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Female: And now for Jehovah Rapha, The Lord Our Healer, Part 4.

C. Elijah Bronner: Thank you for joining Brothers of the World because brother, you need the Word. Praise god. So happy to have you to tune in. Those of you joining us live on television or online at BrothersoftheWorld.com or on social media; welcome to today’s service. Always a wonderful, delight and joy to have you to tune in and join us.

I would like to share just a little humor. Two friends had been arguing over a conversation that went on for many years. One of them claimed that Jesus was White; the other claimed that he was Black. The years had gone by and they soon died. Surprisingly, they died on the same day. And both of them ended up in heaven. The Apostle Peter happened to be walking by and they immediately ran up to him and they said, “Excuse us. We have been arguing for years and now we can settle it. Tell us, is Jesus Black or White? Just then, Jesus walks up to them and said, “Buenos dias.” Praise God. Praise God.

Well, we are talking about The Lord Our Healer. The Lord Our Healer, Part 4. There’s so much going on in the world today and so much sickness and so much death and so, the more the world talks about sickness and death, the more that I’m going to talk about healing, life, praise God. And so, we are talking about The Lord Our Healer.

God has a remedy. God has a cure and God has a vaccination. God has an anecdote and it is His word; it is His son Christ Jesus. And so, we’re excited. We’re talking about The Lord Our Healer, Part 4.

I want to read some scripture over in the Book of Deuteronomy, Chapter 7. Deuteronomy, Chapter 7 and we’ll begin with Verse 12. Deuteronomy, Chapter 7, Verse 12, and it says, “Wherefore, it shall come to pass if ye hearken to these judgments and keep

them and do them that the Lord thy God shall keep unto thee the covenant and the mercy which He swear until thy fathers. And He will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee: He will also bless the fruit of thy womb and the fruit of thy land, thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil. The increase of thy kind and the flocks of thy sheep, in the land which he swear until thy fathers to give thee.”

Verse 14, “Thou shalt be blessed above all people: there shall not be male or female barren in among you, and among your cattle.”

And then Verse 15, this is what I really want to focus in on. Verse 15, “And the Lord will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee; but will lay them upon all them that hate thee.

So, notice that in Verse 15, “And the Lord will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest...” Now, this was in addition to the plagues; the 10 plagues that came upon Egypt. This was in addition to those plagues. There was other diseases in Egypt, and there were other epidemics, there were other plagues in Egypt before the 10 plagues or in addition to the 10 plagues, they were familiar with these diseases. And so, God said “I won’t put any of those diseases that you’re familiar with that have been in Egypt, they will not come on you and I’ll take away from you all sickness and I’ll lay them on those that hate you.” Praise God.

So, this is a wonderful covenant promise here. This is part of the blessing of being in covenant with God’s.

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It’s part of the bless us. And so, God said, “You honor me, you honor my word, you do what I tell you to do, follow my word and here’s the blessing of being in covenant relationship with Me, I’ll bless you and I’ll take the sickness away from the midst of you.”

So, it’s part of the blessing. It’s part of the blessing of being in covenant with God. God gives us protection from sickness and disease. And so, this is a wonderful promise that the Lord will take sickness away from the midst of you. So, you need to meditate on that. Meditate on that, say it out of your mouth, believe it in your heart, think about that. Lord will take sickness

away from the midst of you, Deuteronomy 7:15, the Lord will take sickness away from my midst. He takes sickness away from my midst and so, you meditate on that. You say it, you think about it, you see it. That's a covenant blessing, it's a part of the covenant relationship with God and is even more so now because this was before Jesus came.

So now that Jesus has come, this blessing is more intact. Praise God. Praise God because there's been a prize that's been paid for our healing, for our redemption. And so, He takes sickness away from the midst of us. That's a covenant blessing. It's a covenant promise that's found there in Deuteronomy, Chapter 7, Verse 15.

And, you know, actually, this whole chapter, Deuteronomy, Chapter 7, it's a beautiful chapter. It's actually a love letter. Deuteronomy 7 is actually a love letter. The whole chapter, Chapter 7, is a love letter from God to His people. And here are some of the things, notice these verses earlier in the chapter in Chapter 7. Notice some of these verses, you can hear the love letter portion of this.

