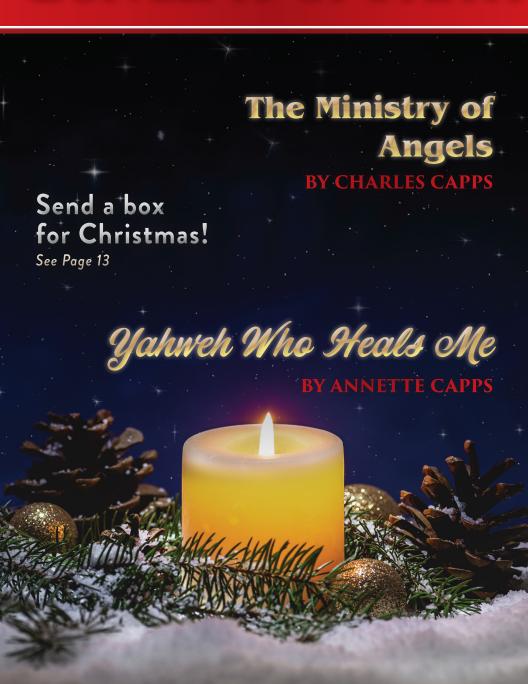
CONCEPTS OF FAITH





od revealed Himself as Healer to the Children of Israel in Exodus 15:26. I want to share this verse with you from several translations. I've discovered that when you read a verse over and over in the same translation, it's like taking the same route to work every day. You go through the motions, but you aren't paying attention. But when you read it in different translations, new insight and revelation can enter your heart.

Exodus 15:26 (Literal Standard Version)

"If you really listen to the voice of your God YHWH, and do that which is right in His eyes, and have listened to His commands, and kept all His statutes, none of the sickness which I laid on the Egyptians do I lay on you, for I, YHWH, am healing you."

Notice how this translation says, "If you really listen." Did you know you can listen and not listen? And then you can really listen?

Exodus 15:26 (Young's Literal Translation)

"If thou dost really hearken to the voice of Jehovah thy God, and dost that which is right in His eyes, and hast hearkened to His commands, and kept all His statutes: none of the sickness which I laid on the Egyptians do I lay on thee, for I, Jehovah, am healing thee."

Young's Literal Translation also uses the word really. "If thou dost really hearken."

Because of this verse, some Christians think God put disease on the Egyptians. And since He put sickness on them, He puts sickness and disease on people today.

But that's not true. The Hebrew language has different verb tenses. Robert Young, a 19th-century Bible scholar, said that this verse should have been translated in the allowance sense. God *allowed* the plagues to come on the Egyptians. Why?

God said to Pharaoh, "Let My people go." If Pharaoh would have said, "Yes, Sir," then none of the plagues would have happened. After plague number two, if Pharaoh would have said, "Yes, I'll let the Israelites go," plague number three never would have happened. If Pharaoh would have obeyed God at any time, the plagues would have stopped.

God isn't sitting up in Heaven waiting to slap people. He's not putting sickness and disease on people. He isn't looking down from Heaven and saying, "Hmm, I don't like what they just did." Slap. But that's the idea a lot of people have of God because of misinterpreting what was written.

Pay Attention!

Look at the Literal Standard Version again. It said, "If you will really listen." The Strong's interpretation of that phrase is "to hear intelligently." That means to fasten your spirit, soul, and body on what you hear. You're listening with your spirit, your soul—your emotions and mind—and you're even listening with your body.

Have you ever talked to someone, and you could tell they weren't listening by their body language? I was reading a book by Dr. Lillian Yeomans. She told how she would become angry while teaching on healing because instead of the people listening carefully and intelligently, they were yawning and squirming in their seats. They weren't paying attention!

If you want the Word to produce healing in your life, you have to really put your focus and attention on it. The



Bible is the living Word of God. The minute you hear it being read, you should come to attention just as if you were in the army and an officer passed by.

Yod's Prescription for Health

Verse 26 (KJV) tells us to "give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes." What are his commandments? Orders. The military doesn't tolerate people who don't follow orders or pay attention to them. When an officer gives an order, recruits come to attention. And that is how we should be when we hear God's Word.

