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Introduction

Proverbs 4:20-22 says, "My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh." The Hebrew word for "health" in verse 22 is "medicine". God's Word is medicine to all our flesh. Isaac Leeser's translation of Exodus 15:26 reads, "...I the Lord am thy physician." The medicine He prescribes is His Word.

Many make the mistake of substituting belief in healing for the actual taking of God's medicine — His Word. They say, "I believe in healing" without actually taking the medicine. What good would it do you to believe in food if you didn't eat it? You would starve. What good would it do you to believe in water if you didn't actually drink any? You would die of thirst.

God's Word is His medicine. There are several parallels between God's medicine and natural medicine. God's Word is a healing agent just as natural medicine is a healing agent or catalyst. In other words, the medicine itself contains the capacity to produce healing. God's Word contains inherent within it the capacity, the energy, the ability, the nature to effect healing in your body.

Psalm 107:20 says, "He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions." Fenton says, "He sent out His word, and it healed, and from their corruptions it freed!" Proverbs 4:22 says, "For THEY (His words) are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh." Isaiah 55:10,11 says the Word of God will accomplish what it was sent out to do. The Word itself contains the power to produce what it says, just as when God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. Healing Scriptures contain within them the capacity to produce healing, Hebrews 4:12 says, "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit..." Weymouth says, "God's Message is full of life and power..." Jordan says, "God's Word is alive with energy...." Knox says, "God's word to us is something

alive, full of energy..." The key to partaking of the life and healing energy in the Word is feeding on it until it penetrates your spirit, where it deposits that life and energy.

Second, we might say that medicine is no respecter of persons. It will work for anyone who takes it. It is not a matter of God's willing or not willing the healing of any individual, but whether or not the individual will receive healing by taking the medicine that produces it.

Third, and most important, medicine must be taken according to directions to be effective. Some medicine labels read "Take internally"; others say "Take externally". To rub it on your body externally when the directions say to take it internally will not work. To take it after meals when the directions say take it before meals will reduce its effectiveness. To take it once in a while when the directions say three times every day will mean limited results, if any. No matter how good the medicine is, it must be taken according to directions or it won't work.

So it is with God's medicine. It must be taken according to directions to work. The directions for taking God's medicine are found in Proverbs 4:20,21. Attend to them, incline your ear to them, don't let them depart from before your eyes, and keep them in the midst of your heart. We might say that attending to them, inclining your ear to them, and keeping them before your eyes cause them to get into the midst of your heart. Notice this: it is only as they get in the midst of your heart and stay there that they can produce healing in your body. Head knowledge won't do. They must penetrate to your spirit through meditation attending, hearing, looking, muttering, musing, pondering — to produce healing in your body. But once they do penetrate, they surely bring health to all your flesh. The Living Bible says "...let them penetrate deep within your heart." You can see again that God's way of healing is spiritual. Power is ministered first to your spirit, and from there distributed to your body. God's medicine must be taken internally.

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Exodus 15:25-26: "And he cried unto the Lord; and the Lord shewed him a tree, which when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet: there he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he proved them, And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee."

(New English Bible) ...I the Lord am your healer.
(Leeser) ...for I the Lord am thy physician.
(Basic English) ...I am the Lord your life-giver.
(Young) ...I, Jehovah, am healing thee.
(Smith-Goodspeed) ...for I, the Lord, make you immune to them (diseases).
(Knox) ...I, the Lord, will bring thee only health.

God is speaking to me now, saying, "I am the Lord that healeth thee." He is watching over this Word to perform it. He is the Lord that healeth me. He is healing me now. This Word contains the ability to produce what it says. He is the Lord that healeth me. He has made me whole. His Word is full of healing power.

I receive this Word now. I receive the healing that is in His Word now. Healing is inherent in God's nature. God is in me. My body is the temple of God. My body is the temple of the Lord that healeth me. God is bigger than sickness and Satan. God is dwelling inside of me now, healing me now. The Lord that healeth me is my Shepherd; I do not lack healing.

