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Lesson 2:

Healing School

Lesson 2: Healing Pictures Seeing Healing in God's Scrapbook

1 Corinthians 10:1-11

1 Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, **2** all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, **3** all ate the same spiritual food, **4** and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. **5** But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

6 Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. **7** And do not become idolaters as were some of them. As it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play." **8** Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; **9** nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; **10** nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer. **11** Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

The Old Testament is rich in typology. Images and pictures that prefigure relevant truths for us. Here in this passage we see some of those types:

- Moses was a type or picture of Christ into whom we are baptized.
- The Red Sea crossing was a type or picture of baptism, cutting us off from the world.
- Egypt itself is a type of the world and bondage to sin from which we are brought out by
- The blood of the passover lamb which is a type of Christ's blood, spilled for the remission of our sins.

All of these are types: images that prefigure a fuller truth to be later revealed in the redemption of Christ in the New Testament.

In the Old Testament there are a number of “Healing Pictures” or types that prefigure the blessing of healing we have through the redemption of Christ.

You could call these “God’s Scrapbook of Healing” as they show pictures of a story, not in its full-grown reality as we see it in the light of the New Testament, but that prefigure the promise that is to come in full.

ILLUSTRATION: When your Granny brings out the scrapbook, we don’t see you in your full-grown maturity, but a picture that that we recognize as an image of that which is to come.

So, let’s take a look at some of these pictures:

1. The Redemptive Names of God - The Jehovah Titles

Exodus 6:3

3 I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by My name Lord I was not known to them.

Here we have two very distinctive names of God mentioned, each of which reveal a different aspect of God’s eternal character and nature.

God Almighty - Hebrew: *El Shaddai* and means “God Almighty.”

This is the God Who CAN

- The God Who’s More Than Enough
- The God Who Knows No Limitation
- Who Meets Every Need By His Mighty Power

But God is about to reveal Himself in a new way to this generation - to the generation that witnesses the blood of the passover lamb and the deliverance that follows.

Lord - Hebrew - Jehovah or Yaweh. More particularly this is the Tetragrammaton, the unspeakable NAME of God, usually translated as LORD in your Bibles.

This name is composed of four consonants YHWH (the vowels are merely inferred).

In the Hebrew it’s Yaweh, but the Latin version, which many of us are familiar with is Jehovah.

Jehovah is the “REDEMPTIVE NAME” of God.

There are seven of these “REDEMPTIVE NAMES.”

Seven compound, covenant-keeping names, each of which reveal a different aspect of God’s **redemptive disposition** toward us.

In other words, these Names reveal God’s **willingness** to provide for us in each of these areas.

So while *El-Shaddai* reveals the God who CAN, *Jehovah* reveals the God who WILL!

They are as follows (in no particular order):

1. Jehovah-Shammah - the Lord is Present
2. Jehovah-Shalom - the Lord our Peace
3. Jehovah-Ra-ah - the Lord our Shepherd
4. Jehovah-Jireh - the Lord our Provider
5. Jehovah-Nissi - the Lord our Banner/Victory
6. Jehovah-Tsidkenu - the Lord our Righteousness
7. Jehovah-Rapha - the Lord our Healer

From *Christ the Healer*, F.F. Bosworth

“On pages 6 and 7 of the Scofield Bible, Mr. Scofield, in his footnote on the redemptive names, says that the name “Jehovah is distinctly the redemption name of Deity,” and means “the self-existent One who reveals Himself.” These seven redemptive names, he says, point to “a continuous and increasing self-revelation.” He then says, ‘In His redemptive relation to man, Jehovah has seven compound names which reveal Him as meeting every need of man from his lost state to the end.’

Since it is His redemptive relation to us that these names reveal, they must each point to Calvary where we were redeemed. The blessing that each name reveals must be provided by the Atonement. This the Scriptures clearly teach.”

(Excerpt From: F. F. Bosworth. “Christ the Healer.” iBooks. <https://itun.es/us/7hCeO.l>)

Again, important to understand is that since these are the REDEMPTIVE NAMES of God, each of them prefigure benefits that find their ultimate fulfillment in the redemption of Christ.

The Old Testament saints enjoyed many covenant blessings on the basis of a promissory note of what Christ would provide.

Since, in the eyes of God and the High Court of Heaven, Jesus was the “lamb slain from the foundations of the earth” there was no miscarriage of justice if blessing the Old Testament saints even before the price for these benefits was paid.

Psalm 103:1-3

**1 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,**
**4 Who redeems your life from destruction,
Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,**
**5 Who satisfies your mouth with good things,
So that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.**

QUESTION: How does forgiveness come?

