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The Names of Love - Part 5 - Jehovah Rophe

“Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water. When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, “What are we to drink?” Then Moses cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became fit to drink. There the Lord issued a ruling and instruction for them and put them to the test. He said, “If you listen carefully to the Lord your God and do what is right in His eyes, if you pay attention to His commands and keep all His decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I AM the Lord, who heals you.” (Ex. 15:22–26)

The Name of God in this passage is Jehovah Rophe also translated as Jehovah Rapha; one is Who He is, the other is what He does - The Lord Who heals, restores, cures, and makes whole.

I find this so refreshing to my soul today. Many have focused on the need for physical healing and yet there is so much more in this name of God. I believe we focus way too much on the physical when in fact the most important part of our lives is the spiritual. Jesus remarked to the crowd in Mark 8:36 “For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?”

Our Mighty God didn't just come to this earth to bring sight to the blind, bring strength to the crippled, or cause the dead to rise again; all of these were healing. But He came for so much more than that. He came because we have a terminal illness called sin and the diagnosis is death. Rom. 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. That is the beautiful picture of total healing. God does care for your physical health, but He cares so much more for your spiritual, eternal life.

This is also good news for us personally and as a nation. God desires to show Himself through us and through our country. For many years, America stood as a strong light to the world and a bastion of Christian statutes; founded on the Word of God and the principles found in those scriptures. And God blessed us. But now, it seems we have drifted far away and because of that, we see a sickness in our midst. A sickness that leads to death. But there is still hope! This hope is found in Jehovah Rophe! 2 Chron. 7:14 “If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”

Now isn't it interesting that to heal the water of Marah, God showed Moses a piece of wood to throw into the water to make the bitter water clean again; this after they had been wandering in the desert for three days. Many years later, He would take a larger piece of wood, fashioned as a cross, and place His only Son upon it; and throw it into the bitter lake of sin for You and for me; and after three days, He rose again!

Dear Jehovah Rophe, we call upon You today because we need a healing. Our country needs a healing. Our world needs a healing. We need a fresh touch of Your hand upon the soul of this nation. We have become sick and weak and unable to heal ourselves. But You are the answer to all of our needs. You are the Great Physician Who can not only diagnose the problem, but also bring the healing to the problem. Help us Lord to humble ourselves and pray, and seek Your face, and repent. We need Your healing hand Lord. In Jesus Name, Amen