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C. Elijah Bronner: No matter how difficult life is, no matter how bad things may seem, you can always count your blessings.

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Female: And now for, Jehova Rapha, The Lord Our Healer - Part 5.

C. Elijah Bronner: Thank you for joining Brothers of the Word because brother you need the word. I'm so happy to have you joining us today. Those of you joining us live on television or brothersoftheword.com or one of our Facebook or social media channels. 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. A man and a woman had been married for more than 60 years. They had shared everything. They had talked about everything. They had kept no secrets from each other. Except that little old woman had a shoe box in the top of her closet that she cautioned her husband never to open or ask her about. Until one day, after many, many years, he had never thought about the box. But one day the little old woman gotten very sick and the doctor said she would not recover. In trying to sort out their affairs, the little old man took down the shoebox and took it to his wife's bedside. She agreed that it was time that he should know what was in the box and when he opened it, he found two crocheted dolls and a stack of money totaling \$95,000.00.

He asked her about the contents. "When we were to be married," she said "my grandmother told me the secret of a happy marriage was to never argue. She told me that if I ever got angry with you, I should just keep quiet and crochet a doll." The little old man was so moved. He had to fight back tears. Only two precious dolls were in the box. She had only been angry with him two times and all those years of living and loving. He almost burst with happiness. "Honey," he said "that explains the doll, but what about all of this money? Where did it come from?" "Oh," she said "that's the money I made from selling the dolls." Praise God, praise God.

Well, I am so excited and I'm so happy man is wonderful to just be full of joy. The joy of the Lord is just strength. The joy of the Lord is your strength and I'm just so excited and so happy about God's word and Jesus and grace and what he has done for us. We've been teaching through the healing scriptures, so today is part 5 of the Lord our healer. We have covered 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 give it his commandments and keep all of his statutes, I will put none of the diseases upon you that I brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee. Then Exodus 23:25-26, "Serve the Lord your God. Now, bless your bread and water and I'll take sickness away from the midst of thee, there so nothing miscarry nor be barren in thy land; the number of thy days, I will fulfill in health.

And then Deuteronomy 7:15, "And the Lord shall take away from thee all sickness," and then I love -- this is not really a healing scripture. But actually, the last time we covered Numbers chapter 21, we dealt with looking and living, looking and living where they looked upon the serpent on the pole and they were healed and we got that picture of Christ looking at living. And then, I love Psalms 1. It's not necessarily a healing scripture, but it does talk about the power of God's word. "Blessed is the man that walketh in that in the counsel of the ungodly nor standeth in the way of sinners nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful but his delight is in the law of the Lord and in his law does he meditate day and night and he should be like a tree planted by the rivers of water that bringeth forth his fruit in his season. His leaf also shall not wither and whatsoever. He doeth shall prosper."

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Then I love Psalms 23, which is very familiar. "The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want, he maketh me to lie down in green pastures. He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. So, we see restoration there. He restores my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death. I fear no evil for thou art with me. Thy rod and thy staff, they shall comfort me. Thou prepares a table before me in the presence of my enemies thou anoint us my head with oil."

There's healing right there in that oil because when the shepherd would anoint the sheep's head with oil, so when they went go out to graze, they would often cut or bruise their head on rocks and so forth and the healing oil would already be on their head to provide healing even before they were ends it.

Praise God. So, God's already provided healing for us even before we ever become sick or afflicted. The healing oil is there. So, he anointed our head with oil. "That cup runneth over and surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives and we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

And then we jump over. This is what I wanted to look at today is Psalms 103, Psalms 103. And actually, the next one in the list is actually Psalms 91. We've spent a few weeks teaching Psalms 91, but there's a lot of healing and protection in Psalms 91. "He did dwelleth in the secret place of the most high, shall abide under the shadow of the almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. A thousand may fall at my side, 10,000 at my right hand, but it shall not come near me. Only with my eyes will I see Him behold the reward of the wicked. Surely, he shall deliver me from the snare of the fowler and from the noisome pestilence. I won't be afraid of the arrow by day or terror by night or destruction that wasteth at noonday of pestilence that walks in darkness there shall no evil, calamity, plague, sickness, disease or misfortune or accident come near me or my dwelling for he gives his angels charge over me to keep me in all my ways." And because I made the Lord my refuge, and the most high my habitation. Because I have known his name and set my love upon him with long life will he satisfied me and show me his salvation. He honors me. He delivers me. He answers me when I call on him. He's with me in trouble and he lifts me on high. He covers me with his feathers and under his wings, do I trust his truth. He shall be my shield and buckler. I'll tread on the lion on the outer. The young lion and the dragon shall I trample under feet. His angels bear me up in their hands. Less I dash to my foot against a stone. Praise God. That's Psalms 91.

