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The gospel is indeed a great source of encouragement to those whom the LORD is pleased to awaken from the dead. Dead men see no need for any remedies nor can they delight in any cure for their disease. The gospel is a message for the living and it is indeed a sweet savor of life to those who are quickened and made to hear it by the grace of GOD. The LORD delivered a message of hope to the children of Israel, reiterating the fact that HE would not cast them off but would surely deliver them from their oppressors. Yet HE plainly told them that they had such an incurable wound from which they could not possibly deliver themselves from. This revelation though terrible in its substance was nonetheless a premise for their encouragement because HE also declared that HE would restore their health and destroy their enemies.

When Adam sinned, his sin was then imputed to all of his posterity, passing on the seed of death to every one of HIS seed born of woman. David understood this as he lamented his condition in the fifty first Psalm. *“Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.”* He knew that he had an incurable wound from which he was powerless to deliver himself. Apart from the LORD’s mercy he knew he would perish. David did not think so at the time, but oh what a great blessing the faithful message of Nathan the prophet was when he boldly pointed his finger in David’s face and said *“Thou art the man”*. David was smitten in his heart and his “grievous wound” began to fester and pour forth its putrid odor and foul discharge. This caused David to cry out, *“Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.”*

The work of the HOLY GHOST always causes a man to own that his sin makes him worthy of condemnation and is a total affront to the kindness and mercy of GOD who would be just in his destruction. Though the wound is said to be “incurable” we know that it is only “incurable” by the means and activities of men, for there is ONE who can heal all diseases and who alone is able to make even the vilest of sinners clean. The LORD who is rich in mercy to all that call upon HIS NAME, delivered the message of comfort to David by the same prophet he sent to declare unto him his “incurable wound.” *“And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die.”* Before there was ever a sin committed, the LORD JESUS was already the SAVIOR of sinners. HE was the GREAT PHYSICIAN before the blow was struck that caused man’s “incurable bruise and grievous wound”. HE is indeed that ONE who alone has healed all of the diseases of those who are HIS people and for whom HE came. *“the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.”* Their “incurable bruise and grievous wound” has been completely healed by HIM who is the GREAT PHYSICIAN. Because of the hardness of their hearts, by nature, it pleases HIM to cause them to first see, the putrifying nature of their sores and hopeless condition, that they might in turn forsake all quacks and flee to HIM for aid.

The glorious gospel sets forth the sure remedy for all who know themselves to be struck with the incurable leprosy of sin. It is for them alone that CHRIST has bled and died. It is for them alone that HE has secured a lasting cure. Great is the mercy of GOD to all who fear HIS name, for HE is their HEALER and COMFORTER. *“Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.”* The glory of CHRIST and the extent of HIS work in the behalf of HIS elect, is demeaned by those who seek to “mollify” the sores of sinners with remedies which depend on their free will. CHRIST came to deliver the helpless not to offer a good solution to those who decide to cooperate with HIM. HE is the ONE who raises the dead, not, ONE who lends a helping hand. HE has *“obtained eternal redemption”* for everyone whom HE has purposed to save, rather than offering salvation to men who may or may not be interested. HE is the SAVIOR of sinners.

One of the most comforting of scriptures for those who know themselves to be stricken with an incurable wound says *“All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.”* There is no uncertainty in this declaration. All of those who are given to CHRIST before the foundation of the world shall indeed come to HIM for mercy. Everyone who is made aware of their incurable wound by the operation of the SPIRIT of GOD, who cry out to HIM for mercy will never be cast from HIS presence. Rather, they shall receive that which HE has prepared for them that love HIM. What a glorious REDEEMER is this CHRIST. Is HE your REDEEMER?

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