

Our Physician

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Scripture reading: Exodus 15:26 And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.

The Great Physician now is near. O hear the voice of Jesus... What does God say? I am the Lord that healeth thee. In the German translation it says: "I am the Lord your healer/your physician."

This is such an important subject in the circumstances which surround us at this present time. I want to share with you, from the words of the Physician, the meat in due season for this time. What is this meat in due season? How are we to relate to the fears and the circumstances associated with the present pandemic surrounding us? What should we do in such a time as this, with all the mandates of the allopathic-oriented world around us? *Allopathy* is the general practise of the medical world around us of treating diseases by drug medications. They have brought about circumstances so that the government now inflicts mandates upon us that are stipulated by allopathic medicine.

How Shall We Relate?

As God's children, are we to engage in the activism of the anti-vaxxers of today? Are we to engage in it? In fact, are we anti-vaxxers? If you read and study carefully, the present situations that were foreseen by the Spirit of Prophecy and in the prophecies for their experiences, in Sister White's time, you will realise that Sister White and the

Adventists of her time were living in the time of small pox and polio, and as they were going about their missionary work they actually suffered under malaria. Some people even died of these terrible diseases. Sister White was asked in that time, Should we accept the medications? For malaria they were using a particular medication, and also for polio. Sister White made a statement saying, We have to do the best we can. And to prevent the people from suffering from those terrible diseases of small pox and polio, they received vaccinations; and as a consequence of that, polio and small pox were eradicated from their time to this point in time.

But in these current times of vaccination predominance, there are not only vaccinations for polio and such like (which have been affective), but we are now under a vaccination wave for chicken pox, flu, measles, whooping cough, and what have you, and now of course Covid.

So with these influxes of vaccination, how shall we relate? Let us *hear the voice of Jesus*, our Great Physician. First and foremost, we must go to our Great Physician; we must hear Him. And as we draw near to Him, He is drawing near to us. Let us hear Him, the One who walked in the land of Judea, that One who healed the diseases of the people around Him, by miracles of healing. As Jesus sent forth His disciples, we hear Him speaking:

Listening to the Great Physician

Luke 9:1 Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. **2** And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick. **3** And he said unto them, Take nothing for [your] journey, neither staves, nor scrip, neither bread, neither money; neither have two coats apiece. ... **5** And whosoever will not receive you, when ye go out of

that city, shake off the very dust from your feet for a testimony against them. 6 And they departed, and went through the towns, preaching the gospel, and healing every where.

So not only did Jesus go about healing the sick, but so did His disciples. And so it is for God's church right through history. The counsel was given that, If any is sick among you, *let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him.* The healing of the sick was part of the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ. And right through to now, God's promises to deal with our sicknesses are there.

As we are listening to the voice of our Great Physician, this is His voice:

Psalm 103:1 Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: 3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; 4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; 5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good [things; so that] thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

O hear the voice of Jesus. O hear Him. What does He do? He forgiveth all thine iniquities, and healeth all thy diseases. Do you remember the words to the paralytic when he was let down from the roof in front of Jesus? Jesus said, *Son, thy sins be forgiven thee;* and the man was relieved of the terrible condemnation he was under. Then with all the argument of the bystanders, Jesus added and said to him, Rise, take up your bed, and walk. It is because the Lord forgives that which causes us to suffer under disease that then He can also heal us. This is His promise, as it reads here.

What does it say there? He *satisfieth thy mouth with good things, so that thy youth is renewed like the eagles*. I want to praise God because that is what He is doing to me every day. He renews our health according to His promises. These are His promises, but let us read others and drink it in the beautiful words of the Great Physician speaking to us. Every word is rich with God's promise of great mercy and love:

Promises of Our Physician

Psalm 91:1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. 3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

There it is: *the noisome pestilence*. You know what another word for pestilence is? Virus.

Psalms 91:4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. 5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; 6 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. 7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. 8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

Why?

Psalm 91:9 Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; 10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

Is this meat in due season for us right now? This is the Great Physician communicating these precious comforts to us. God's children who dwell under His wings like that, who will believe Him, they will claim that promise; they will not permit the fear that surrounds us today in this pandemic to overwhelm them at all. Oh there will be threats that will cause the fear, yes; but because we love God and dwell under His feathers, *perfect love casteth out all fear*. It doesn't mean that the fear doesn't come up to us sometimes; but it is something that we deal with by our relationship with God.

