

## *He Sent His **Word** and Healed My Diseases*

*But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our guilt and iniquities; the chastisement [needed to obtain] peace and well-being for us was upon Him, and with the stripes [that wounded Him] we are healed and made whole (Isaiah 53:5).*

No disease is greater than God's healing power. However, diseases have their roots deeply in sin; it is a result of the fall of men. When God introduced man to the garden He had beautifully created, He commanded Adam saying, You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of **good and evil and blessing and calamity** you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you **shall surely die** (Gen. 2: 16-17). Why was it so important for Adam to obey the Lord's command, "But the tree of knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat?" Because this particular command was key to men's blessings. Disobedience of this command would bring serious consequences, not only to Adam's family, but to the entire human race and nature. The perfect world God had created was going to be changed from order to chaos; from peace to war; from love to hate. Consequences were devastating for all. As a result consequence demanded the death of God's Son to restore men to Himself, to order, love and peace. The importance of that command demanded obedience. God had created the world in perfect harmony of beauty; He created man to tend the garden, which provided Adam with his sustenance. Adam had everything he needed in that garden. A simple command not to eat the fruit of one tree should have not been a problem for Adam. Obedience is the result of trust, faith and respect for someone; it is also submission of the spirit. Adam, even though knowing what God had commanded him, decided not to harken to the command of the Lord, but to follow his wife's idea. The apostle Paul tells us that Eve was deceived, but not Adam. If he were not deceived why then did he disobey the Lord? Where was he when the serpent deceived Eve? Created to be the head of the family, Adam was to protect Eve. But he failed and he is to be blamed for the original sin. Although Eve sinned first, God's question was directed to Adam (Gen. 3: 9)

The Word of God says that since [it was] through a man that death [came into the world, it is] also through a Man that the resurrection of the dead [has come] (I Cor. 15: 21). The man Adam brought us death, but the Man-God brought us life. The promise of a Savior stood for thousands of years, until the Man-God was conceived by the Holy Spirit into a woman and was born to bring the world healing. He constituted the Word of God; He was the Word of God that created the world; He always existed, but one day He became flesh and lived among men (John 1:1). God sent His Word to the world to heal it since Adam had spread his contagious roots of sin causing disease to the entire world. Sin is so contagious and addicted that there has been not one that is righteous in the eyes of God, not one. We are all found condemned to hell. Our sins were like leprosy; from the sole of the foot even to the head there was no soundness or health in –but wounds and bruises and fresh and bleeding stripes; they had not been pressed out and closed up or bound up or softened with oil (Isaiah 1: 6). We all sinned and have come short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23). From the time we were conceived we carried the consequences of sin. David said, Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity; and in sin my mother conceived me (Psalm 51:5). In the midst of pain and judgment, Jeremiah asked the question: Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then is not the health of the daughter of my people restored? (Jer. 8:22). The balm of Gilead was a rare perfume with healing properties. It received its name from it derived. Gilead was an area of the Jordan River. People have sought this healing balm for centuries. In fact, the caravan that Joseph's brother sold him to, was carrying this balm to Egypt.

The spiritual “balm of Gilead” is our Savior's blood shed for the entire world. The saving and healing power of YAHSHUA'S blood is the healing balm God sent to the world to heal all its diseases – spiritual and physical. Satan through his emissary the serpent, bruised men with deadly wounds that killed them spiritually. Men lost his identity of the image of God his Creator; Satan then made him slave to him through sin. We became slaves to sin and powerless to overcome it. But God in His infinite mercy reached out to men and gave him life through the death of His Son, His only Son as in the verse, He sent His Word and healed our diseases. The gift is being given to all who will receive and apply it as the “balm of Gilead” on their wounded and leprous body. It is neither the will of God that we should suffer the wounds of sin, nor eternal death. Our diseases He took upon Himself to heal each one of us. “By His wounds we are healed and made whole”. It is conditional though, to those who forsake the life of slavery to sin to embrace the

life of sanctification in Christ. Many have taken the wrong road to escape the consequences of their sins; and many are searching for this Balm of Gilead in everything else, but through Christ. God said however, that He sent His **Word** and healed our diseases. There will be no other way to experience God's healing of spiritual and physical diseases apart from the life of His Son.

To the early Christians, Paul advised them to be imitators of God, as well-beloved children and walk in love, as Christ loved (them) and gave Himself up for (them), **a slain offering and sacrifice to God [for you, so that it became] a sweet fragrance** (Ephesians 5:1-2). When He became a sacrifice to His Father we were benefitted with healing that sprang from His love. That was the balm of Gilead the world needed and still needs for its complete healing. The Word of God (YAHSHUA) perfectly fulfilled all the demands of the law and on the cross, while being sacrificed, He healed the world and made it whole. If men would receive this gift, he would be made new, and the wounds that pierced his soul would be healed into eternity. John says, The Word (YAHSHUA) became flesh and tabernacled among us; and we saw His glory, such glory as an only begotten son receives from his father, full of grace; for out of His fullness we have all received one grace after another and spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing and even favor upon favor and gift upon gift. For the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through YAHSHUA the Messiah (John 1:14,16-17).

“For out of His fullness we have all received one grace after another and spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing and even upon favor and gift upon gift”. The world has rejected Him and all His gifts, but all who have accepted Him, will be blessed with all the spiritual blessings in Him. The balm of Gilead poured out was not in vain. Its spiritual and physical properties have touched many and we have been healed and made whole. The closer we are to Him, the more that we will experience His blessings and that includes the blessing of healing. The Word says, by His stripes we are healed and that settled it. Paul warned us not to grieve the Holy Spirit of God by Whom we are sealed for the day of redemption (Ephesians 4: 30); He is the guarantee of our inheritance, in anticipation of its full redemption and our acquiring [complete] possession of it – to the praise of His glory (Ephesians 1:14).

God sent His Son to the world to heal and save you and me through His sufferings and death. Don't blame God if you are found in hell at the end of your life for

having rejected His Gift- His Son, Who is His Living Word!" He sent His Word and healed all our diseases!"