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Forgiveness From Sin Proves That God Also Heals

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In Mark 2:3-12 we can read about how Jesus healed a man, telling him that his sins were forgiven him.

The scribes were offended over that statement saying: "Who can forgive sins but God only."

Jesus discerned their thoughts and added:

But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house. And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.

In the Jewish faith tradition the forgiveness of sins was a greater miracle than the healing of the body. Today, it seems that it is harder for people to believe that the Lord can heal their body than it is for them to believe that he can forgive their sins.

Why is that? Because there is more preaching and teaching on forgiveness than on healing, and faith comes by hearing the Word. (Romans 10:17)

I would therefore like to make the reversed point, namely that forgiveness from sin proves that God also heals. The same blood that takes your sin away also has power to heal your every sickness and disease, and this <u>healing power becomes active as</u> we put our trust and faith in the Word of God.

Colossians 1:20 tells us that **God made peace through the blood of his cross.** Sickness and disease is not peace but turmoil, physical turmoil.

But glory to God for the words in Psalm 103:1-6: Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: <u>Who forgiveth all thine iniquities</u>; who healeth all thy <u>diseases</u>; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.

Healing is for all just like forgiveness is for all. Hallelujah!

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