

The Whipping Post

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Many of you who are suffering in your bodies with some sort of illness can rejoice because the total cure for what ails you at this moment was given to us 2000 years ago. That's right! The cure was given, and it's available to all those who wish to receive this marvelous gift, which was made available to all humanity by The Way, The Truth and The Life...

Jesus Christ died, not only for our sins, but he died for our souls and he died for our bodies. We are triune beings and He provided wholeness for all three parts. I remember a lady to whom I was trying to minister several years ago. I shared with her that Jesus died for her arthritis and that He wanted to manifest healing in her right then and there. In an angry voice, she said to me, "Jesus didn't die for us to be healed...he only died for our sins!" And yet this woman was doing everything she could medically to relieve her pain and suffering. She wanted to be well! But yet she didn't believe that the same Jesus who died so that we could be with Him one day was the same Jesus who would love nothing more than to make us whole here on this earth. That day, the Lord had sent me to her to speak healing, but she refused the free gift that Jesus wanted to give to her.

There was a whipping post that our Lord was placed upon, before he went to the cross. On that post, his back was shred to pieces by the Roman scourging whip called a flagrum. This instrument of horrendous torture had glass, nails or jagged sheep bone embedded in various sizes of lead tips. It had anywhere from 3 to 12 leather straps with these sharp instruments at the ends. The Romans were experts at torture. From a 3rd Century Historian: "...their bodies were frightfully lacerated. Christian martyrs in Smyrna were so torn by the scourges that their veins were laid bare, and the inner muscles, sinews, even entrails, were exposed". (Westminster Dictionary of the Bible page 538)

Now can you understand why Jesus couldn't carry his own cross? Matthew tells us that Simon of Cyrene was forced to pick it up and carry it to the place of crucifixion. Jesus *did* take up his cross, but he could not carry it for long - he was in pain beyond our comprehension and so the burden to carry that cross was laid on another. This should confirm to us that we are not to carry our burdens alone...

The flagrum, under the hands of bloodthirsty Roman guards, laid cavernous strips or "stripes" upon the back of the bravest man who ever walked this earth and this is where I want to make my point today:

Isaiah 53:5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our guilt and iniquities; the chastisement [needful to obtain] peace and well-being for us was upon Him, and with the stripes [that wounded] Him we are healed and made whole.

The Word "healed" in this passage needs some clarity from the original language to properly illuminate the depth of His love for us. This word "Rapha" means to be made healthful and healed of personal distress. In many places throughout the Word this word "Rapha" has been used to describe spiritual healing, healing of the soul, and healing of the body. It's a TOTAL healing. Jesus IS Jehova Rapha. HE IS total healing and wholeness...

When Jesus was nailed upon that old rugged cross, his bloody back, which was violently ripped wide open for your healing and my healing, seamlessly became a part of the total package of that cross and the miracle of salvation was about to begin.

Everything that Jesus died for has already been given to us. Healing is ours. Prosperity is ours. Wholeness in every way possible is ours. We don't have to beg and plead with the Lord to heal us of our ailments. He willingly and lovingly gave us what we needed many centuries ago.

Our part is to accept His love and grace, act in obedience to His commands, and receive our healing by faith with a heart of thanksgiving and praise to Jehovah Rapha....OUR HEALER.

God gave us His Word. Read the following Healing Scriptures out loud every day and make them personal by inserting yourself into the Scriptures. You are partnering with God when you speak His Word. Remember that His Word, spoken to His ear, is "Life to your body and HEALTH to your flesh..."



Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases.

~ Psalm 103:2-3

Beloved I wish above all things that you prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers.

~ 3 John 1:2





Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him.

~ Mathew 20:34

Then great multitudes came to Him, having with them the lame, blind, mute, maimed, and many others; and they laid them down at Jesus' feet, and He healed them.

~ Mathew 15:30





"Lord, help!" they cried in their trouble and He saved them from their distress. He sent out His word and healed them, snatching them from the door of death.

~ Psalm 107: 19-20

"I will give you back your health and heal your wounds" says the Lord. .

~ Jeremiah 30:17





Heal me, LORD, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise.

~ Jeremiah 17:14

The LORD sustains him on his **sickbed**; in his illness you restore him to full health. ~ Psalm 41:3





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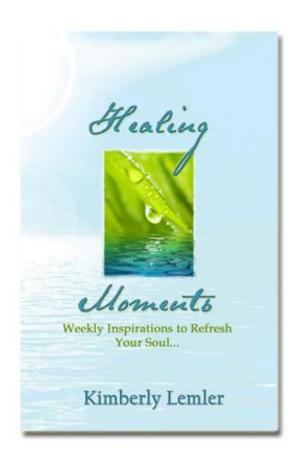
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