My body is in contact with the Lord that healeth me. My body has to respond to God's healing life and nature at work in me now. Healing is in God, and God is in me. I thank You, Father, because You are my Healer and You have completely healed me.

Exodus 23:25: "And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee."

(Basic English) ...And give worship to the Lord your God, who will send a blessing on your bread and on your water: and I will take all disease away from among you. (Moffatt, Smith-Goodspeed) ...I will free you from disease. (Young) ...I have turned aside sickness from thine heart. (Knox) ...and keep sickness away from thy company.

"I will" is the strongest assertion that can be made in the English language. God is speaking to me now, saying, "I will take sickness away from the midst of thee." God is watching over this Word, performing it in me now. He is taking sickness away from the midst of me. Thank you, Father, for taking sickness away from me. I thank You for doing what You said.

Psalm 107:20: "He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions."

(*Moffatt*) ... he sent his word to heal them and preserve their life.

(Leeser)...and delivereth them from their graves.

*(Fenton)...*He sent out His word, and it healed and from their corruptions it freed!

He sent His Word and healed me. His Word heals me and delivers me from my destructions. His Word frees me from my corruptions. God's Word contains God's ability to perform what it says (Isa. 55:10,11). His Word is healing me now. His Word contains His healing power. His Word is working in me now. He has sent His Word and healed me!

Psalm 103:2-3: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases"

(New English Bible) He pardons all my faults and heals all my suffering. (Basic English) ... He takes away all your diseases. (Young) ... Who is healing all thy disease.

Bless the Lord, Jehovah-rapha, O, my soul. Blessed be God the Father. Lord, I praise You: Lord, I thank You. Praise you for your benefits. You forgive all my sin, all my faults, all my failures and disobedience. You heal all my diseases, and I thank You for it. Healing belongs to me as part of the New Covenant. Healing is my redemptive right. (A benefit is a condition of a contract, not a bonus thrown in extra at the discretion of the employer.) Thank You, Father, for healing all my diseases!

Proverbs 17:22: "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones."

(Good News) Being cheerful keeps you healthy.
(Smith-Goodspeed) A happy heart is a healing medicine...
(Basic English) A glad heart makes a healthy body...
(Moffatt) A glad heart helps and heals...
(Jerusalem) A glad heart is excellent medicine, a spirit depressed wastes the bones away.
(Knox) A cheerful heart makes a quick recovery; it is crushed spirits that waste a man's frame.
(Fenton) The best medicine is a cheerful heart...
(Rotherham) A joyful heart worketh an excellent cure...
(Living Bible) ...a broken spirit makes one sick.

Isaiah 53:3-5: "He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."

(Leeser) ...a man of pains, and acquainted with disease *(Basic English)* ...he was a man of sorrows, marked by disease...

(Rotherham, Byington) ...a man of pains and familiar with disease...

(Leeser) But only our diseases did he bear himself, and our pains he carried.

(*Basic English*) But it was our pain he took, and our diseases were put on him: while to us he seemed as one diseased, on whom God's punishment had come.

(*Mosoretic 0. T.*) Surely our diseases he did bear, and our pains he carried...

(Rotherham) Yet surely our sicknesses he carried, And as for our pains he bare the burden of them.

(*B. Vingtorl*) But in fact it was our sicknesses he was carrying, our pains he was loaded with.

(*Smith-Goodspeed*) Yet it was our sicknesses that he bore, our pains that he carried.

(Leeser) ... through his bruises was healing granted to us.

(Rotherham) by his stripes there is healing for us.

(Byington) ... the chastisement to give us soundness came on him, and by his stripes we got healing.

(Moffatt) ...the blows that fell to him have brought us healing. *(Good News)* ...we are healed by the punishment he suffered, made whole by blows he received.

(Young) ... by his bruise there is healing to us.

(Amplified) ...the chastisement needful to obtain peace and well-being for us was upon Him, and with the stripes that wounded Him we are healed and made whole.