Promises on Condition

But now think upon all the beautiful promises that we have been reading. He forgiveth all thine iniquities, and healeth how many diseases? *All thy diseases*. The plague will not come nigh thee, He says. But those promises are conditional. I read this conditional aspect in the words of our scripture reading. We will see precisely the condition behind this promise that God will heal us. This is the condition that God's promise of healing and restoration and protection is dependent upon:

Exodus 15:26 ...If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.

What is the condition? *If thou wilt diligently hearken to His voice*. If you will do that which is right in whose sight? "In *His* sight." If thou wilt keep, give ear to His commandments and keep how many? "*All His statutes*." There God is drawing our attention to the instructions that God gave to His people as they were travelling to their promised land and even along the journey. He gave the health statutes for their safe

keeping. He gave them their dietary statutes. He gave them the instructions that they needed to diligently follow so that His promise of being their Physician who would heal them could take place. It is very much like the reality of going to a doctor when you have a serious problem. You go to the doctor, and he gives you the treatments that you must go through and follow; he gives you the instruction of how to deal with your problem. If you don't do or take what healing agencies he has brought to your attention, will you recover? It doesn't make any sense. This is not what is normal thinking and common sense. The Lord is saying, I am the Lord that heals you, and I am giving you My instructions and My counsel, and if you diligently follow that, then none of these diseases will happen to you.

Following the Health and Hygienic Laws

There's a very interesting fact about Nostradamus. In the days of the bubonic plague, the people were dying by the thousands and millions, but Nostradamus was a Jew who had the instructions of the Bible. And even though he was practising witchcraft, which is forbidden by the Scriptures, he was still practising the health laws, which were given by God. And the village in France where he was, was completely free of the bubonic plague, because he was teaching the health laws, the hygienic laws to the people of the village. As a result, they did not suffer from that devastating plague. That is a fact. God had given instructions which were to be followed diligently, and then He could be their physician.

I have no need to direct your mind to the eight laws of health that have been brought to God's people in these last days through the Spirit of Prophecy. He has given us these laws of health—instructions on diet, in regards to the food we have been called upon to put into our bodies (only healthy foods), and the laws of how to eat those foods; then the

instruction for the use of water for hygiene and internal use (such as fomentations), the use of herbs, all the different instructions that have been given to us in these eight laws of health. Not overworking; a right amount of rest and exercise. All these things were given to us through the Spirit of prophecy. And in all those particular eight laws of health, there is a plethora of agencies that God has given us for us to be assured of our protection both from the diseases that are rampant today and from the plagues.

Those promises are conditional on whether we are obeying our Lord or not. If we have failed to obey, and we come to Him in confession and repentance, He will forgive all your iniquities, and heal all your diseases. As we disobey God's directions, as we do wrong things, we have to suffer the consequences. As it says, *The curse causeless shall not come*. But if we come in repentance before Him, if we ask Him for forgiveness and we come to Him, saying, Please, help me through this particular disease, or this particular ailment, the Lord has promised to forgive us and to heal all our diseases; and He will not lay upon us the diseases of Egypt. Now that's an interesting thing. As they studied the mummies of Egypt, they discovered that the modern diseases of today were also in existence in ancient Egypt. And God said to the Hebrews, I am not going to let you suffer the diseases that these Egyptians are showing.

I would like to add my personal testimony here, to testify that God is true when we put into practise His particular counsel. I had a little daughter the age of four who, because of negligence on our part, ended up with rheumatic fever. She was only four years old. We followed God's directions; we did not take her to the hospital, we relied on our Physician. And as we treated her according to this instruction, she recovered beautifully and was even stronger in health after than she would have been without that particular problem.

When a person has rheumatic fever, the heart is badly damaged and they usually suffer for the rest of their life. But this was not the case with my daughter. I had another daughter who, at the age of ten months, because of other problems, received what I dreaded most in my nursing years. She had a flu-like condition for a very short time and very quickly overcame that, but it was found out afterwards that she had the bacteria that causes lung infection—pneumococcus. She had pneumonia, and the pneumococcus (the bacteria that causes pneumonia) was in her system, and it got caught in the bone of her upper shoulder. It created a pus pocket in the bone. Now that is a serious condition. And the only way the medical profession knows to deal with it, is by an operation—cutting the bone open and scooping out the pus. But even then, that operation is not always successful. This also includes high doses of antibiotics. Now my faith was several tested. I went to my Physician and explored carefully the detail of what to do to treat it the natural way. We practised what the Lord had shown us. Within four weeks this child recovered 100%, without operation, without antibiotics. We followed the instruction.