A statute is defined as something *prescribed* or owed. It's a prescription. It's interesting when you think about "giving ear to God's orders and keeping His prescriptions." God has given us a *prescription* for living in health. It is to obey the laws and statutes He has set out.

Some of God's statutes for health came through the Law. The washing of hands and separating people with leprosy and other diseases were given to protect the health of the population.

God said, "If you don't obey these commandments, the diseases of the Egyptians will come upon you." Why? Because He understood how disease was spread and gave them the prescription to avoid it. He is not saying, "You didn't do it right, so now I'm slapping you with leprosy."

Self-Enforcing Principles

God's commandments and statutes are a system of self-enforcing principles. The law of gravity is an example of a self-enforcing principle. It doesn't matter if you are Charismatic, Baptist, Catholic, or atheist. And it doesn't matter how much faith you have. If you jump off the roof of a building, you are going down, not up.

God's laws are the same. He doesn't have to inflict disease on people when He has already said, "If you do this, you won't get sick." The contagion would simply spread upon those who didn't follow the laws of cleanliness.

It's very simple. We are told to pay attention to God's commands. *Pay attention* means "to broaden out the ear." How many times do you tune in to what you want to hear? When it comes to the things of God, we are to pay attention to everything He has said. His Words are "life to those who find them, and healing and health to all their flesh." (Proverbs 4:22 AMP)

Say, "No!" to the Diseases of Egypt

What were the diseases of Egypt? If you want to get the full list, read the second half of Deuteronomy 28. Research studies of mummies from Egyptian tombs have shown these diseases include gout, infantile paralysis, appendicitis, kidney stones, lung disease, and arterial sclerosis. All these diseases existed in ancient Egypt. And we have allowed them to come on us today because we didn't apply God's prescription.

What did God say? "If you diligently hearken to Me and heed Me, none of these diseases will come upon you, for I am YAHWEH who heals you." This was the *first thing* God said to the Israelites after they left Egypt.

Do you think that it is important?

When God spoke these words to the Israelites, they had just crossed through the Red Sea, and the Egyptians had drowned in the midst of the sea. The Israelites then wandered in the desert and could not find water.

They finally found water in Marah but could not drink it because it was bitter, and the people began complaining. Moses "cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a tree. When he cast it into the waters, the waters were made sweet. There He made a statute and an ordinance for them, and there He tested them." (Exodus 15:25 NKJV)

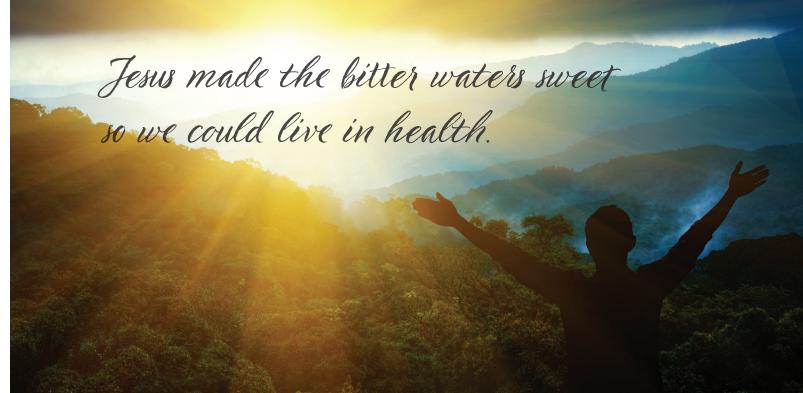
This verse says that God tested the Israelites. But the real test was in verse 26 when God said, "Are you going to

listen and obey Me? I am the Lord who heals you if you do."

Up until this moment, we haven't read anything about the Israelites' need for healing. Psalm 105:37 tells us, "There was not one feeble person among their tribes." When the entire nation of Israel left Egypt, no one was sick or weak. But when they came to Marah, God revealed Himself to them as Healer.

The Bitterness of Sickness

Sickness can be compared to bitter waters, can't it? In Exodus 15, the answer to the bitter waters was a tree. Verse 25 was a *prophetic* word that the bitter waters of sin, sickness, the diseases of Egypt, and every disease known to mankind



would be *healed by a tree*. At Calvary, Jesus was hung on a tree. There He bore our sins and sicknesses. That *tree* was the cross of Calvary.

