

“TO THOSE NEEDING HEALING”

Aaron.

2. As a result, a plague hit Israel.
3. What was God’s answer for this plague? Not simply prayer for mercy, but an atonement.
 - a. We read of this in Num 16:46-48: **Then Moses said to Aaron, “Take your censer and put incense in it, along with fire from the altar, and hurry to the assembly to make atonement for them. Wrath has come out from the Lord; the plague has started.” So Aaron did as Moses said, and ran into the midst of the assembly . The plague had already started among the people, but Aaron offered the incense and made atonement for them. He stood between the living and the dead, and the plague stopped.**
 - b. The plague stopped when the atonement was made.
 - c. If healing is not connected to the atonement then why did the atonement heal the people?
 - d. It is clear the atonement was the cure for the healing of the plague.

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“OLD TESTAMENT TYPES OF THE ATONEMENT”

PART III

- XVIII. Several important issues have been established so far in these lesson on “Old Testament Types Of The Atonement.”
- A. First and foremost is the fact that sin brings forth death and sickness is an agent of death.
 1. Sickness wants to kill! Without sickness, death would be postponed for many people.
 2. Sin brought death, and sickness is the offsprings of its parent, death.

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B. Next we have come to understand that “Atonement” is the payment that corrects the relationship between God and man, which was broken through sin.

1. The first major type of atonement in the Old Testament is “Passover.”
2. We now know that “Passover” is a type of the “Atonement of Christ.”
3. We must remember that the children of Israel, even though they sinned, were kept from disease and sickness as a result of the atonement (Passover).

“THE BRONZE SNAKE – A TYPE OF ATONEMENT”

C. There is another wonderful example of the atonement as it relates to healing in Numbers chapter 21.

1. Again the Israelites brought judgement on themselves and were bitten by poisonous snakes.
 - a. Snakes speak of Satan. Satan has bitten them and caused them to suffer extreme nausea and pain.
 - b. He does that today. The solution God has for the people is simple.
 - c. Take a bronze snake and put it on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, he lived. (Numbers 21: 8-9)
2. Jesus said about His own crucifixion: **“Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up”** (John 3:14)
 - a. The bronze snake speaks of the atonement of Christ.
 - b. If the shadow of the atonement could heal the people from the venom of the snakes, then surely the reality of the atonement of Christ can heal us today from the diseases Satan puts on us.

“LEPER’S HEALING”

D. There is an interesting regulation under the Law that relates to this lesson.

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1. If a leper was healed of his disease then the priest was to make atonement for him.
2. This is found in Lev 14:1-4, 19-20: **The LORD said to Moses, “These are the regulations for the diseased person at the time of his ceremonial cleansing, when he is brought to the priest: The priest is to go outside the camp and examine him. If the person has been healed of his infectious skin disease, the priest shall order that two live clean birds and some cedar wood, scarlet yarn and hyssop be brought for the one to be cleansed....” Then the priest is to sacrifice the sin offering and make atonement for the one to be cleansed from his uncleanness. After that, the priest shall slaughter the burnt offering and offer it on the altar, together with the grain offering, and make atonement for him, and he will be clean.**
3. Here is my question: Why was an atonement made for the leper’s healing if healing is not in the atonement of Jesus Christ?
 - a. Healing is clearly in the atonement.
4. Fundamentalist will criticize Christian Scientists for believing that salvation can be attained without the atonement, yet fundamentalist make the same blunder concerning healing.
5. They treat healing under a different basis than forgiveness of sin.
6. They view sickness as utterly separate from sin. This is wrong!
7. Healing by God is attained through the atonement.
 - a. Atonement is reckoned to us through faith. Why”
 - b. Because the Bible plainly tells us that without faith it is impossible to please God.
 - c. Faith is the medium that God has choose to reckon (accounting term) His healing to us.

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“ATONEMENT IN THE NEW TESTAMENT”

E. We will now direct our attention to the New Testament.

1. We will start by reading Isa 53:4-5 KJV: **“Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.”**
 - a. The Amplified Bible translates the passage in Isaiah as follows:
“Surely He has borne our griefs (sicknesses, weaknesses, and distresses) and carried our sorrows and pains [of punishment]”
2. The Hebrew word for **“griefs”** is “choliy,” and is defined as “disease” and “sickness” in Dt 7:15; 28:61; I Ki 17:17; II Ki 1:2; 8:8; II Chron 16:12; 21:15.
 - a. Grief here does not mean grief in the sense of emotional sadness.
 - b. It means sickness, including physical sickness.
 - c. It is translated into Greek in Matthew 8:17 to refer to sickness, and was meant to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: **“He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases.”**
3. Next we see the word **“sorrow”** is translated from the Hebrew word “makob.”
 - a. It is rendered pain in Job 14:22; 33:19.
 - b. Pain is associated with sickness.
 - c. Matthew in 8:17 actually translates this word as “diseases.”
4. The point of this part of the lesson is to show that Jesus actually took our infirmities and diseases at the same time **he was wounded for our transgressions, and was bruised for our iniquities.**