In Verse 6, He says, "For thou art and holy people unto the Lord thy God: The Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto Himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth." One translation says that God has chosen you as His own special treasure. You're God's own special treasure.

Then in Verse 7, it says, "The Lord did not set His love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: But" -- in Verse 8, But because the Lord loved you, and because he would keep the oath which He had sworn unto your fathers, hath the Lord brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt." So, the Lord says here, He says I don't love you, you know, because you were so great. It really had nothing to do with you. God says, I love you, I set my love on you, I love you because I love you. And that's what He said.

That's a beautiful love that I loved that. He says I love you because you and that's why I love you. I love you because I love you. That's why, it's not because of you're being so great, I love you because I love you.

In other words, God is saying this come out of Him. He is love. It's His desire; it's His prerogative; it's His will; it's who He is. And God said, I have chosen to love you and I love you because I love you.

Isn't that awesome. That's gets me going. That gives me excite. That's so exciting. So, this whole chapter, Chapter 7 in Deuteronomy, it's a love letter. God said, I put my love on you because I love you. I love you because I love you. If you want to know the reason why I love you, I love you because I love you. I love that. I love that. No strings attached, no , I love you because I love you. Man, God has taken us as a special treasure unto Himself. You are God's peculiar treasure; you're a special treasure that God has taken to Himself. He loves you because He love you. Man, I love that. I'll say that every day; every day of my life; I'll say, God, you love me because you love me. You've taken me as a special treasure under yourself. Praise God.

Well, we found that all in Deuteronomy, Chapter 7, this whole chapter. It's a love letter from God to His people. And in the same chapter is where He says I'll take the sickness away from the midst, I'll bless you and I'll take the sickness away from the midst of you. So, it comes out of His love; it comes out of His love; you're in covenant with Him and He loves you and He will take sickness away from your midst. So, I'll then let you know it was a divine protection, it's a divine covenant blessing that God protects His people and He removes sickness from our midst.

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Praise God. Praise God. Well, let's go look at another one. Let's go look at another one. I'm simply in this series on Healing, as I have said. As the world turns up the volume on sickness and disease and death, I'm turning up the volume on life, health and healing. Praise God.

I'm going to declare God's Word no matter what's happening around me. And so, we're turning up the volume. So, focus in on life. Focus in on health. Focus in on healing. God has a remedy. God has a cure. And God has an antidote. God has a prescription. So, let me just walk through the healing scriptures of the Bible. The next one is over in the book of Numbers. Numbers, Chapter 21. Chapter 21, flip over there. Interesting account here.

Numbers 21, and we'll begin with Numbers 21 Verse 5. Notice what it says. It says that the people speak against God and against Moses wherefore have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness for there is no bread neither is there any water and are so low that this light bread. Well, now the people made a big mistake right here. They spoke against God. That's mistake number one. Number two, they spoke against Moses. God's assigned prophet. So, they made two great mistakes. And honestly, you could forget about the second mistake.

The first mistake was big enough. When you speak against God, you really messed up. Not even counting Moses. That's second there to speak against God. That's the only mistake that really matters. They messed up when they spoke against God. And look at the Verse 6, and so and the Lord said fiery serpents among the people. And they bit the people. And much people of Israel died. Now, this is very interesting. Now, fiery serpents, these people were traveling through the wilderness so fiery serpents were there all along. In fact, we find that is actually in another scripture in the Bible, it talks about the fiery serpents that were in the wilderness. So, there were actually fiery serpents there all along.

God simply had been protecting his people from the fiery serpents. He didn't allow the fiery serpents to bother them because they were under his divine protection. They were under his divine protection. So, the wilderness was full of fiery serpents, but they had never bother God's people because He always protect them. But the moment these people started complaining, they spoke against God and they started complaining. God now release those fiery serpents. He removed his protection and He directed those fiery serpents toward its people. And the people begin to get sick and they begin to die.