Jesus made the bitter waters sweet so we could live in health.

Setting Knit Back Together

When speaking of God, I like to use YAHWEH. Some people say Jehovah. Both are God's name. YAHWEH Rapha. YAHWEH, our Healer. YAHWEH, the One who heals us. Rapha means "to heal."

In Arabic, the word *heal* means "to darn, mend, and repair." In the Ethiopic language, it means "to stitch together and mend." Have you ever seen anyone darning socks?

Sometimes socks can get holes in them. But you can repair and mend them by darning and stitching them back together. In Psalm 139:13 (AMPC), David said, "For You did form my inward parts; you did knit me together in my mother's womb."

If God, the Creator of all things, created and knit you together in your mother's womb, He can *mend* and *repair* what He made. If you have a tear in your body, He is YAHWEH, the One who stitches you back together again. God created you, and He can repair you! And the solution was found on the cross where Jesus bore our sickness and pain, as well as our sin.

Receive Your Healing

God wants to reveal Himself to you as your Healer. The tree Jesus died on has made the bitter waters of sickness and disease sweet, so you can walk in divine health. If you have something in your body that is torn or not working correctly, it can be mended and repaired.

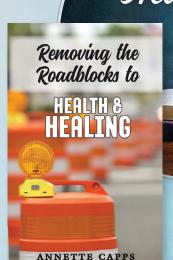
Pray this prayer and receive your healing:

I invoke the healing power of God into my body, which is the temple of the Holy Spirit. I speak to the diseases of the Egyptians, and I command them to depart. I will not have feebleness or weakness in my body. The same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead dwells in me. And now, Lord, mend anything that is broken. Create anything that needs to be recreated. Stitch me together into wholeness in Jesus' Name.



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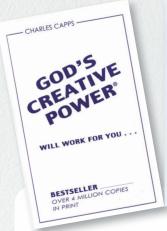
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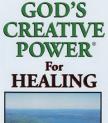
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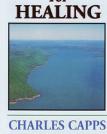


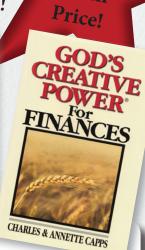
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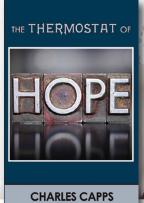
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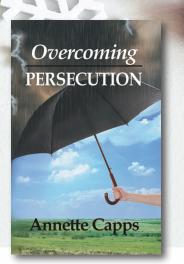




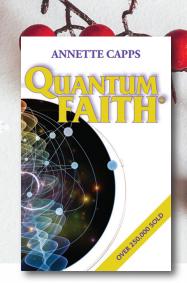


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ministry of angels in the earth is very real. But how effective they can be depends heavily on you and me. We actually can hinder them from doing what they're created to do. That's why we must understand their ministry and learn how to cooperate with them according to the Word of God.

In Hebrews 1 and 2, we find out that angels are created beings. They aren't born as men are born, nor do they have the same authority as human beings. But they are created with purpose. Hebrews 1:14 tells us about their ultimate role. "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?"

Who are these "heirs of salvation"? You and I. We are the heirs of salvation and, as such, the "ministering spirits," or angels, are sent by God to minister for us.

What are we heirs of? Salvation—which includes "preservation, healing, soundness and deliverance from temporal evils."

The Bible gives us numerous accounts of angelic deliverance and protection. Jesus was always aware of their presence. When arrested, He said, "Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?" (Matthew 26:53)

One Roman legion was 6,000 soldiers. Jesus said one prayer could have called 12 legions— or 72,000 angels—to come to His aid. Jesus understood the power of angelic protection.

As a "joint heir" with Jesus we can have that same protection. Through prayers and speaking God's Word we can have that kind of divine protection that comes by the ministry of angels!

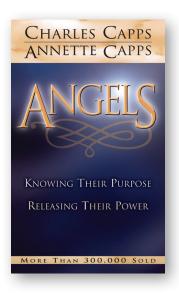
The apostles Peter and Paul experienced the assistance of angels. On more than one occasion angels delivered Peter from jail. (Acts 5:18-20, 12:6-8)

Paul was facing shipwreck—a potentially fatal situation. After much prayer he said, "And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship. For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and,

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