



The Healing Name of God

We talked yesterday about the names of God and how one of the many ways God desires for us to know Him is by telling us His names. When we meet someone we tell them our name. That is just one of the characteristics of being made in God's image; being able to communicate. We had the opportunity to discuss:

- Elohim - translated God - which means The Strong and Faithful One
- YHWH/Jehovah - translated LORD - which mean Self-Existent or Being
- Adonai - translated Lord - which means Master, Ruler, Sovereign
- El Hashimayim - God of Heaven
- El Olam - Everlasting God
- El Gibbor - Mighty God - Literally, God is a Warrior
- El Chaiyai - The God of my Life
- Jehovah-Rohi - The LORD is my Shepherd - YHWH is my Shepherd

There was another name I wanted to mention (you can't talk about all of God's names in one sermon) but I didn't and that is Jehovah-Rophe: YHWH Heals. We find this name of God mentioned in Exodus 15:26 three days after the crossing of the Red Sea. The people were grumbling because there was only bitter water to drink. People were getting sick and didn't know what to do, so Moses spoke for God and said, 26 "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."

Like many people in our world today, they took this as they will no longer be physically sick. And they were wrong. Although, does God heal physical illnesses? Of course, but that is not what Jehovah-Rophe means. Jehovah-Rophe is the healer. Of what? Our hearts.

Psalms 103:2-3 says, Praise the Lord, O my soul...who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases.

We need to take careful consideration of the exact order this phrase was written in.

- God wants to forgive sins and then,
- God wants to heal your disease - but in a fallen world when will disease truly be healed? Not until heaven. The eternal state.

We live in a world that always wants its material and physical needs met. It is seldom that someone comes to our doors and knows for sure that they need their soul (literally life) healed. No one goes to heaven because their skin & bones are healed. People go to heaven because their heart/sin nature is healed.

Romans 10:10 says, "with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation."

And of course we know this, but do they? As a church we should place it upon our healed hearts to tell others of Jehovah-Rophe. There is a Healer and His name is Jesus.

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