What does that teachers us? It teaches us about that complaining, Man, can really mess you up. Not only those complaining nail you to your problems. Complaining can make your life much worse than it is. Complaining can really mess you up. Complaining makes you negative, makes you negative. Complaining injures you. Notice they were beaten. So, complaining injures you. Notice they even die. Now what the Holy Spirit impressed upon me, complaining kills your creativity. Kills your progress. Kills our spark. Kills your genius.

Complaining kills. It kills somethings in your life. These people died as a result of complaining. They were beaten as a result of complaints. So, they were hurt. Their lives were put in a much worse state because they complain. Someone said that the only difference between a good day and a bad day is your attitude. The only difference between a good or bad day is your attitude. Someone else said that a bad attitude is like a flat tire. You're not going anywhere until you change it. Praise God. So, complaining sets your back and it causes you to become negative and you end up with a complaining spirit.

Now, look back in Verse 5. Chapter 21 and Verse 5. Notice the complaining they were doing. Now these people had been travelling along the way. And so, they just became discouraged and they became very negative and notice, look at Verse 5 Chapter 21. Look out they start complaining. They said, you know, they were complaining to God, Moses talking about both of them. They said, now, God has brought us out here to die. He has brought us out of this wilderness to die. They start complaining. It's hot out here. We don't have any food. We don't have any water and little food we do have this bread. We tired of that.

And so, they were just complaining. So, when you complain, you get into a very negative spirit and it compounds. You complain after one thing, after another, after another. -So, they just start going down the list.

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Elijah Bronner: They were just airing out all of their grievances and all of their complaints. And then, they begin to get sick and they begin to die as a result. So, complaining really messes you up. So, we get a powerful illustration here, the power of complaining and how it negatively impacts your life. It kills. It robs. It steals your creativity and your progress, your ingenuity. It stops you. It hurts you. It injures you. It keeps you where you are and it actually decreases your life. So, complaining works against you.

And so, I would offer this. I would say, express gratitude instead. So, anytime you want to complain, rather find something to be thankful for. Now, if these people hadn't said, Lord, we just thank you so much. Now, they didn't list all the good things that have happened to them. They only listed the bad things. They only

listed things, you know, their little personal grievances. But they didn't say, God, you know, you brought us out of Egypt and you brought us out wealthy. We have all the silver and gold of the Egyptians. You brought us our wealth and we are loaded. They did not mention that.

They didn't say God -- there is no one feeble person among us. Shoes having worn out, clothes having worn out you. You have a cloud or protection by day and a pillar of fire, leading us at night. They didn't mention that? See, notice that. They could have been giving things. They could have said, God, you drown the Egyptians when they came after us to hurt us. You protected us. They didn't mention that. They only complain. They only like that negative things and they allow the negative things to become the dominant things in their lives. And it nearly destroyed them.

So no, instead of complaining, man, look for all the things that are right. Look for all the things that are good. Think back to all the victories that God has done in your life. Think back to all the good things that God has done in your life. God has blessed you. God has been awesome. God has healed you. He has delivered you. He has blessed you before. There were times you didn't have a job and God gave you a job. There were times you didn't have any money. God made a way. There were times when you were sick and God healed you. So, if you think back a little bit, you really realize you don't have any complaints. God is awesome. He's good. He's always blessing you. He's always loving you.

So anytime you feel frustrated and you feel like complaining. No, just let your mind run back a little bit. You begin to give God thanks. When you want to complain. Think back and say, wait a minute. God, You're awesome. God you're good. You woke me up this morning. God, I don't have a pain in my body. God, I'm good. And so, you begin to give God thanks for who He is and what He's done in your life. And it releases the power of God in your life.

And now that covenant is in force. I will take sickness away from the midst of you and I will bless you. Praise God, man. That's who we serve and that's what we have in God. Oh, but anyway, let's look down here. Look at verse 7. Therefore, the people came to Moses and said, we have sinned. We have spoken against the Lord and against thee, pray unto the Lord that He takes away the serpents from us and Moses prayed for the people.