Surely He hath borne my sickness and diseases and carried my pains. He took my sicknesses on Himself, and carried my pains. He bore them and carried them away to a distance. I don't have to bear what He bore for me. I refuse to bear what He bore for me. Satan cannot put on me what Jesus bore for me.

By His stripes I am healed. By His bruises there is healing for me. His punishment has brought me healing. Healing has been granted to me. With the stripes that wounded Him I am healed and made whole. I am made whole by the blows He received. My diseases went to the cross with Jesus and died with Him there. Jesus took my sicknesses, and by His stripes I am healed!

Matthew 8:16-17: "When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses."

(Norlie) ... He took away our illnesses and lifted our diseases for us.

(Amplified) ... He Himself took (in order to carry away) our weaknesses and infirmities and bore away our diseases.

(New English Bible) He took away our illnesses and carried away our diseases.

(*Translator's N. T.*) ... He took away our illnesses and carried away our diseases.

(Jerusalem) He took our sicknesses away and carried our diseases for us.

(*Moffatt*) ... He took away our sicknesses and our diseases he removed.

(*New Life*) ... He took on Himself our sicknesses and carried away our diseases.

(Wuest, Berkeley) ...carried off our diseases.

Himself took my infirmities and bore my sicknesses. He carried away my sicknesses. He carried away my diseases. He took them away; he bore them away and removed them. Disease is not mine. Healing is mine. I refuse to bear what Jesus bore for me. I refuse to take what He took for me. Satan, you cannot put disease on me, for Jesus took my infirmities and bore my sicknesses. I refuse to accept sickness. I will not tolerate sickness. Sickness and disease are totally unacceptable. I refuse to accept them. Jesus bore them and I refuse to have them.

Matthew 8:2-3: "And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed."

(Rieu) ... I will it. Be cleansed.

(Jerusalem) A leper came up and bowed low in front of him. 'Sir', he said, 'if you want to, you can cure me.' Jesus stretched out His hand, touched him, and said, 'Of course I want to! Be cured!' And his leprosy was cured at once.

(*Wade*) ...if you have the will, you have the power, to cleanse me... I have the will; be cleansed.

(Jordan) Sir, if you really wanted to, you could heal... I do want to. Be healed.

(*Phillips*) ... if you want to, you can make me clean... Of course I want to. Be clean!

(Basic English) ...Lord, if it is your pleasure, you have the power to make me clean. And he put his hand on him, saying, 'It is my pleasure, be clean.'

(Xnox) ... It is my will...

(Fenton. Weymouth, 20th Century) ... I am willing...

(Wuest) ... I am desiring it from all my heart. Be cleansed at once.

(Authentic) ... I do will it...

God wants me well. Healing is the will of God. God is at work in me right now to will and to do His good pleasure (Phil. 2:13). Healing is at work in me!

Luke 10:19: "Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you."

(*Norlie*) I have given you authority to trample on serpents and scorpions and all the might of the satanic foe, and nothing will harm you in any way.

(Knox) ... I have given you the right to ...

(Amplified) Behold! I have given you authority and power to trample upon serpents and scorpions, and (physical and mental strength and ability) over all the power that the enemy possesses, and nothing shall in any way harm you.

(Condon) Yes, I have given you power to trample every evil underfoot, to counter all the might of the enemy; nothing whatever shall harm you.

(Authentic) I have indeed invested you with power to stamp on snakes and scorpions...

Sickness is a power of the devil (Acts 10:38). I trample on all the power of the devil. I trample on disease. I stomp on disease. I tread every evil underfoot. The Lord Jesus Christ Himself gave me authority over all the power of the enemy. I have authority over sickness. Sickness, I trample on you; I tread on you; I stomp on you. Get out, get out, get out. You have no right to dominate me. Get out of my body in Jesus' name. Sickness and disease are under my feet because I am seated with Christ above all the power of the enemy (Ephesians 2:6).

Galatians 3:13: "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree" (*Translator's N. T.*) Christ ransomed us from the curse of the law by taking that curse upon himself for our sakes...

(Wand) Now, Christ bought us off the curse of the law at the cost of being accursed for our sakes...

