Part 4 Exceeding Great and Precious Promises

Day 39 Healing Grace

**🡺Feel free to divide this chapter into two or three lessons.**

**Discussion Questions**

1. Why might it be that Paul scarcely wrote explicitly about divine healing?
2. Why is it important to not only teach the truth on a topic, but also point out the error that is taught or believed?
3. Why would it be helpful to lay aside our current opinions about healing, whether pro or con, and take a fresh look at the topic?
4. **The God Who Heals You**

* How can the fact that God identifies Himself as Jehovah Rapha give us faith for healing today?
* Reread Psalm 103:1-5. What benefits listed pertain to our health?

1. **If You’ve Seen Me**

* How and why did the coming of Jesus to earth clarify our perceptions of God the Father?
* In what ways does Colossians 1:15-18 point to Jesus as being God (the Son)?
* Jesus said to Philip, “If you have seen me, you have seen the Father.” How can this truth help us to see the heart of God?

1. **I Am Willing**

* How can we safely conclude that God is willing to heal?

1. **Who Heals All Our Diseases**

* How does the fact that Jesus healed ALL who came to Him in faith encourage us to believe He will heal us also?

1. **Sickness is Not God’s Punishment**

* Knowing that God does not use sickness to punish us for sin or teach us lessons can encourage us to believe to be healed. How does not knowing this hamper our faith?

1. **By Whose Wounds You Were Healed**

* Why is it irresponsible doctrinally to exclude physical healing from what Peter wrote in 1 Peter 2:24?
* Explain how Isaiah 53, Matthew 8, and 1 Peter 2:24 are clearly linked to give proof of divine healing as a provision for us.
* In what ways is divine healing both a provision and a promise?
* Why do we not need to plead with (persuade/beg) God to heal us, and what can we do instead?
* Why might it be easier for children to receive miracles?

1. **Gifts of Healing**

* Discuss the testimonies of healing in this section. How do they suggest faith in God and/or a gift of healing?

1. **Call for the Elders of the Church**

* How can the provision of asking the elders of the church to pray for healing be helpful to us?
* Is it a requirement or a provision?

1. **Ifs, Ands, and Buts**

* Discuss how the following objections commonly used to “refute” divine healing today, not stand the test of Scriptural analysis?
  + Paul telling Timothy to “take a little wine” for his stomach problems
  + Very sick Epaphroditus
  + Paul’s thorn in the flesh (as being his eyes)
  + Yes, believers in the early church got sick. Why is this not a valid “proof” that divine healing wasn’t always and therefore isn’t always God’s will?

1. **For Those Who Are Suffering**

* Why is this common mockery of divine healing not valid? “If divine healing is true, then let’s go into the hospitals and heal everyone there and close down the hospitals.”
* What encouragement is there for those who see their health as “overwhelming”?

1. **Only Believe**

* For some, reading this book will point the way to finding faith to believe to be healed. Others will need to become more thoroughly convinced through personal study. What does the author suggest if this is the case?

1. **HEALING CONFESSIONS**

* If in a group, take turns reading aloud this section together as a prayer.
* If studying alone, sing or pray this section as a declaration of your faith in God Our Healer.
* If desired, take the time to look up the supporting verses in this prayer and their contexts. This might take a few days. Do it as an encouragement, not as a chore.