THE HEALING OF GOD

INTRODUCTION

Due to man's rebellion against God, nothing is what God originally created it to be (Genesis 1). Not only is our environment polluted, whole nations are in decay and man suffers afflictions in all areas of life and above all, spiritually. In Romans 8:22, 23 we read, *For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs even we ourselves groan within ourselves*... But God, who created all things perfectly, has provided the remedy for our sorrow, sickness and pain through His Son Jesus Christ. Jesus revealed Himself as the Great Physician appointed by God to heal man, according to His will, physically, emotionally and spiritually (Isaiah 53:4, 5).

THEME SCRIPTURE

But to you who fear My name the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings . . . (Malachi 4:2).

SECTION I – Definitions

1.	WRITE your own definition of <i>healing</i> .	

Dictionary Definition

The dictionary defines *healing* as the process of making or becoming sound or healthy again; relieve, help, cure, alleviate.

Biblical Definitions

There are several words in the Bible that describe God's *healing*. In the Hebrew, *raphah* means to mend (by stitching), thorough repair, make whole; to cure (cause to heal), physician. Another Hebrew word, *marpe* means curative, a medicine, deliverance, remedy.

In the Greek, the word *diasozo* means to save thoroughly. *Dia* meaning through, and *sozo* meaning to save. It is to save from disease and its effect, to preserve, rescue, bring safe, escape, and make perfectly whole. Other Greek words are *iaoma*: to cure, heal, make whole, *therapeno*: to wait upon mentally, to relieve of disease, cure, heal and *iasis*: curing act, heal.

Scripture Descriptions

READ the following Scriptures that speak of God's healing. UNDERLINE the areas of our lives that God heals.

Exodus 15:26	For I AM the LORD who heals you.
Psalm 41:3, 4	The LORD will strengthen him on his bed of illness; You will sustain him on his sick-bed. I said, 'LORD, be merciful to me; heal my soul, for I have sinned against You.'
Psalm 103:3	Who [the LORD] forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases.
Psalm 107:20	He sent His Word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.
Psalm 147:3	He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.
Isaiah 53:5	But He [Jesus] was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.
Isaiah 57:18, 19	I have seen his [backslidden Israel] ways, and will heal him; I will also lead him, and restore comforts to him and to his mourners. 'I create the fruit of the lips: Peace, peace to him who is far off and to him who is near,' says the LORD, 'and I will heal him.'

	Hosea 14:4	I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely, for My anger has turned away from him.				
	Malachi 4:2	But to you who fear My name the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings.				
	Luke 4:18	The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me [Jesus], because He has anointed Me to preach the Gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed.				
3.	3. What did you learn about God's healing from these Scriptures?					
PE	ERSONAL					
	How has what yo	ou have learned impacted you?				
SECT	ΓΙΟΝ II – Jes	sus the Great Physician				
RE	AD Matthew 9.					
1	As Jesus came in	nto His own city, what sort of man did the people bring to Him (vv. 1, 2)?				
	What was Jesus'	response?				

2.	What did the scribes inwardly accuse Jesus of (v. 3)?
3.	Knowing their thoughts, what did Jesus say to the scribes ¹ (vv. 4-6)?
	What did He say to the paralytic?
4.	What did the paralytic do (v. 7)?
5.	How did the multitude respond to this healing (v. 8)?
6.	As Jesus continued on His way, He saw Matthew, a tax collector. What did He invite him to do? How did Matthew respond (v. 9)?
7.	Who sat at the table with Jesus (vv. 10-13)?
	What question did the Pharisees ² direct at the disciples?
	Overhearing the Pharisees, how did Jesus exhort them?

¹ scribes: writers and transcribers of the Law.
2 Pharisees: conservative members of an ancient legalistic Jewish sect distinguished by strict observance of the written Law of Moses and their own added traditions. They were exposed by Jesus to be self-righteous and hypocritical.

S in is a state of spiritual illness. Jesus came to bring healing to the sin-sick soul.

PE	RSONAL How have you experienced spiritual illness caused by sin?
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	How did Jesus come to you, sit at your table, and heal you?
Jesi	us then took time to answer questions from the disciples of John the Baptist regarding fasting (vv. 14-17).
8.	Who came to Jesus? How did he approach Jesus? What did he ask Him to do (v. 18)?
9.	While Jesus and the disciples were on their way to the ruler's house, who secretly approached Jesus? Why (vv. 19, 20)?
	What did she do?
10	Why did she touch His garment (vv. 21, 22)?
10.	The stable todell this galmont (***, 21, 22).
	In response to her touch, what did Jesus do and say to her?
	How was her desperate plea answered?
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1.	As Jesus entered the ruler's house, what was the atmosphere (vv. 23, 24)?
	How did the people react to His words?
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2.	While the crowd was outside how did Jesus restore the little girl's life (vv. 25, 26)?
	Who heard about this miraculous healing?
3.	When Jesus departed, who was following Him and what were they crying out (v. 27)?
1.	Specify the interaction between the two blind men and Jesus as He healed them (vv. 28-31)?
5.	As Jesus continued on His journey, who was brought to Him and what was his condition (v. 32)?
5	How did Jesus heal the mute (vv. 33, 34)?
).	110w did Jesus hear the mute (vv. 55, 54)?
	How did the multitude react?
	In contrast how did the Pharisees react?
O	OK DEEPER WRITE Acts 10:38 to see God's anointing on Jesus.
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7. Despite opposition and accusations	s, what did Jesus continue to do (Matthew 9:35)?
8. Why was Christ moved to care for	the multitudes (v. 36)?
CTION III – Scriptural Ret	ferences of God's Healing
OOK UP the following Scriptures. M	IATCH the Scripture references of God's healing power.
Matthew 4:23	Disciples, healed everywhere
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	WRITE out Psalm 103:1-3 as a personal prayer from your heart to the Lord.
LO	OK DEEPER READ Psalm 23 and WRITE down everything that our Lord, the Great Shepherd, does to provide healing and safety for His sheep.
ΤH	EME SCRIPTURE WRITE the THEME SCRIPTURE.
	(Malachi 4:2).

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Exodus 15:26

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