

WHAT DOES THE HEALING OF THE NATIONS ACCOMPLISH?

Note to the speaker:

Highlight our need for the Creator's loving provisions for spiritual and physical healing. Show why spiritual healing is of prime importance. Speak enthusiastically and optimistically about the lasting future results of God's great healing program

MANKIND IS GREATLY IN NEED OF HEALING (5 min.)

Healing means restoring health, making sound (*it-1* 1055)

Because of inherited sin and imperfection, mankind is in dire need of both physical and spiritual healing (Ro 5:12)

Disease continues to take human lives

Sinful human society is also in spiritual darkness, alienated from God (Eph 4:17-19)

How will God provide for physical and spiritual healing?

GREATEST PHYSICIAN PROVIDES TWOFOLD HEALING (7 min.)

Jehovah, the greatest Physician, put recuperative powers within the human body (*it-1* 1055)

Though God's human servants have inherited sin and imperfection, he sustains them in ill health (Ps 41:1-3)

Fact that God has also healed some physically in past shows he can do so in future

Restored Job's health after affliction by Satan (Job 42:10)

King Hezekiah was healed and his life prolonged (Isa 38:4, 5)

Jehovah now providing the more important spiritual healing for repentant ones

It restores strength, hearing, speech in a spiritual way (Isa 35:3-6)

We can avail ourselves of benefits of both kinds of healing

Considering what Bible says about physical and spiritual healing will strengthen our faith in God's great healing program

JESUS AND APOSTLES DID PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL HEALING (10 min.)

Jesus Christ cured every sort of disease (Mt 9:35)

It was not the application of Jesus' own power or wisdom that healed the sick (*it-1* 1056)

Jesus did not use hypnotherapy, psychotherapy, or similar methods

He healed by the power of God's spirit (Lu 5:17)

Imagine joy of those cured and of their families (Lu 7:1-10)

Cures Jesus then brought about give us assurance of what he can do in future

Apostles were given authority to cure diseases (Mt 10:1)

Healings gave proof of divine backing, brought great happiness (Ac 3:1-9)

After Christianity was firmly established, such "gifts of healings" passed away (1Co 12:8, 9; 13:8)

When we see the ill or infirm, we may think that physical healing is very important

Of prime importance, however, was Jesus' spiritual healing of minds and hearts

He pitied crowds primarily "because they were skinned and thrown about like sheep without a shepherd" (Mt 9:35, 36)

Jews as a nation rejected Jesus and spiritual healing

Many people now are not conscious of spiritual need and do not see that Jesus' ransom has eternal benefit

May we highly esteem the ransom and spiritual healing

But what is being accomplished in the way of healing today?

WHAT PRESENT HEALING OF NATIONS IS ACCOMPLISHING (6 min.)

Spiritual Israel is spiritually enlightened (1Pe 2:9)

Anointed remnant is spiritually healthy (Heb 12:12, 13)

"Great crowd" exercising faith in Jesus' ransom is being separated for survival into righteous new world

Jesus Christ leads them to waters of life (Re 7:9-17)

Thousands are making a dedication to God, being baptized (Cite statistics from current *Yearbook*)

You can be among those separated for survival of system's end

Take full advantage of divine provisions for spiritual healing

If you do, you can rejoice in present and future accomplishments of Jehovah's great healing program

ANTICIPATED SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF GREAT HEALING PROGRAM (12 min.)

Jehovah's great healing program depicted

Ezekiel foretold healing river of life flowing from Jehovah's house (Eze 47:1, 12; *kj* 395-8)

Those refusing to drink will die, but it brings life to those drinking of it
Along river's banks are trees with fruit and leaves for healing of the nations

Note similar picture as we read Revelation 22:1, 2 (*re* 310-12)

"River of water of life" represents all blessings to mankind through Christ, who takes away sin of world (Joh 1:29)

"Trees of life" furnish healing leaves and fruit to provide needed spiritual and bodily cure

As part of Abraham's seed, 144,000 will share in extending benefits to mankind during Millennium (Ga 3:8, 29; Re 14:1)

Even now, as "big trees of righteousness," anointed remnant preach and thus offer mankind fruits of established Kingdom (Isa 61:1-3)

What are some other future blessings of God's healing program?

Jesus' physical cures foreshadowed his use of Messianic power to heal during Millennial Reign (*it-1* 1056)

No longer need doctors, as physical health is restored

Dead will be resurrected, judged by deeds then (Joh 5:28, 29)

All obedient ones will be brought to human perfection in Paradise (*w91* 12/15 12)

Abundant healthful food then assured (Ps 72:16; 85:12)

Rebellious will not enjoy these blessings, but you can be among righteous enjoying them forever (Eze 18:20, 30-32)

SHARE IN PRESENT WORK OF SPIRITUAL HEALING (5 min.)

As a servant of Jehovah, you have grand privilege to tell others about God's great healing program

Through diligent Kingdom preaching, help them to receive spiritual healing now

Tell the honesthearted about the time near at hand when tears of sorrow will be wiped away (Re 21:3, 4)

Invite them to respond to invitation to partake of waters of life (Re 22:17)

You and those who listen can have prospect of peace, joy, and eternal life made possible by Jehovah's great healing program

(Adhere closely to the outlined material, and observe the indicated timing of each section. Not all cited texts need be read)