 5:8)  If you don’t want to be devoured by him, then lift your eyes above the dust! Instead of looking at your failures, look to Christ who has delivered you from every defeat. See yourself the way God sees you—righteous and holy in Christ. (Colossians 3:12, 2 Corinthians 5:21) You are not dust because you are not in and of the flesh—you are in and of the Spirit. (Romans 8:9)  My friend, the more you realize who you are in Christ, the more you will straighten up and walk the way God sees you—a new creation with His authority, power and overcoming Spirit! “Bodily Healing and the Atonement” by TJ McCrossan *Posted on January 20, 2011 by*[*Paul Ellis*](https://escapetoreality.org/author/pauldellis/)*//*[*26 Comments*](https://escapetoreality.org/2011/01/20/%e2%80%9cbodily-healing-and-the-atonement%e2%80%9d-by-tj-mccrossan/#mh-comments)  [Healing](http://amzn.to/1NPGZWX)I’ve just finished reading [Bodily Healing and the Atonement](http://amzn.to/1NPGZWX) by TJ McCrossan. This 80 year old classic (since reprinted) is a welcome antidote to any uncertainty you may have regarding God’s will for healing.  The main takeaway of this book is that “Christ bore our sicknesses in the very same way that He bore our sins” (p.12).  Many sincere believers struggle to see healing because of false teaching. They’ve been told that it’s not God’s will to heal everyone, or that God wants them sick to teach them character, or that God used to heal people but He doesn’t anymore.  Through an in-depth study of scripture, TJ McCrossan demolishes all of these misconceptions. He writes that sickness is ultimately the devil’s work. (We have sickness and death on account of sin (Rms 5:12), but it was Satan who led our first parents to disobey God. Thus Satan is the originator and propagator of sickness.) McCrossan notes that Jesus rebuked sickness in the same way that He rebuked evil spirits – harshly and with authority. Sickness is not something we should learn to live with, but something we need to learn how to eliminate through faith in Christ.  Jesus healed the sick (Mt 4:23), He commanded His disciples to heal the sick (Mt 10:8), and He said that we would heal the sick (Mk 16:18). So why are we unsure about His will for the sick? His will is that we heal them!  Probably my favorite part of the book was the section on God’s will versus our will. Many believers pray with the proviso if it be Thy will. As McCrossan explains, this is faithless, irresponsible praying. It is giving voice to doubt and abdicating our God-given mandate to heal the sick. The Bible is full of promises and instructions regarding healing. We have no excuse for imitating the father in Mark 9:22 who asked Jesus, “if you can do anything…” If you can?! Of course He can – He’s God! He can heal and He wants to heal. The real question is not “God, can you?” but “do you believe?”  Jesus died for all sinners but not all are saved. Why not? Because of unbelief in the goodness of God. Similarly, Jesus died that all might be healed, but not all are healed? According to TJ MCrossan, it’s the same reason:  “Every saint has a blood-bought right to be healed, but thousands do not know that they must exercise the very same appropriating faith in the bruised body of Christ for their healing as they formerly exercised in His shed blood for their salvation.” (p.64)  On the whole I am greatly inspired by Bodily Healing and the Atonement, but I sense there is a danger that some readers might trip up if they are not already acquainted with [the gospel of God’s grace](https://escapetoreality.org/gospel-of-grace/). For instance, the author lists a number of conditions for being healed. The first requirement is “keeping all of God’s commands and doing only what was right in His sight” (p.64). This comes from 1 Jn 3:22; God answered John’s prayers because John kept God’s commandments. But what the author neglects to mention is that the commandments John is referring to are not the commandments of the Old Testament. John is saying we must believe in Jesus Christ (see 1 Jn 3:23). If you don’t believe in Jesus, you’re going to have a hard time receiving the healing that He provided for you at the cross.  We are not healed on the basis of our law-keeping, but on account of God’s grace revealed to us through Christ. Yet God’s grace will be of no effect to you unless you respond positively in faith (Eph 2:8). The gospel of Christ reveals the power of God for salvation – forgiveness, healing, deliverance – for everyone who believes (Rms 1:16), and ultimately this is the message of Bodily Healing. If you are battling with long term illness or know someone who is, get them a copy of this book. Then go heal them.   |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Let me ask you a question which Jesus asked the Pharisees: “Which is easier, to say [to the paralytic], ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise up and walk’?” (Luke 5:23)  In the context of ministering to a paralytic, saying “Your sins are forgiven” is probably easier. Why? Because you don’t need an outward manifestation to prove that his sins are forgiven. But when you tell him, “Rise up and walk,” he must rise up and walk, or you will look very foolish! So that makes saying “Your sins are forgiven” easier than saying “Rise up and walk”.  The truth is, what is seemingly more difficult for man in the natural is not so for God. With God, physical healing is clearly “easier” for Him than forgiveness of sins. The latter is the “harder” and greater miracle because it required God to deliver up His beloved Son to take on all our sins and shed His blood on the cross.  Yet, when faced with a loved one stricken with cancer, or when gripped by mounting debts after being jobless for a long time, we seem to find it harder to believe and say that God has already given us the breakthroughs we need, than to believe and say that our sins are forgiven. Saying that our sins are forgiven seems easier than saying that God has already given us the miraculous physical healing, supernatural financial breakthrough or divine favor at the next job interview.  But since God has done the “harder” and greater miracle of “having forgiven you all trespasses”, there is nothing He will not do for you! (Romans 8:32) In fact, if you think that there is something that God is withholding from you, you are implying that that something is greater than the forgiveness of sins which Jesus died to give you! But nothing can be greater than the perfect sacrifice of Jesus.  So hear the Lord telling you today, “Your sins have been forgiven you. You have perfect acceptance before God. Rise up and be healed! Rise up and walk in health, wisdom, favor, protection and wholeness!” | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | | |  | | |