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C. Elijah Bronner: Forgiving others is the best way to free yourself.

Female: You are listening to brothersoftheword.com. This is Part 6 of the series titled, "Jehovah Rapha, The Lord Our Healer," by C. Elijah Bronner. This sermon is number 7866.

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Female: And now for Jehovah Rapha, The Lord Our Healer, Part 6.

C. Elijah Bronner: Thank you for joining Brothers of the Word because brother, you need the Word!

We welcome all of you today to today's broadcast. Thank you for joining us live online at brothersoftheword.com or one of our social media channels or those of you joining us live on television. Welcome to today's service. Always a wonderful joy and delighted to have you to tuned in and join us.

I would like to share just a little humor. Three Pastors were having lunch together at a dinner, and the first Pastor said, "You know, since summer started, I've been having trouble with mice in my church. I've tried everything, noise, spray, cats, nothing seems to scare them away." The second Pastor then said, "Yeah, me too. I've got hundreds of rats living in the basement of the church." He said, "I've set traps. I've even called an expert to get rid of them, yet they still won't go away." And then, with a grin on his face, the third Pastor said, "I had the same problem, so I baptized all of my rats, made them members of the church and haven't seen one back since."

Praise God. Well, we are doing Part 6 of "The Lord Our Healing". We are teaching through the healing scriptures throughout the Bible as the world turns up the volume on sickness and the disease and death and calamity. I'm turning it up the volume on God's healing in health and divine life. Praise God. So, we're just walking through the healing scriptures and these are good scriptures to get down into your heart, to memorize, to think on, to meditate on, to quote them and this is God's antidote, it's God's prescription for life and health. But today, we left off in Psalm 103 and we're going to just begin going through Psalm 103, 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." "Forget not all His benefits."

We always have something to be thankful for. So, even if you don't see anything apparent in your life to give thanks for, think about God's benefits. God has benefits, and so, David gives us a list of benefits that we are able to rejoice, praise, worship, and give God thanks for these wonderful benefits that we enjoy as children of God, as Christians, as people of God. We have wonderful benefits that we always have something to praise God about. We always have something to be thankful for.

And so, David, I just love the way he takes charge of his faculties. He takes charge of his body. He takes charge of his mind. He takes charge of his will and his emotions, and he says, "Soul, bless the Lord." I love that. See, David always encouraged himself in the Lord. So, there were times where he didn't feel like it and things didn't look good, and he had to speak to himself. He said, "Listen, you bless the Lord! You're going to rejoice. You're going to give thanks. God is good and we're going to list all the things we have that we're thankful for.

So, I love that. So, he just speaks to himself. He commenced to himself. He takes charge, and so, we have to do that in our lives. Sometimes you have to speak to yourself. You have to encourage yourself. You have to say, "Come on, now, let's get together. We're going to bless the Lord. We're going to give thanks. God is good. He is working in our lives. He's on the throne. He has blessed us." And so, David, I love that. He takes control. He speaks to his [unintelligible 00:04:30] faculties, his mind, his will, his emotions, his body, and he commenced his soul to bless the Lord, to give thanks, and I love that.

So, [unintelligible 00:04:43] "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", not even one of them, not even forget one of his benefits, one translation says. And then, in verse 3 [unintelligible 00:05:01] he says, "Who forgive it all dine in equities?" "Who forgive it all dine in equities?" So, God is eager to forgive. God is eager to forgive. God is not [unintelligible 00:05:18] our sins [unintelligible 00:05:20]. He is not [unintelligible 00:05:21] adding up our sins. He has not tried to [unintelligible 00:05:25] our sins. The Bible says that God was personally [unintelligible 00:05:29] Christ Jesus, restoring the world to favor with themselves, not adding up our sins but

counseling them, counseling them. And so, I just love that God's so eager to forgive.

The book of Micah says that, "He passes over transgression. He looks over iniquities and he passes over transgression because [unintelligible 00:05:56] the lights in mercy. God, the lights in mercy. God, the lights in love. And so, God is eager to forgive, and so David reminds us of this that the first thing that we are able to give thanks for and praise God above is the fact that He forgives all of our iniquities. God is eager to forgive. God is eager to forgive.

We got a very clear picture of this in the book of Luke chapter 15, in the story of prodigal son. When this son returned after he had taken his father's inheritance and he has squandered it in the farm land and he came to himself and he came home. We got a wonderful picture of God's forgiveness in the story in this account. When the son returned -- as he was returning, he was saying to himself, he was rehearsing all the things that he would say to his father, and he say, "You know, I'm going to let them know that I'd sinned. I'm going to let them know that I'm no longer worthy to be his son, and I'm going to ask him that just give me a position as one of the servants, one of his highest servants." And so, he was rehearsing everything that he was going to say to his father, and so we got a wonderful picture of God's eagerness to forgive us in this account. And so, when the prodigal son returned home, the Bible says that the father ran to him, as God running to us. Look at the eagerness. God was [unintelligible 00:07:27]. The father run to him [unintelligible 00:07:29] kissed him, and then the son, he said, "Dad." He said, "I've sin. I've messed up." And he said, "I'm not worthy to be your son." And he was trying to go through everything he rehearsed, and the father interrupted him and he said, "Bring the robe. Bring the best robe." Not any robe. He said, "Bring the best robe." I've never seen that before. It's actually in the story. I've never seen the word best. He said, "Bring the best robe. Bring the best robe. Put a ring on his finger. Put shoes on his feet." As what the father said. The father actually cut out the son. The son was trying to confess and repent to tell him that he wasn't worthy, and dad cut him out, and said, "Put a robe on him. The best robe. Put a ring on his finger and shoes on his feet." That's the eagerness of God to forgive before he could even fully repent, God was already forgiving him, not just forgiving him but restoring him. God not only forgives us, he restores us. He is not only happy and eager to forgive us. He is

happy and eager to forgive us. Notice those three items. The robe represents righteousness. He put the best robe on him. That's God's righteousness. The best robe is God's righteousness. We've taken all of [unintelligible 00:09:00] and God has given us His robe of righteousness. That's the best robe. It's God's righteousness. It's God who makes us righteous. It's His righteousness. It's a gift. It's a gift. We're reminded of the gift.

Romans chapter 5 says, "We've received the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness, and we reign in life [unintelligible 00:09:25] Jesus, and so, the father puts the best robe on him, our robe of righteousness. God's righteousness is the best robe, and he put the ring. The ring represents authority. God was restoring his sonship. God restores us to sonship. I love that. He put the ring on his finger and he put shoes on his feet. The shoes represent worthiness. [unintelligible 00:09:51] says that we're able to [unintelligible 00:09:52] worthy onto the Lord. [unintelligible 00:09:55] worthy. And so, the shoes represent worthiness. So, he gave him his righteousness.

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