(20th Century) Christ ransomed us from the curse pronounced in the law...

(Weymouth) Christ has purchased our freedom...

The law is found in Deuteronomy 28. It is the curse for breaking God's law. It includes sickness, as the Scriptures above show.) Christ bought me back, brought me back, and set me free from the curse of the law. Sickness and disease is part of the curse of the law; therefore Christ has redeemed me from sickness. I am redeemed from every disease written in the curse of the law. (Confess the specific disease if it is listed in these verses - "I am redeemed from _____.") I am also redeemed from every disease that is not written in the Book of the Law. Christ has redeemed me - bought me back, brought me back, and set me free from *all* sickness and disease.

Ephesians 4:27: "Neither give place to the devil."

(*Williams*) Stop giving the devil a chance. (*Barclay*) Give the devil no place or opportunity in your life. (*Translator's N. T.*) ...and do not give the devil a chance. (*Jordan*) ...don't give in one inch to the devil.

I refuse to give place to the devil. Sickness and disease are of the devil. I refuse to give place to sickness and disease. Satan, you can't put that on my body. You can't, you can't, you can't. I say "no" and I mean "no". No sickness or plague comes nigh my dwelling. You have the wrong address. I will not give in one inch. Satan, you have no place in my body. You can't do this to me. I won't have it. It is unacceptable. It is not mine, and you cannot give it to me. You have no place in me or my body. I belong to God. Sickness, you have no choice but to go because I'm not giving you a chance. Get out now.

James 4:7: "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

(Barclay) So then, accept the authority of God. Take a stand against the devil, and he will run away from you.

(New English Bible) Stand up to the devil and he will turn and run.

(Wuest) Stand immovable against the onset of the devil and he will flee from you.

(Basic English) ...be ruled by God; but make war on the Evil One and he will be put to flight before you.

I submit to God. I submit to the will of God. I accept the authority of God and His Word. I submit to God's Word. I resist you, devil. I resist disease. You can't do this to my body. Get out. Remove yourself. You must flee from my body now.

1 Peter 2:24: "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed."

(20th Century) ... his bruising was your healing.

By His stripes I was healed. Healing belongs to me. I was healed 2000 years ago by the stripes Jesus bore. By His stripes I was healed. I'm not trying to get healing. I've got healing, because by His stripes I was healed.

1 John 3:8: "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."

(*Amplified*) The reason the Son of God was made manifest (visible) was to undo (destroy, loosen and dissolve) the works the devil (has done).

(Young) ...that he might break up the works of the devil. (Basic English) ...and the Son of God was seen on earth so that he might put an end to the works of the Evil One. (Wand) ...that he might neutralize what the Devil has done. (Wuest) ...that He might bring to naught the works of the devil.

(Jordan) ...that he might break up the Devil's doings. (Jerusalem) To lead a sinful life is to belong to the devil, since the devil was a sinner from the beginning. It was to undo all that the devil has done that the Son of God appeared. (Phillips) Now the Son of God came to the earth with the express purpose of liquidating the devil's activities. (Concordant) ...that He should be annulling the acts of the Adversary.

Sickness is a work of the devil. Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil. Sickness has been dissolved, broken up, annulled, undone, liquidated, as far as I am concerned. Jesus put sickness to an end for me. The activities of the devil have been liquidated.

3 John 2: "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

I am prospering and I am in health even as my soul prospers, because it is God's will for me. God is at work in me to do His will and pleasure. Jehovah-rapha is at work in me, healing me.

Pray this Prayer to Accept Jesus as Your Personal Lord & Savior

Dear God,

You said in your Word, Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. (Romans 10:13).

Lord Jesus, I'm calling on your name. I believe in my heart that you are the Son of God. I thank you for dying on the cross and taking my place. I believe God the Father raised you from the dead. I accept you now as my personal Lord and Savior. Thank you for forgiving me of my sins and giving me a new start. I give you control of my life. From this day forward you are the Lord and master of my life. Thank you for saving me and giving me eternal life. Jesus, I will always love and serve you.

Amen.



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