

JESUS CHRIST

Our Healer

BY HIS WOUNDS – WE ARE HEALED

Behold our Savior

Isaiah 53:1-5¹

"Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

² For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground.

He has no form or comeliness; and when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him. ³ He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

⁴ Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But He 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. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

The Complete Jewish Bible has a clearer depiction of Jesus.

Isaiah 53:1-5 (Complete Jewish Bible)

¹ Who believes our report? To whom is the arm of ADONAI revealed? ² For before him he grew up like a young plant, like a root out of dry ground. He was not well-formed or especially handsome; we saw him, but his appearance did not attract us. ³ People despised and avoided him, a man of pains, well acquainted with illness. Like someone from whom people turn their faces, he was despised; we did not value him.

⁴ In fact, it was our diseases he bore, our pains from which he suffered; yet we regarded him as punished, stricken and afflicted by God. ⁵ But he was wounded because of our crimes, crushed because of our sins; the disciplining that makes us whole fell on him, and by his bruises we are healed. ⁶ We all, like sheep, went astray; we turned, each one, to his own way; yet ADONAI laid on him the guilt of all of us.

1 Peter reveals to us the one Isaiah wrote about, Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:24-25

²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been **healed**. ²⁵For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

¹All scripture references are from The New King James Version unless otherwise noted.

CHRIST IS WILLING TO HEAL

Luke 5:12-13

"While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy.^[a] When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged him, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean."

¹³Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" And immediately the leprosy left him.

ACCORDING TO YOUR FAITH

Matthew 9:27-29

"As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, calling out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!"²⁸When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" "Yes, Lord," they replied.

²⁹Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith will it be done to you";

Mark 5:25-34 (see also Luke 8:43-38)

"A large crowd followed and pressed around him.²⁵And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years.²⁶She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse.²⁷When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak,²⁸because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed."²⁹Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

³⁰At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

³¹"You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?' "

³²But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it.³³Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth.³⁴He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

Luke 18:35-43

"As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging.³⁶When he heard the crowd going by, he asked what was happening.³⁷They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by."

³⁸He called out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

³⁹Those who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

⁴⁰Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him. When he came near, Jesus asked him,⁴¹"What do you want me to do for you?" "Lord, I want to see," he replied.

⁴²Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you."⁴³Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God.

The Blind men and the woman had faith – Faith in Jesus to heal them. Not faith in themselves, faith in doctors, medicine or anything apart from Jesus Christ Himself. I believe Jesus Christ, the Son of Almighty God is our “**substance**² of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1).

Hebrews 11:1

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

Matthew 9:28 - "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" "Yes, Lord

Mark 5:28 - she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed."

Luke 18:41 - "What do you want me to do for you?" "Lord, I want to see,"

Jesus took it further, He said, “Have **faith** in God” (Mark 11:22). It is recorded in John 14:10-11 that Jesus said,

John 14:10-11

“Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. ¹¹ Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

I am amazed that 2,000 years ago people believed in Jesus Christ because they saw the healings and miracles. Still many didn’t believe He was the Son of God. Today many professing Christians claim they believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God; but they don’t believe that healings and miracles are for us today. Is Jesus any less the Son of God today?

ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE WHAT CAN YOU DO TODAY?

James 5:14-16

¹⁴Is any one of you sick? He should call the **elders** of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

Note – an “elder” can be a “church” elder or someone older in the true faith of Jesus Christ.

² Words in **Red** are defined in full at the end of the study.

It seems too many churches give too much credit to the "prayer of the righteous man" and fail to take notice of the substance - "in the **name** of the Lord." It is supposed to be a prayer of faith - faith in the name of the Lord, not in the righteous man. If Jesus says it's the Father in Him doing the works, what power do we think we possess apart from Christ Jesus?

This reminds me of Moses and the parting of the Red Sea. Generally, everyone gives credit to Moses for this feat and misses the substance.

Exodus 14:21-22

"Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; **and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided.**"²² So the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry *ground*, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

Finally, consider Peter's words, as if they were spoken to you. The Power now, as then, is in the name of Jesus Christ.

Acts 3:1-9

"Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour.² And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple;³ who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms.⁴ And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us."⁵ So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them.⁶ Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: **In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.**"⁷ And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.⁸ So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them-walking, leaping, and praising God.⁹ And all the people saw him walking and praising God.

WORD DEFINED FROM STRONG'S EXHAUSTIVE CONCORDANCE

ELDER (4245) πρεσβύτερος, — presbyteros, *pres-boo'-ter-os*; comparative of (*elderly*); *older*; as noun, a *senior*; specially an Israelite *Sanhedrist* (also figurative member of the celestial council) or Christian "*presbyter*": — King James Version translations of this word are – elder (-est), old.

NAME (3686) ὄνομα, — onoma, *on'-om-ah*; from a presumed derivative of the base of (1097) (γινώσκω) (compare (3685) (ὀνίνημι)); a "*name*" (literal or figurative) [*authority, character*]: — King James Version translations of this word are – called, (+ sur-) name (-d).

Note – Dr. Spiros Zodhiates, a recognized authority in the Greek New Testament, breaks down the meaning of "Name" in greater detail.

From Dr. Zodhiates Lexical Aids to the New Testament:

"Onama; name, from onēmi, to help, because the name helps us to know the thing; or from nemō, to attribute, because a particular name is attributed or given to everything. N.T. meanings:

1. A name (Mt. 1:21, 23; 10:2; Mk. 14:32; Lk. 1:26).
2. A name meaning character described by the name (Mt. 1:41, 42, cf. Mt. 24:5; Mk. 12:6; Lk. 21:8).
3. Name, fame, reputation (Mk. 6:14).
4. Name as implying authority, dignity (Eph. 1:21; Phil. 2:9).
5. A name as the substitute or representative of a person, hence *onoma* is used for the person himself, whether divine (Mt. 6:9; Jn. 1:12; 2:23; 3:18; Rom. 15:9; Heb. 13:15, etc.) or human (Acts 1:15; Rev. 3:4; 11:13).
6. It gives importance to the confession of a name, or for the sake if the person so confessed (Mt. 10:22; 19:29; 24:9, cf. Mt. 18:5; Mk. 9:37; Acts 4:17), so to be baptized into (*eis*, 1519) the name means to be baptized into the faith or confession of that person and to be identified with his character and purpose (Mt. 28:19; Acts 2:38; 8:16; 10:48).
7. Delegated power and authority (Mt. 7:22; Mk. 16:17; Lk. 10:17; Acts 3:6, cf. 3:16; 4:7, 10, 12, etc., cf. Ep. 1:21; Phil. 2:9). The promise in Jn. 14:13, "Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do," means whatever is conformable to His character and to His purpose He will do, not simply what we ask."

SUBSTANCE (5287) ὑπόστασις, — hypostasis, *hoop-os'-tas-is*; from a compound of (5259) (ὑπό) and (2476) (ἵστημι); a *setting under (support)*, i.e. (figurative) concrete *essence*, or abstract *assurance* (object or subject): — King James Version translations of this word are – confidence, confident, person, substance.