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“YHWH-Rapha: The Lord Who Heals You”

or

“Run to the Strong Tower of YHWH-Rapha”

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Introduction

Whether we have received a miraculous healing or not, all of God’s saints have been touched by YHWH-Rapha.

The word rapha appears in the Old Testament 65 times. It is always used in reference to a spiritual or physical healing.

*The main point of this sharing is this: **man’s need for spiritual healing far outweighs his need for physical healing.***

- ❑ Gen 20:8-18 – vs. 17 1st use of *rapha*.
- ❑ Ps 103:1-3 – vs. 3 Forgives all sins and heals all diseases.
 - Sin is the base cause of sickness.
 - Accepting forgiveness of sin without accepting physical healing is like receiving a partial redemption.
- ❑ Gen 50:1-2 – vs. 2 physician = *rapha*.
 - *Rapha* conveys the idea of restoring something to its normal or useful state.
- ❑ 1 Kings 18:27-39 – vs. 30 repaired = *rapha*.
- ❑ 2 Kings 2:19-22 – Elisha and the healing of the waters.

The Song at the Sea vs. the Bitterness at Marah

- ❑ Ex 15:22-25 The waters of Marah
 - Ex 15:1-19 The song of Moses
 - Ex 15:20-21 The song of Miriam
 - Often, the greatest challenge is not the trial but the time of victory.
 - 1 Pet 5:8-9 Maintaining a victory can be more difficult than gaining it.
- ❑ Ex 15:24-25 The people grumble against Moses.
 - God didn’t keep the Israelites singing by the sea. He led them instead through the desert to experience thirst and then brought them to bitter waters.
 - Not only did they fail the test of bitter waters, they failed to recognize it as a spiritual situation (by crying out to God) and instead sought a secular solution (they murmured against Moses).
- ❑ Ex 15:26 Three things that Moses did.
 1. He listened diligently to the voice of the Lord.
 2. He did what was right in His sight.
 3. He paid attention to His commands and decrees.

The Lord Heals Sin and Sickness

- Ex 23:20-26
 - The Lord promises to bless us, take sickness from us, and grant us a full life span if we serve Him.
 - Suggested reading: *And Jesus Healed Them All* by Gloria Copeland.
- Is 53:4-6 By His stripes we are healed.
- Gal 3:13 He became a curse for us.

Healing of Bitterness

- Ex 15:25-26 The revelation of YHWH-Rapha is in the context of bitterness.
- Gal 3:13 Cursed is every one who hangs on a **tree**.
 - [James 3:9-11 Cursing is bitter water]
 - **tree** is *xulon* in Greek text
 - Gal 3:13 quotes Deut 21:23
 - **tree** in Deut 21:23 and Ex 15:25 is *'ets* in Hebrew text.
 - Greek *xulon* = Hebrew *'ets*
 - 1 Pet 2:24 cross is called **tree**, Greek *xulon*.

The event at the waters of Marah foreshadows the healing power of the cross of Christ in the New Testament. Bitter situations can become sweet through YHWH-Rapha.

Run to the Strong Tower of YHWH-Rapha

- Ps 30:1-12 “I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.”
- 2 Chron 16:9-12 Asa didn’t seek the LORD and died diseased.
- 2 Chron 7:12-14 Repent and seek the LORD and He will heal our land.