

Unmerited Grace Pt3

Healing

LUKE 4:25-27

25. *But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land;*

26. *But unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow.*

27. *And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian.*

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"not adequately earned or deserved"

~ merriam-webster.com

THE UNCONDITIONAL COVENANT [54-0814]

The greatest mistake that Israel ever made, was in Exodus the 19th chapter, when grace had already provided a saviour, it had already provided a deliverer, it had already provided an atonement, a shed blood, and Israel said, *"Don't let God speak, let Moses speak."* They wanted a law, or commandments, or something that they could do themselves. You see the nature of man? Trying to find something to do, himself, towards, merit salvation. Now, see what the grace of God had already done? Sent Moses, a deliverer, and sent an atonement, a shed-blood sacrifice, a medium between God and man; and after His grace had did all this, then, still, the children of Israel wanted something to do, to merit their salvation. Isn't that just like the people today?

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Jesus said, "No man can come to Me, except My Father draws him first." See? You don't seek God, God seeks you. It's always the seeker, God seeking the lost, not the lost seeking God. You couldn't have nothing to do with it. You're not saved tonight on any merits of your own, or anything; you're saved because God's sovereign grace called you to Jesus Christ, and the only way. It ain't whether you keep Sabbath days, or new moons, or whether you eat meat, or don't eat meat, whether you do this, or do that; you're saved by grace, and grace alone, the only thing.

Now, when you can get that in your mind, settle down, that it's nothing you can do about it, you'll find out **the same thing works by healing.**

LUKE 18:9-14

9. *And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:*
10. *Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.*
11. *The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.*
12. *I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.*
13. *And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.*
14. *I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.*

LAW OR GRACE? [54-1006]

Now, it isn't what I can do. It isn't whether I'm good or not. It's whether He was good. I can never be good enough to make it. **You can't be good enough to make it.** If you ever make it, you'll stand in the merits of Jesus Christ. I'll tell you that now, 'cause there's nothing else you can do.

LUKE 17:11-19

11. *And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.*
12. *And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:*
13. *And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.*
14. *And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.*
15. *And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,*
16. *And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.*
17. *And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?*
18. *There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.*
19. *And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.*

MINISTRY EXPLAINED [50-0711]

Now, you don't have to be a Christian to be healed. But you have to be a Christian to stay healed.

JOHN 5:14

14. *Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.*

A PARADOX [65-0117]

...**healing is the children's bread**. We realize that. It's in the atonement...

MATTHEW 15:25-26

25. *Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.*

26. *But he answered and said, It is not meet to take **the children's bread**, and to cast it to dogs.*

ISAIAH 53:5

5. *But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and **with his stripes we are healed**.*

PSALM 103:3

3. *Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; **who healeth all thy diseases**;*

JEREMIAH 17:14

14. *Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise.*

REDEMPTION IN COMPLETENESS IN JOY [54-0330]

Now, to every believer, born-again child of God, when death comes stealing to the door prematurely, **the Angel of God stands between you and the sickness**. Now, if you want to run right on to it, that's your business; but you don't have to. See? **He's standing between you and death**.

Twenty-three years ago in the Jewish Hospital, Dr. Morris Fletcher give me three hours; one of your best surgeons here in the city, give me three hours to live. I'm living tonight. Hallelujah. Why? **By unmerited grace**, the Angel of God stood between me and death to protect me, and I accepted It.

PSALM 34:19

19. *Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.*