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Matthew 8:1-3

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When Jesus came down from the mountainside, large crowds followed him. ² A man with leprosy came and knelt before him and said, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.”

³ Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!” Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy.

2 Kings 20

In those days Hezekiah became ill and was at the point of death. The prophet Isaiah son of Amoz went to him and said, “This is what the LORD says: Put your house in order, because you are going to die; you will not recover.”

² Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD, ³ “Remember, LORD, how I have walked before you faithfully and with wholehearted devotion and have done what is good in your eyes.” And Hezekiah wept bitterly.

2 Kings 20

⁴ Before Isaiah had left the middle court, the word of the LORD came to him: ⁵ “Go back and tell Hezekiah, the ruler of my people, ‘This is what the LORD, the God of your father David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will heal you. On the third day from now you will go up to the temple of the LORD. ⁶ I will add fifteen years to your life. And I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria. I will defend this city for my sake and for the sake of my servant David.’”

⁷ Then Isaiah said, “Prepare a poultice of figs.” They did so and applied it to the boil, and he recovered.

Let's Notice

- Not a punishment
- Asked
- Community
- Medicine

Isaiah 53:6,7

- ⁴ Surely he took up our pain
and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.**
- ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on
him,
and by his wounds we are healed.**

A. B. Simpson

The fifth verse gives a catalog of the blessings of redemption. “But he was pierced for our transgressions”; that is our act of sin. “He was crushed for our iniquities”; that is our heart of sin. “The punishment that brought us peace was upon him”; that is the spiritual blessing which His death has purchased. And, finally, “by his wounds we are healed”; that is the physical effects of His redemption. Here then we have the fullness of Christ’s atonement.

A. B. Simpson, *The Christ in the Bible Commentary*, Vol. 3, (Camp Hill PA Christian Publications., 1993), 471.

A Possible Misconception

Healing is not like forgiveness.
It is a blessing of the future.

The Meaning of Isaiah 53:6,7

- Sin as the *CAUSE* is removed
- Many kinds of suffering are included
- Physical disease is included

James 5:14-16

¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord.

¹⁵ And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.

¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

Who Needs Faith?

- **The People Praying**
- **The Person Who is Sick**

What to do?

- **The Person Who Seeks Prayer**
- **The Prayer Team**
 - **Place a drop of oil on the person**
 - **“I anoint you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit”**
 - **Bring the sick person before the Lord**

**Cast all your cares upon him,
for he cares for you.**