

Wounds and the healing from God

As I wanted to prepare for this message, I asked the Lord about what to speak. My question was “What is food for your servants at this time?” Matthew 24:45 ***”Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time? ⁴⁶ It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. Truly I tell you; he will put him in charge of all his possessions.”***

We cannot speak about our beloved subjects all the time, we need to know what is the food the Lord wants to give to his servants at this time. As it is written in Isaiah 50:4 ***”The Sovereign LORD has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.”***

The Lord knows what to say when and to whom and it is our task to listen to HIM.

The verse that came to my mind was from Isaiah 1:5-6 ***”Why should you be beaten anymore? Why do you persist in rebellion? Your whole head is injured, your whole heart afflicted. From the sole of your foot to the top of your head there is no soundness – only wounds and welts and open sores, not cleansed or bandaged or soothed with olive oil.”***

Anyhow, God will come through. Isaiah 1:26 ***”I will restore your leaders as in days of old, your rulers as at the beginning. Afterward you will be called the City of Righteousness, the Faithful City.”***

Sometimes I am feeling myself as a wounded person, all over full with inner and outer wounds. So many conflicts unsolved, problems, hurts in my body and in my soul. Then as we look into the congregation the

same picture. So many wounds in people's lives, in their soul and spirit. We look at our nation and see the same.

It seems there is no solution. Suddenly, we understand the Lord knows it all, and has mercy over us all.

Romans 11:32 ***“For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.”***

This truth we find over and over in the bible.

Isaiah 30:26 ***“Moreover the light of the moon will be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the LORD binds up the bruise of His people and heals the stroke of their wound.”***

Healing is coming from the Lord because of His mercy and loving kindness and his covenant relationship to Israel.

Isaiah 57:18-19 ***“I have seen their ways, but I will heal them; I will guide them and restore comfort to Israel's mourners, creating praise on their lips. Peace, peace, to those far and near,” says the LORD. “And I will heal them.”***

The Initiative is coming from the Lord. He is going to make the first step, because he knows that we are already so tired and wounded that we cannot help ourselves anymore.

Isaiah 58:8 ***“Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard.”***

It is good to know that the Lord knows about our suffering and affliction and He was taking it to His heart, He suffers with His people. Isaiah 63:9 ***“In all their distress, He too was afflicted, and the Angel of His Presence saved them. In His love and compassion, He redeemed them; He lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.”***

We find this truth also in the New Testament. John 1:16-17 ***”Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.”***

We live by His grace – but what can hinder us not to live consciously in this grace? If we do not release this grace to the other brothers or sisters. If we release those who have hurt us into the grace of the Lord, we will experience the same grace of the Lord. The measure we are measured, we will be measured. That means we will not experience the grace of the Lord if we do not release the other person, because the measure, we put on them falls back on us and we have a twisted picture of the Lord. The same as it is with forgiveness. Forgive us our sins as we have already forgiven.

Jeremiah said there are no complete changes because of superficial treatment. Jeremiah 6:14 ***They dress the wound of my people as though it were not serious. ‘Peace, peace,’ they say, when there is no peace.***

As we hear the words of Jeremiah, we feel the pain in him. Still no salvation? We are not the light we are supposed to be. Jeremiah 8:20- 22 ***“The harvest is past, the summer has ended, and we are not saved. Since my people are crushed, I am crushed; I mourn, and horror grips me – is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then is there no healing for the wound of my people?”***

It is important to see the reality and real circumstances. Ezekiel 9:3-4 ***“Now the glory of the God of Israel went up from above the cherubim, where it had been, and moved to the threshold of the temple. Then the LORD called to the man clothed in linen who had the writing kit at his side and said to him, “Go throughout the city of Jerusalem and put a mark on the foreheads of those who grieve and lament over all the detestable things that are done in it.”***

These people mourned, because they saw the real condition of Jerusalem and God spared them from judgment.

Jeremiah 14:19 ***“Have you rejected Judah completely? Do you despise Zion? Why have you afflicted us so that we cannot be healed? We hoped for peace but no good has come, for a time of healing but there is only terror.”***

Do we not feel sometimes the same – we hoped for peace, but it is always getting worse?

Hosea 6:1-2 ***“Come, let us return to the LORD. For He has torn us to pieces, but He will heal us; He has wounded us, but He will bind up our wounds. 2 After two days He will revive us; on the third day He will raise us up, that we may live in His presence.”***

The third day means also in His time. And it reminds us on Jesus who was raised on the third day.

Are we aware how many wounded people are in our midst? If not in the body, often in their soul. Many people even got wounded in the church, in the fellowship, and that is especially painful.

Luke 10:34 ***“And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.”***

Our Lord is the wounded one and the wounds stay eternally with him as a remembrance of the great suffering he has gone through. John sees in heaven the wounded Lamb that was slain, before the throne of God.

John 20:20-21 ***“After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again, Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”***

As He was wounded, so are we. We will be wounded, but we will overcome and the healed wounds will stay with us and we remember that we overcame as our Lord did overcome.

1 Peter 2:24 ***“Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness by whose stripes you were healed.”***

Psalm 105:16-22 ***“He called down famine on the land and destroyed all their supplies of food; and he sent a man before them, Joseph, sold as a slave. They bruised his feet with shackles, his neck was put in irons, till what he foretold came to pass, till the word of the LORD proved him true. The king sent and released him, the ruler of peoples set him free.¹ He made him master of his household, ruler over all he possessor to instruct his princes as he pleased and teach his elders wisdom.”***

In His time the Lord will release His mercy and healing and restore our health.

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