

Jesus, the Great Physician (Devotional)

Psalm 107:16-21 says,

16 for He breaks down gates of bronze and cuts through bars of iron.
17 Some became fools through their rebellious ways and suffered affliction because of their iniquities.
18 They loathed all food and drew near the gates of death.
19 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He saved them from their distress.
20 He sent forth His word and healed them; He rescued them from the grave.
21 Let them give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds for men.

It is clear from studying the Bible that the only medicine that can cure the disease of sin that is troubling the world is the word of God, **“For faith comes of hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ”** (Romans 10:17). Without hearing the word of God, we will never be able to develop a faith that saves, for as the Apostle Paul tells us in Galatians 3:26-27, **“For you are all sons of God, through faith, in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ did put on Christ.”** Now let's consider the Great Physician, Who administers the healing elixir of His word.

Jesus Christ came to call sinners to repent, and only He, and He alone, can save them. There are false physicians in this world today, but Jesus said in John 14:6, **“ . . . no one comes unto the Father, but by Me.”** What these false physicians offer does not solve the problems afflicting the soul. The false prophets of Jeremiah's day were guilty of applying soothing balms when they should have performed major surgery (Jeremiah 8:11, 22). How would you like for your doctor to lie to you about your health – to gloss over your physical ailments? That's what these "prophets" did to the Israelites regarding their spiritual condition. Doctors are busy people and often cannot be there right when you need them. But Jesus comes when you call upon Him. His diagnosis is always accurate. He can cleanse every wound and heal every disease. He will never force His medicine on you. He waits patiently for His patients to admit their needs first. And the amazing thing is He has the best health care plan imaginable: He already paid the bill for your care on Calvary's cross!

Lost sinners deserve to die, but **“whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved”** we learn in Acts 2:21. If you've never trusted in Him for your salvation, do so now. He is truly the Great Physician.

Jesus administers the remedy of His word to your ailing soul. He can save the unbeliever, He can heal a broken heart and He can restore fractured relationships. Whatever sin assails you, Jesus Christ can heal it today.