How to Deal with Enforced Allopathic Treatments

By God's grace we have nothing to fear when we follow the instruction of our Great Physician. But now comes the other part. Once we know what our Physician tells us to do, so that He can protect us from the scourge of pandemic which we are meeting today, how do we deal with the authorities who are enforcing allopathic treatment—the vaccination?

This we also need to know. So say, for instance, we did receive a little dose of Covid and we used God's method to conquer that. I mean, sometimes we do experience viruses and we get the flu. And today

there are vaccinations for these flus; but I have never had any flu vaccination, and the Lord has taken care of me. I am sure we can testify that we have been able to get through those viruses. But many people have actually died of the flu virus. But apparently this virus, this Covid, is really playing havoc, and the authorities are enforcing, virtually mandating, vaccination. How do we deal with that?

Once again, first and foremost, let us turn to the following passage of Amos. Here is the Great Physician speaking to us, as we are dealing with these challenges that we live under today, where the anti-vaxxers are fighting against the government, doing these terrible things, these terrible confrontations by the thousands that are protesting against mandatory vaccinations. Are we to take sides with them?

Amos 5:12 For I know your manifold transgressions, and your mighty sins:

Now this is what they do:

Amos 5:12 ...they afflict the just, they take a bribe, and they turn aside the poor in the gate [from their right].

What does it say now, in such a time as this?

Amos 5:13 Therefore the prudent shall keep silence in that time; for it [is] an evil time. 14 Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the LORD, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken. 15 Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.

Gracious to the remnant of Joseph. Are we to be part of the remnant? Is this our calling? We who are to be cared for by the Lord in this time,

are called upon to be *prudent*. We *shall keep silence* in that time. How to deal with these challenges? Don't cause the ripple. Be wise.

Don't Cause the Ripple

Caution is to be prayerfully exercised by everyone who believes the truth. There are trying scenes before us, and we need to exercise great caution, keeping the door of our lips while the wicked are before us. We shall have to meet in our experience with men having fanatical zeal which will provoke those who hate the truth and it will be necessary to preserve a calm attitude and not state all we do know, for impressions will be made upon human minds that will, under the influence of Satan, grow to large proportions. {TDG 250.2}

O how important that we understand what is written here.

There is need of watching unto prayer. The evils we shall meet have long been gathering and like a storm, will come upon many when they least expect it. {TDG 250.3}

How many people have said this to me, It's happening so quick! "*When they least expect it.*"

While they cannot be charged with originating the evil, they precipitated it. Charges will be made which believers cannot refute, because they have not shown wisdom in the use of either the pen or the voice. {Ibid.}

Many laws will be enacted for the government of nations, calculated to oppress; and old laws that have practically become of none effect, will be resurrected. We need to move forward in our work under-

standingly and in faith, under the wise generalship of Jesus Christ.
{TDG 250.4}

Yes, our Great Physician—*the wise generalship*.

A great work is to be done for the Master in proclaiming the last message of mercy to our world, and we are dependent upon authorities and powers to find passage from one end of the world to another, and as long as we are dependent upon the powers that be, we must not divorce ourselves from them, for this is a worldwide message. {Ibid.}

Are We Activists?

We are to go forward quietly, and when our way is apparently blocked in one direction we are to make no condemnation of the powers that be, for in thus doing we are teaching other powers how to work to hedge up our way. We are not to stir up opposing elements or provoke retaliation or revenge. The climax will come soon enough. It is already stealing on as a thief in the night. And we can speak Bible truth which will not set opposing influences at work.—Manuscript 90, August 29, 1893, “Our Attitude Toward the ‘Powers That Be.’” {TDG 250.5}

Are we to be anti-vaxxer activists? No; not at all. As God’s children we are to respect the authorities. As we read before, the prudent will not start levelling their condemnation upon the government for what they are doing. As the vaccinations are being enforced, what are we to do? According to what we just read, we are in need of remaining under the radar. Don’t say too much. A vaccination passport is being discussed, and in some places already taking its course. While we are trying to remain under the radar, being very quiet and quietly getting on with our situation as best we can (and the Lord will help us), we read this

interesting statement about the time when we shall be, through the circumstances, brought to the forefront:

Brought to the Front by the Final Movements

"Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life." Every position of truth taken by our people will bear the criticism of the greatest minds; the highest of the world's great men will be brought in contact with truth, and therefore every position we take should be critically examined and tested by the Scriptures. Now we seem to be unnoticed, {Ev 69.1}

Because we are under the radar.

Now we seem to be unnoticed, but this will not always be. Movements are at work to bring us to the front, and if our theories of truth can be picked to pieces by historians or the world's greatest men, it will be done. {Ibid.}

So yes, we will be brought to the front by the circumstances that the governments are bringing about. But how should we work? Very carefully and very respectfully.