ANSWER: Only one way: through the shedding of blood.

Hebrews 9:22

22 And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.

What MANY fail to realize is that after man fell, the only thing we could justly receive from the hand of God was judgment.

Thus, Christ had to die on our behalf so that the grace and mercy of God could be demonstrated to us rather than judgment.

He was judged on our behalf that we might receive the mercy, grace, and benevolence of God.

Thus, ALL benefits we receive from the hand of God are REDEMPTIVE benefits, and must be received by grace through faith.

Romans 8:32

32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not WITH HIM also freely give us ALL THINGS?

How many things came through Christ? ALL THINGS!

ALL THE BENEFITS OF GOD, INCLUDING HEALING, CAME THROUGH THE CROSS!

These REDEMPTIVE NAMES of God prefigure that reality.

Lets look at these names a little more closely and see the reality of what they reveal this side of the cross:

JEHOVAH-SHAMMAH - the Lord is Present

Ezekiel 48:35

35 All the way around shall be eighteen thousand cubits; and the name of the city from that day shall be:THE LORD IS THERE.” (Jehovah-Shammah)

What promise of the Lord’s abiding presence do we see in the New Testament?

Matthew 28:19-20

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

Hebrews 13:5-6

5 Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” 6 So we may boldly say:

**“The Lord is my helper;
I will not fear.
What can man do to me?”**

JEHOVAH-SHALOM - The Lord Our Peace

Judges 6:24

24 So Gideon built an altar there to the Lord, and called it The- Lord- Is- Peace. To this day it is still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites. (Jehovah-Shalom)

Do we have the promise of peace in this New Covenant through Christ?

John 14:27

27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Romans 5:1

1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

JEHOVAH-RA-AH - The Lord Our Shepherd

Psalm 23:1

**1 The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want. (Jehovah-Ra-ah)**

Do we have the promise of the Lord's protection and guidance in the New Testament?

John 10:14

14 I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.

Romans 8:14

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

JEHOVAH-JIREH - The Lord Our Provider

Genesis 22:14

14 And Abraham called the name of the place, The- Lord- Will- Provide; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of the Lord it shall be provided." (Jehovah-Jireh)

Do we have the promise of provision in this New Covenant?

Romans 8:32

32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

Philippians 4:19

19 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

JEHOVAH-NISSI - The Lord Our Banner/Victory

Exodus 17:15 (After defeating Amalek)

15 And Moses built an altar and called its name, The- Lord- Is- My- Banner; (Jehovah-Nissi)

Do we have the promise of victory in the New Covenant through Christ?

Romans 8:37

37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

1 Corinthians 15:57

57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

JEHOVAH-TSIDKENU - The Lord Our Righteousness

Jeremiah 23:5-6

5 “ Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord,

“That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness;

A King shall reign and prosper,

And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.

6 In His days Judah will be saved,

And Israel will dwell safely;

Now this is His name by which He will be called:

THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. (Jehovah-Tsidkenu)

Are we declared righteous through Christ?

Romans 5:1

1 Therefore, having been justified (made righteous) by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

2 Corinthians 5:21

21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

JEHOVAH-RAPHA - The Lord Our Healer

Exodus 15:25-26

25 So he cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a tree. When he cast it into the waters, the waters were made sweet.

There He made a statute and an ordinance for them, and there He tested them, 26 and said, “If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the Lord who heals you. (Jehovah-Rapha)

Do we have the promise of healing in the New Testament?

James 5:14-15

14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

1 Peter 2:24

24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.

These names together prefigure for us a comprehensive picture of the redemption of Christ Jesus in type, which is fulfilled in the New Testament, this side of the cross.

While many theologians would attest to the valid of some of these and not others (as they do not match their particular doctrinal dogma), these Names must stand or fall together as a revelation by God Himself of His redemptive disposition toward us.

He is just as much Jehovah Rapha, the Lord our healer, as He is Jehovah-Tsidkenu, the Lord our righteousness.

If He is not one, He is neither.

Psalm 103:2-3

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul,

And forget not all His benefits:

3 Who forgives all your iniquities,

Who heals all your diseases.

I heard one theologian say, “I believe God heals all of our diseases, but I don’t believe He heals them all the time.”

If you’re going to say that, then you have to return to the first part of that verse, then, and say, “I believe God forgives all our iniquities, but I don’t believe He forgives them all the time.”

It’s not a matter of whether God still heals at all. The work was done at Calvary, because, as these names have shown, healing, along with all of these other benefits, are blessings we enjoy in the light of our redemption!

Notes
