"Balm of Gilead"

"But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings..." (Malachi 4:2)

From Disease to Rest

Exodus 15:22-26 – (22) "Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness and found no water. (23) When they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they were bitter; therefore it was named Marah. (24) So the people grumbled at Moses, saying, 'What shall we drink?' (25) Then he cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a tree; and he threw it into the waters, and the waters became sweet. There He made for them a statute and regulation, and there He tested them. (26) And He said, 'If you will give earnest heed to the voice of the LORD your God, and do what is right in His sight, and give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have put on the Egyptians; for I, the LORD, am your healer.'" (NASB)

Our Tree of Life

John 3:14-18 – (14) "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, (15) that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. (16) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (17) For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. (18) Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God."

<u>1 Peter 2:24</u> – "He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed."

<u>Matthew 11:28</u> – "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, <u>and I will give you</u> rest."

Mark 5:24-34 – (24) "...And a great crowd followed (*Jesus*) and thronged about him. (25) And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, (26) and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. (27) She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. (28) For she said, 'If I touch even his

garments, I will be made well.' (29) And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. (30) And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my garments?' (31) And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, Who touched me?' (32) And he looked around to see who had done it. (33) But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. (34) And he said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.'"

Healing for God's Hurting Ones

Psalm 147:3 – "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."

<u>Proverbs 27:9</u> – "Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and <u>the pleasantness of one's friend springs from his earnest counsel."</u>

<u>Psalm 73:13-17</u> – (13) "Surely in vain have I kept my heart pure; in vain have I washed my hands in innocence. (14) All day long I have been plagued; I have been punished every morning. (15) If I had said, 'I will speak thus,' I would have betrayed your children. (16) When I tried to understand all this, it was oppressive to me (17) <u>till I entered the sanctuary of God</u>; then I understood their final destiny." (NIV)

The Healing of Heaven

Revelation 7:17 – "For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Revelation 22:1-2 –(1) "Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb (2) through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations."

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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