And then today, I wanted to start at least start on Psalms 103, which is the next division of healing scriptures. Psalms 103, powerful, powerful, powerful, powerful chapter in the book of Psalms. All of these scriptures I'm going over these are -- I mean these are life, these are life, too. Again, so that's why I

wanted to just kind of wash you in word. I wanted you to hear the words of life. These scriptures bring life to your body, life to your mind and spirit. We are energized by God's word. Jesus said, "My words are spirit and they are life." The same spirit that raised Jesus from the dead enlightens your physical body. Say that with me. I want you to say that with me. "The same spirit that raised Jesus from the dead enlightens my physical body. Praise God. That's God's word. That's actually in the Bible. Same spirit that raised Jesus from the dead, quickens our mortal bodies, our mortal flesh. So, the same spirit that raised Jesus from the dead, it enlightens my physical body. I say that every day. Begin to say that every day. Let's say it again, "The same spirit that raised Jesus from the dead, enlightens my physical body." Let's say it one more time, "The same spirit that raised Jesus from the dead, enlightens my physical body. Here's another good one, "The Life of Christ Jesus is made manifest in my flesh. Say that with me, "The Life of Christ Jesus is made manifest in my flesh. Praise God.

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Here's one more, the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. Sickness and disease and the plague, all of that is under the law of sin and death, but the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made us free from the law of sin and death. Praise God, praise God. We have the law of life on the inside of us. The bible calls the holy' spirit, the spirit of life, the holy spirit is made life unto us because of righteousness. Praise God, praise God. Man, I'm just preaching myself happy. Well, this is simply God's words. So, God's words is life, God's words is eternal life to us. It's life to our spirit, health to our bodies, praise God.

I don't know, I just wanted to wash in the word. I've been really enjoying God's word, I'm listening to and I'm thinking about it, I'm meditating on it, I'm saying it, I'm praying it. So, this is the time to stay in the words, to abide in the words. So, listen to it as you go to bed, listen to it when you wake up, listen to it as you're driving or even as just sitting at home. Listen to the word. Cut off the news because there's so much bad news on the news that you'll get depressed after just listening to about five minutes of the news. But cut on some good healing, teaching, cut on God's word. Turn me on if you like and I'll preach the good news to you. I'll preach God's healing word to you, so keep God's

word coming into your ears, listen to it, think about it, see it, say it, pray it because it's life to you. It's life to your flesh and life to your spirit, praise God, praise God.

But here in Psalms 103, this is a next division of the set of healing scriptures that we're going through Psalms 103 and it actually opens up Psalms 103 and it says, "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's." Praise God.

Let me just go through some of these verses, I love this. You know, in life, it's so easy to complain about life but David here, he gives us a list of things to praise God for. I love that, I love that. So, no matter how difficult life is no matter how bad things may seem, you can always count your blessings, you can always count your blessings. Gratitude is a magnet for miracles, gratitude is a magnet for miracles. Henry Ward Beecher he said, "The unthankful discovers no mercies but the thankful heart will find in every hour some heavenly blessing." So, heaven really opens up to you when you have a grateful heart and when you give thanks. So, gratitude is a magnet of miracles, it draws good things into your life. I really believe something powerful happens in our lives when we are in attitude or gratitude and we have a grateful heart.

And so, if you feel like you don't have anything to be thankful for, David gives us a list here. He gives us a list here in Psalms 103 and here are the top seven things. This is not everything in Psalms 103, but here is just the top seven things that her list that God forgives us, God heals us, God redeems our lives from destruction, we are crowned with loving kindness and tender mercies, number five, he satisfies us with good things, number six, our youth is renewed as the eagles and number seven, angels are on duty, so angels are on duty and number eight, just as a bonus, number eight, we find out that the righteousness of God, that he is a righteous judge and that he always rights every wrong done against the oppressed. So, God is our righteous vindicator, he lifts us up. So you don't have to try to

fight for your own rights. God will vindicate you. He vindicates the oppressed.

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So, those are the top seven or eight benefits from Psalms 103. So, we can always give thanks. I love as David enumerates this list, so he gives us this list of things to praise God. So Psalms 103 is really to praise and to worship and the Psalm is just calling us to worship God, to bless God, to praise God for all of his benefits, all of his wonderful benefits and he starts off, he says, "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who forgiveth all thine iniquities." And he starts with that one because that forgiveness is the key that unlocks the door to God's favor and blessing because sin is what keeps us from good things. Sin blocks us from good things.

And so, God first had to remove the sin so that it would open the door to blessing. And so, when God forgave us over our sins, it restored us to favor with him. So that was wise, the first thing he did was forgave our sins. You'll find that when Jesus walked the earth he would tell people your sins are forgiven you and he will say which is easiest, easy for me to say your sins are forgiven you or to take up your bed and walk because in Jesus' mind is one and the same because once your sins are forgiven, you're released from the curse, and now you've been restored the favor with God so now the blessing of God impacts your life. So, that's why David counts, he enumerates number one, that he forgives all our inequities, he forgives all our sins.

