

“YHWH Ropheka: The LORD Your Healer”

Sermon Notes

➤ **YHWH Rophe is the merciful Physician**

He can restore wholeness to both body and soul.

* Therefore, you should

1. Forsake three false expectations about bodily healing.

2. Let his wounds heal the root of all your disease (1 Peter 2:24).

Community Group Study Questions

For the Week of June 12th - 18th

Have you ever experienced a supernatural healing? Have you known someone who has experienced God's miraculous healing? What do you believe about miracles? The spiritual gift of healing for today?

Context

What did the LORD accomplish for Israel in Exodus 7-14? Read also the song of praise in Exodus 15:1-18 and 21. How was the LORD visibly present with Israel on their journey? What happened at the Red Sea? What element did the LORD exercise control over at the Red Sea?

Observation

Who are the characters in Exodus 15? What have we learned about Moses and Israel thus far in the story of Exodus 1 to 15:20? What new things do we learn about Moses and Israel in 15:22-27?

Was it wrong for the Israelites' to be thirsty and wonder about where they'd find water? What does it mean to grumble? The Israelites do this repeatedly in Exod 15:24; 16:2, 7, 8, 9, 12; and 17:3. See also Num 16:11 (Korah's rebellion), Joshua 9:18, and 1 Cor 10:10.

How does the LORD respond to his ungrateful, bitter people (see verse 26 especially)?

What are the "diseases"? Consider the plagues of Exod 7-12, as well as Deut 7:15; 28:26-27, 59-61.

Who is YHWH-Rophe, the LORD the Healer (See the psalmists for help: Ps 6:2; 30:2; 41:4; 103:3; 107:20; 147:3)

Meaning

Why did some Israelites struggle with bitterness of heart (Exod 5:20-21; also 1:11-14; 2:23-24; 3:7-8, 16-17; 5:6-8; Heb 3:7-15; 12:15; James 3:14; Eph 4:31)?

Why did they grumble and complain against Moses, rather than the LORD?

How does this interaction with the LORD demonstrate that YHWH-Rophe heals both body and soul?

Consider Jesus and his ministry (Mt 4:23). How is Jesus YHWH-Rophe, the Great Physician? What do you recall about the types of healing he did? Consider Lk 4:18 (quoting Is 61:1); Mt 11:4-5; Lk 5:29-32. How does Peter describe the work of Jesus in 1 Pet 2:24? What did Jesus teach about illness and sin in John 9:1-3?

In a single sentence or two of your own, summarize the main idea of Exodus 15:22-27.

Application

What is something new you learned about God as YHWH-Rophe, the LORD the Healer?

What are your expectations about YHWH-Rophe and how his healing works?

Where do you need the healing, bodily and spiritually, of YHWH-Rophe?

What is one actionable way that your life changes, as you live in response to YHWH-Rophe?