

Wisdom Unlocked: The Ways of God

S6 Episode 2 God is Healer But Sometimes He Doesn't



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Season 6 Theme - God: Misrepresented and Misunderstood

When it comes to God and healing, there are so many unanswered questions and often we as Christians get in the way by trying to answer them ourselves. God declares that He is Jehovah Rapha - the God who heals. What do we get right and wrong about this attribute of God?

Scripture References

Exodus 15:26

“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].”

Psalm 147:3

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

Isaiah 53:4-5

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

Matthew 8:1-3

When he came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. ² And behold, a leper^[a] came to him and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.” ³ And Jesus^[b] stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, “I will; be clean.” And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

Mark 10:46-52

And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸ And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹ And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart. Get up; he is calling you.” ⁵⁰ And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ And Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” And the blind man said to him, “Rabbi, let me recover my sight.” ⁵² And Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

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In the New Testament, Jesus is Jehovah Rapha—the God who heals, the God who fixes broken things. Matthew says of Jesus, “*He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses*” (Matthew 8:17). Jesus is the Great Physician (Mark 2:17)

¹⁶ And the scribes of^[a] the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, “Why does he eat^[b] with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹⁷ And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Psalm 103:1-5

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 iniquity, who heals all your diseases,⁴ who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,⁵ who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

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