Now, Moses becomes a type of Christ. Notice this. Now, these people had just talked about Moses. They just ridiculed and accused and made accusations against Moses. Moses didn't hold that against them. Did you notice that? Bible says Moses, pray for them. So, he was just like Christ Jesus. Jesus said, pray for them that despitefully use you. Do good to them that hate you. Love your enemies. Bless them that curse you. So, Moses actually was very Christ-like in his response. So, he's a type of Christ right there. So, it reminds us that we can always demonstrate and show God's character. Moses was a type of Christ. So, notice that. Do good and bless. Pray for and love. That's the instruction that Christ gives us when we're dealing with people who've been unfair to us and been our enemy and so forth. You do good, you bless them, you pray for them. Praise God, do good, bless them, pray for them, love them and Moses did that. And so, he prayed.

So, look at Verse 8, And the Lord said unto Moses, make the fiery serpent and set it upon a pole, and it should come to pass that everyone that is bitten when he looked it upon it, he shall live. And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it on a pole. And it came to pass that if a serpent had beaten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived. This is so powerful. This is so powerful. God came up with the prescription. God came up with the remedy. God came up with the cure to the problem that they had to this sickness, pain and injury and the disease that were causing them to die, that they have been afflicted with. God devised the remedy, and it was actually a silly remedy. Didn't make much sense. Didn't look like a remnant cure would come from looking at a snake on a pole. But it worked. And everybody who looked that was healed. If you were beaten by a serpent and you looked at the serpent on the pole, as God instructed, you will heal. If you were bitten by a serpent and you didn't look at it, you will not heal.

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So, if you called it foolish and would not look, you will not heal, but if you looked, you will heal. It was foolish, but it worked, and here, we receive Christ Jesus, a picture of Christ Jesus in the scriptures. God wasn't ready to send Jesus in the Earth at that moment, so He took a snapshot. He sent a picture of Jesus on the cross, and if we'd look at Jesus bearing our sins and our diseases

and we believed that, we look to the cross and believe it, we are healed. If we don't look and if we don't believe it, we are not healed. And so, He shows us a picture of Christ is foolishness and that's why the gospel is foolishness to those who don't believe.

“What sense does that make, that a man would die on a cross and bear my sins and my diseases, and I would be forgiven and healed? That didn't make sense. It's foolishness!” You're right. God uses the foolish things to confound the wise. He uses the foolishness of preaching to bring the power of salvation. He uses the foolish things. God uses the foolish things out of His divine wisdom. He knows what works. It may be foolish to us, but it works. It works. It works. It works. You look at the cross and you will live! You look at the cross and you will be forgiven! You look at the cross, and you will be well.

Praise God. Praise God. Here it is again. Here it is again, I'm about throw this tablet up in there. Glory, glory, glory, glory, glory, glory, glory! God is so good!

He sent us a picture way back in the Book of Numbers. I have a remedy. I have a cure. I have a prescription. You look upon the cross, look upon the cross! You believe the cross! There's healing in the cross. Say this with me.

Sin, sickness, disease, the curse, death, has passed from me to Calvary, and from Calvary to me has come. Life, righteousness, health, and the blessing and healing. Praise God. From us to Calvary has gone sin, sickness, death, and the curse, from Calvary to us has come salvation, blessing, healing, and health. Praise God. That's the gospel.

It's foolishness to those who don't believe, but those who are looking and believe, it is the power of God under salvation. Praise God. Man, I'm so excited. I am so excited. We're having fun. We're having fun, man. God has a remedy. God has a cure. God has a prescription. God has an antidote. God devised the antidote. It was God who devised the antidote. It was God who came up with the cure, and he told them what to do.

There's a picture of Christ. He said, you put a picture of the very thing that afflicted them, put it on a pole and raise it up. Jesus became the very thing that afflicted our sins. Sin bit us, and so

Christ was raised up. He who knew no sin was made to be sin for us, that we might be made the very righteousness of God, in Christ Jesus. Praise God. Praise God. Praise God. Amen.

I'm going to stop right there. I have preached myself completely happy. This is what you'd want to meditate on. This is what you want to put in your heart. This is what you want to put in your mouth. This is what you want to keep before your eyes. You look to the cross, look to God's prescription, look to his remedy, look to his cure, look to his antidote. Praise God.

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