

Sunday, March 15, 2020

God is My Salvation – Isaiah

71. Sickness and Sin – Isa. 53:4; Matt. 8:1-17

- I. Sickness and Sin – Isa. 53:4
 - A. He Took Up and Carried
 - 1. Borne and Carried – to lift up off someone, to shoulder and carry
 - 2. Grievings and Sorrows – weakness of sickness, pain, sorrow, illness, tragedy
 - 3. Not all sickness is because of sin – John 11:4
 - 4. Without sin there would be no sickness – Psa. 103:1-5; Rev. 21:4
 - B. We Esteemed Him Afflicted by God
 - 1. We believed He deserved being plagued by God
 - 2. Stricken, Smitten, Afflicted
 - a. Being stuck with fatal blows
 - b. Bowed down, bruised, humbled by punishment from God
- II. The Leper Healed – Matt. 8:1-4
 - A. Jesus went teaching, preaching, and healing – Matt. 4:23
 - B. The Unclean Leper
 - 1. No touching or treatment – Lev. 5:3
 - 2. Social separation and restriction – no synagogue or temple visit, not allowed within the city walls, crying out “Unclean” to warn others – Numbers 2:5; Lev. 13:4-8, 45-46
 - C. Jesus Touched and Cleansed Him
 - 1. I am willing, be clean – *thelo katharisthayti* - Cleansed, not contaminated by contact
 - 2. Tell no one, obey the law – Lev. 14; Mark 1:38
- III. The Centurion’s Servant Healed – Matt. 8:5-13
 - A. A Gentile
 - B. Great Faith
 - 1. Understanding one under authority (not in authority) – Matt. 7:29
 - 2. Gentiles will sit down with Jews at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb
 - 3. As you have believed, so be it
- IV. Peter’s Mother-in-Law Healed – Matt. 8:14-15
 - A. A Woman
 - B. Jesus Touched and Healed Her
- V. Scripture Fulfilled – Matt. 8:16-17
 - A. Jesus Healed in Direct Fulfillment of Prophecy - sickness is rooted in sin, His payment for sin remedied sickness, no sickness beyond His reach – Matt. 9:2-7, 12-13
 - B. Sickness is an Illustration of Sin – Jesus’ authority over sin is more important than His authority over sickness
 - 1. We are all spiritually sick unto death (like the leper, as good as dead)
 - a. We need a resurrection – Eph. 2:1-3
 - b. Without “healing” we will perish eternally – Eph. 2:4-7
 - 2. We need a Savior with the authority to heal and forgive
 - 3. Faith is necessary – we must believe – Eph. 2:8-9
 - 4. The stakes are life and death – Matt. 8:11-12
 - a. Spiritual death – being thrown outside into darkness – the place farthest removed from the joy and light of the kingdom
 - b. Spiritual life – reclining with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven

“These chapters invite Christians, as persons of faith, to approach the exalted Son of God, under whose lordship and in whose presence they live, to offer to Him their petitions for help in the sure knowledge that He desires to hear them and will employ His divine power to aid them in time of trial and need.” – JD Kingsbury