



(9) The Healing God

Discover Him and Find His Healing Touch (Ex 15:26)

Although today's world regularly spites God's mercy, His Healing name, Jehovah Rophe, is beautiful, bringing hope to strengthen believers to see how powerful God's love is and that in no situation—even in great sickness and pain—do we ever need to be apologetic for God's actions, but satisfied and delighted. Times of sickness are opportune times to more deeply draw near to God to know Him more deeply as your Healer.

The names of God differ from the attributes of God for each as each name emphasizes a group of His attributes. In God's name the "Healer", for example, we discover many wonderful aspects of His person, making this description true of Him. Each name of God provides a glorious picture of His Person and ways.



Jehovah Rophe, I am the Lord Your Healer (Ex 15:26)

And He said, 'If you will give earnest heed to the voice of the LORD your God, and do what is right in His sight, and give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have put on the Egyptians; for I, the LORD, am your healer.' (Exodus 15:26)

1) The Path To Healing (Ex 15:26a)

The context

- The Praising (15:21)
- The Complaining (15:22-25)
- The Promising (15:26)

"And He said, 'If you will...'"

- "Give earnest heed to the voice of the LORD your God, and"
- "Do what is right in His sight, and"
- "Give ear to His commandments, and"
- "Keep all His statutes"
- "...put none of the diseases on you"

Curiously, would you do these things if you knew you would keep from cancer, heart disease, etc.?



Observations

- "If you": God desires to have us live healthy lives (i.e., Moses, Joshua).
- "I will put": The Lord oversees disease through curse and cure—God is Judge and yet merciful.
- Conditional: Healing is related to our relationship to His truth (obedience).
- Connection: Health is less important than our relationship with Him (respect and relationship).

The world says its way is good, but the Lord knows better.

➡ **anger and unforgiving** - heart disease, broken relationships, pride

"Men who rate themselves as generally angry on questionnaires given early in life are, by the age of 55, three times more likely to have heart disease and six times more likely to have a heart attack (myocardial infarction), compared to other men." The Johns Hopkins University study appears in today's (2002) Archives of Internal Medicine.



→ **worry and anxiety** - multitude of emotional and health problems

Harvard Medical School, "Anxiety has now been implicated in several chronic physical illnesses, including heart disease, chronic respiratory disorders, and gastrointestinal conditions."



→ **sexual immorality leads to diseases (STD) and brokenness**

2) The Person Offering Healing (Ex 15:26b)

Jehovah Rophe **אֲנִי יְהוָה רֹפֵאֶךָ**

- Healer: to mend (by stitching); repair; figuratively to cure, heal
- Emphasis on the "I" – The Lord's Privilege
- Think of Jesus' "I am" statements.

"I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly" (John 10:10).

LORD your God, and do what is right in His sight, and give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have put on the Egyptians."



for I, the LORD, am your healer.

- Where does the healing come from? From obedience or from the Healer?
- The commandments lead to God. We are not to be entrapped by commandments or tradition, but find their end goal in a relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

"I, the LORD, am your Healer." (15:26)

- Healing has advanced greatly since the old practices mixed with witchcraft and superstitious methodologies (e.g. Pergamum).
- Beyond all the great hospitals and doctors stands Jehovah Rophe, the Lord your Healer.
- Without God's design and life, there would not be any healing.
- The further from God's truth we wander, the more harm that comes to our bodies.



The Lord Your Healer



3) Questions on the Lord the Healer

Many of the unanswered questions regarding healing exacerbate the doubt that the secularists have regarding God's love and mercy. This study on Exodus 15:26 boldly reveals and explains God's statement, "I Myself am Your Healer," which is important when we consider the rise in disease around us. "Why does He allow His children to suffer?" is just one question that we pose. By studying each question and answer, you will gain a thorough biblical perspective on healing, and more importantly, you will find yourself drawn nearer the Healer.

1. How can you be so sure that God is concerned about our lives if He allows so many health problems?
2. Why doesn't God just heal everybody, or at least all the Christians?
3. Why does it appear that God is the one who brings diseases upon the people?
4. What cure does God give that will keep us from diseases (Ex 15:26)?
5. What does the truth of God's Word have to do with finding healing?
6. What does it mean that there's a larger purpose for healing than just the healing?
7. How are hospitals and physicians dependent on God's healing power?
8. Why do health plans bring more harm than good to people?
9. Is all sickness related to my personal sin?
10. How can health become a block to a person knowing and discovering God?
11. How is healing an illustration of the Gospel?
12. So how should I treat the pain, diseases, and broken relationships that I face?
13. How should I or others face the possibility of death through sickness?

Summary and application: Meeting the Healer

- We might be reluctant to meet Him
(I'm healthy, young, but...)
- Healing goes deeper than physical health, penetrating our relationships, inner peace, environment, etc. (World: yoga, drugs, organic)
- Is the Lord calling you to meet Him as the Lord your Healer?
- Linda's example (CHF)
- So what if each time we see weakness, sickness in our lives, brokenness in relationships, that we seek the Healer and not simply healing. When better, we express our gratefulness rather than just forget.