We must individually know for ourselves what is truth, and be prepared to give a reason of the hope that we have with meekness and fear, not in a proud, boasting, self-sufficiency, but with the spirit of Christ.—Letter 6, 1886. {Ev 69.2}

O how important that we learn this lesson. What you know, what you strongly believe, learn the lesson to communicate it with meekness and fear. Let us do that within our own ranks and also towards others around us.

We are nearing the time when we shall stand individually alone to answer for our belief. Religious errors are multiplying and entwining themselves with Satanic power about the people. There is scarcely a doctrine of the Bible that has not been denied.—Letter 6, 1886. {Ibid.}

As the vaccination passport is being enforced and put upon us, we might not be able to go to different places anymore unless we become vaccinated. How do we deal with it? In meekness and fear as we are brought to the forefront; we will need to be able to give good reasoning for the fact that we will not participate in the allopathic control, to give answers from God's word on how we protect ourselves and others from these contagions. The reasoning that comes from God's word can reach out for the people that are enforcing these things, to be able to gain exemption. This is what we are appealing for—exemptions. And as we do this, trust in God. Be patient and wait on Him.

Don't Confuse It with the Sabbath/Sunday Law

What I am preaching to you is what I am practising right now. Waiting for the exemption, waiting upon God; trust Him. And one thing we need to understand in this present challenge, is that we must not look upon the unworthiness to submit to the vaccination as on the same ground as the Sabbath/Sunday law. Don't confuse it with the Sabbath/Sunday law. If there is a mandate and we cannot get around the vaccination except we die, we can be assured that if we are going to be given a dangerous ingredient, we have nothing to fear, because we read it in the words of our Great Physician:

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is bap-

tized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. 17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

They shall take up serpents—a serpent with a deadly venom will kill you. That is what happened to Apostle Paul; he was bitten by a serpent, and they were expecting him to die, but he didn't. If we drink any deadly thing, if anything is taken into our body because we have no choice, we don't have to worry; it will not kill us. All these speculations that are being circulated causing fear and anxiety, even among believers, we are not to worry about.

One thing I want to make very clear to your minds is that the vaccine is not for us to take, as much as we avoid taking all allopathic drugs. I am not teaching to take this present vaccination. I avoid all vaccinations and drugs, because I trust in the Lord to be my healer and protector. What I am trying to show is that the issue of the Sunday laws, where the circumstances would cause us to break God's Sabbath commandment, will become a life and death issue, one where we would not be able to buy and sell unless we receive the mark, and ultimately where we would be placed under the death decree for refusing to break the Sabbath. I present that this vaccination issue, if it would come to a life and death, is not on the same level as obedience to the Sabbath at all costs. If we would be brought into circumstances over the vaccination issue where our essential needs for life are threatened, we would not need to fear that a poisonous substance forced upon us would do us any harm. Incidentally, I doubt we will be brought to that. But if we were, we have nothing to fear, specifically on account of the words of Jesus in Mark 16.

It Shall Not Hurt Them

To illustrate this, let me relate to you the story of an event in the life of a faithful reformer some thirty to forty years ago in one of the countries behind the iron curtain of the time. This brother was in prison for his faith. At one time the prison superintendent called him to his office where a bottle of poison was on a table with a glass. There was also a doctor present and a German shepherd dog. The superintendent read to him Mark 16:18, then told him that he would put this to the test in reference to this brother. First, he demonstrated the lethal property of the poison by giving it to the dog—in a few minutes the dog fell dead. Then he said, Now it's your turn. The brother submitted, but first asked for the right to pray, which was granted. He prayed for God to intervene and use the occasion to save these two men. Then he took the glass filled with the poison and drank it. He did not die, and the doctor was converted as a result. When we are forced, then God intervenes, as He will do during the death decree.

Let us follow the counsel of our Great Physician to deal with the terrible contagion that is about us today and follow his counsel diligently so that we will intelligently engage in every method that He has provided to heal us and to prevent the contagion. And then, deal respectfully with the medical profession and the authorities that are using their powers at this present time. We are to shun a spirit of conspiracy reactionism. This is not for God's children to enter into.

May God help us and be with us in such a time as this to follow the instruction, as we have been hearing His word, so that we will be wise and understanding towards the authorities that we will meet, because the movements are bringing us to the forefront step by step.

May God bless us as we engage in listening and taking to heart what God our Great Physician has spoken to us in His word. Amen.