I was reading there's a woman in Jesus and Jesus asked the woman, he said, "Woman, where are your accusers?" She looks around, everybody was gone and she said, "I have none." And Jesus said, "Neither do I accuse you, neither do I condemn you." He said, "Go and sin no more." And that was it. So, he so freely forgave her. He didn't mention her sins, he didn't mention her sins, he said, "Look, I'm not accusing you, go and sin no more." In other words, you're free, you're forgiven, go and sin no more.

So, I want you to see the readiness, the freeness, there's a verse in Isaiah 55:7, I believe it says, "That God abundantly pardons us from our sins." He's so eager, he's so eager to forgive us, he's ready to forgive us.

I like Psalms 86:5 says, “that the Lord is good and ready to forgive.” So, God is ready, he’s anxious, he wants to. So, God is eager to forgive us, he’s eager to forgive us and this is why David counted the forgiveness of our sins as number one. Let me just read some other verses about the forgiveness. The book of Hebrews Chapter 8 and Chapter 10, it says that, “We would know God, these are the three tenors of the new covenant. We would know God, his word will be written on our hearts or we would have the holy spirit, then number three he says, “I’ll be merciful to your unrighteousness and I’ll remember your sins no more.” Praise God. So, that’s one of the distinguishing marks of the new covenant that we have with God that he would be merciful to our unrighteousness and he would remember our sins no more.

In the book of Micah, Micah asks the question, he said, “Who is like God, who is like God, who pardons inequities like God? Who overlooks transgressions like God does? Simply because he delights in mercy, he delights in being merciful.” So, Micah said, there’s no one that forgives like God, no one forgives like God. I love that. No one forgives like God. The bible says even in the New Testament, it says that God was personally present in Christ Jesus. When Jesus came to the earth, God was present in Him, God was personally present in Christ Jesus restoring the world to favor with Himself, not adding up our sins but cancelling them. Isn’t that wonderful, praise God. I love that, I love that.

So, God -- he didn’t sent Jesus to add our sins up, he sent Jesus to counsel our sins. And so, that’s the good news of the gospel. Your sins have been forgiven, your sins have been washed away, your sins have been counselled when you received this free gift of his son Christ Jesus and His righteousness, you received that gift, your sins have been forgiven. Oh, wow! I love that, I just love that, I love that so much. So, the forgiveness of our sin is so powerful. I’m thinking about one other verse over in the Zephaniah Chapter 3:17. It says that, “God is a might hero who saves us. He takes delight in us.” He’s a mighty hero.

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He takes delight in us. He is mighty hero who saves us. He takes delight in us. He rejoices over us with singing. He rejoices over us with joy. He rejoices over us with dancing and

singing. He quiets us in His love and calms all of our fears. He satisfied in His love for us. He is not looking for another. He satisfied in His love for us. He is not looking for another. He rests in His love, not mentioning our sins but forgiving them. I love that God rest in His love for us not mentioning our sins but forgiving them, so this is the wonderful grace of God that He forgives our sins. He freely forgives our sins. He is eager to forgive our sins.

There's another scripture over in the book of James, He says, "Is there any sick among you?" Now, this relates to healing. Notice this, "Is there any sick among you? Let them call for the elders of the church. Let them pray over Him, anointing Him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise them up; and if they have committed any sins, they shall be forgiven."

I love that, man. God is always forgiving us and this is a gracious gift God forgives us. He is not holding our sins against us. The bible says here in the Psalm 103 that He separates our sins as far as the east from the west and the reason He chose the east from the west is because if you go north and south, if you go north long enough, you'll eventually start going south. North will eventually turn down whether you use to turn (00:21:53) heading south. And so that's why He did not say I'll separate your sins as far as the north from south. He said "I'll separate your sins as far as the east from the west." When you go east and west, those points never return, those points never meet again and so God has separated our sins to the point of no return. They never come back. Praise God! They never returned. Praise God! God casts our sins over into the sea of forgetfulness.

Micah Chapter 7, Verse 19, He forgives our sins and this is why David got so excited. In Psalm 103, "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me. Bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul: and forget not all His benefits, who forgives all thy iniquities." Praise God! We're going to stop right there. We're going pick up with Psalm 103 next time because that's a powerful, powerful Psalms and we're going to go through and take it apart and we're going to just realize the wonderful benefits that we have in our lives because of Christ Jesus and because of God's wonderful covenant. Praise God!

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Father, we just thank you so much. Thank you for your word to us, Lord. Thank you for forgiving us. Thank you for healing us Lord and I just pray for everyone under the sound of my voice Lord for peace that passes all understanding. We thank you for your joy, Lord. We thank you for your love and your goodness to us. Thank you for providing for us and taking care of us and keeping us safe and Father, we just center our hearts and affection and our thoughts on you. We thank you for the life of the Christ Jesus that was made manifest and our flesh in the same spirit that raise Jesus from the dead. We thank you that it enlightens our physical body. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made us free from the law of sin and death. We love you lord and we just give you thanks and this is in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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