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And now for 7867, "Jehovah Rapha, The Lord Our Healer", Part 7.

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

We welcome all of you joining us by television and those of you joining us online at brothersoftheword.com or one of our 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 husband and wife were driving through Louisiana and as they approached Nacogdoches, they started arguing about the pronunciation of the town. They argue back and forth and then they stop for lunch. And at the counter, the husband asked the blonde waitress, "Before we order, could you please settle an argument for us? Would you please pronounce where we are very slowly?" She leaned over the counter and said "Burger King."

Well, we are sharing Part 7 of The Lord Our Healer. We are teaching through the healing scriptures. You know, as more and more negative news and more and more news about sickness and death and pandemics and disease and plagues and all these things are in the news every day, you know, I'd decided to just turn out the news on healing and health and life in wholeness in God's goodness and God's joy and God's life. And so, that's the news that I'm sharing and we're so grateful that God is our healer. God is our healer. And it's so important especially during this time to keep your joy turned on, keep your joy turned on because the merry heart doeth good like a medicine. Joy actually heals. Joy heals and so laughter doeth good like a medicine. Laughter actually boost your immune system. One minute of laughter boosts your immune system for 24 hours.

And so, it's so important especially during this time to laugh as much as you can. Laugh a lot because that actually boosts your immunity. And so, you want the joy of the Lord to be strong in your life, you want the love of God to be strong in your life and these are things that bless our lives as we take hold of God's provisions for us.

Well, we are on Part 7, "The Lord Our Healer." And we're on Psalms 103. We're just walking through the healing scriptures. I'm taking my time. Psalms 103 and we left off and we'll just read down Psalms 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 forgiveth all thine iniquities; Who healeth all thy diseases." And then Verse 4, "Who redeemeth thy life from destruction." So God redeems our life from destruction and that is from the destroyer. Well, devil comes to steal, to kill and to destroy. Hell and death, and those things are destruction. Those plagues and sickness and disease, that destroys your life. So God redeems our life from destruction. I used to say that every day that God redeems my life from destruction. Any time you're facing dangerous situation or dangerous times or any dangerous encounters, you just remind yourself and quote that that He redeems my life from destruction.

Then Verse 4. I love this, "Who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies." Who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies. Now, "crown" actually means "to honor." And so, it's literally saying that God honors us with His love. He honors us with His love.

We said last time that God doesn't love you because you're special, you're special because God loves you. Praise God.

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So, He honors us, He crowns us with lovingkindness and tender mercy, honors us with His love. Now, the crown is actually a circle so it actually represents something that's encircling your life, surrounds you in other words. It's a surround system. He surrounds you with favor. He's surrounds you with lovingkindness and so He circles us. That's the implication there. He circles us with His love. He circles us with His

lovingkindness. He circles us with His favor. He surrounds us -  
- Psalms 5 says He surrounds us with favor as a shield. Well, that's the same circle. Here, it just calls it a crown so He can honor you with it sitting in on your head. He can also circle it around your life, surrounds you with it. It's the same imagery there that a something is circular and it sits on top of your life and it surrounds your life. So, He crowns us, honors us with His love yet He surrounds us with lovingkindness and with His favor and with His goodness.

And Verse 5 says, "Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things." "Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's." I love that. I love that. I love that. I had never read this verse before but the first over in Job and I believe it was Chapter 33, Verse 25 that says that how that when God turns your life around, He'll return you to the days of your youth and your skin will be like a baby's skin. That's where we get soft as a baby's bottom. It's actually in Job. It's actually in the Book of Job that He restore your skin like a baby skin. He'll return you to the days of your youth.

Well, this is the same thing here, "He satisfieth our mouth with good things so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's." I love that. I love that. Satisfying our mouth with good things has several implications or connotations. I think that it means He satisfies our mouth with good things by what we speak, things that come out of our mouth. And so, we need to be saying good things. Psalms teaches as well as first Peter teaches that if you want to love life and see good days and have a long life and all of that, you need to refrain your mouth from speaking evil. So, it talks about how what you say affects how you live and the outcome of your life. What you say affects the outcome of your life and I believe that's the implication here, He satisfieth our mouth with good things. "He satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed as the eagle's."

And so what you say out of your mouth actually affects your longevity, your youthfulness, your energy, your vigor, your stamina by what you say out of your mouth. And so, you want to say good things out of your mouth. He satisfieth your mouth with good things. And so, that's why it's so important to speak in line with God's word even when you don't feel like it, even when you don't look like it. It's important to say, "I'm strong." The Bible says, "Let the weak say you're strong." So you don't

call what you are, you call what you want to be. So, you call it in and so you have to say that I am young and I am strong and I am full of vigor and vitality. Every day, I say this, every day I say, "Father, I thank you that I'm youthful and energetic and I'm strong and I'm full of vitality and vigor." You know, so I say that every day. Everyday youthful and energetic. I say every day that the life of Christ Jesus has made manifest in my flesh. Same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead is enlivening my physical body, praise God. So, that would may sound a little crazy, but no, you will find in the scriptures there were people whose youth were renewed; Abraham's youth was renewed. His clock was turned back. Sarah's clock was turned back. Sarah's clock was turned back. And so, you'll find Moses' clock was turned back. The Bible says he was 120 years old, he didn't have any trouble with his eyes. Eyesight was no problem at all. None of his natural forces (00:09:49) Caleb same way. So, we see this youth being renewed, turned back throughout the scripture. So, it's a Biblical principle. This is giving us a key.

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Well, some of the things that attribute to that is what you say out of your mouth. He satisfieth thy mouth with good things. So, you need to be saying good things about yourself, good things about others, don't speak negatively about others, don't speak negatively about yourself. So, you want to speak in line with God's word. You want to speak of blessing, you want to speak positive and encouraging, uplifting, you want to always be a blessing. Your mouth is a well of life. That's Proverbs. Mouth of a righteous man is a well of life. You are a well of life. So, you have to be careful what you say. You are a well of life.

I started to tell you to turn to your neighbor and say that but no don't do this. I'm having to adapt my style here. But you just say it on the inside. Don't say it on the outside. Just say it on the inside. I'm a well of life. I'm a well of life. I am a well of life. I'm a well of life. The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life. Praise God. And so, you're able to give other people a refreshing drink because of what comes out of your mouth. He satisfieth thy mouth with good thing.

So, I believe number one is what we say. Then number two, I believe it's what we put in our mouths in terms of what we eat, what you're in taking. He satisfieth our mouth with good things

so that our youth will be renewed. So this keys us in that our youth and vitality and vigor is affected by what we eat. Daniel proved it out in the scripture. Daniel is a King, he let me eat my diet and you all eat the King's diet and you come check me in 10 days and you'll see the difference between us. He did and the Bible says he ate vegetables. He basically ate vegetables and water and came back 10 days later, he was strong, he was vibrant, he was healthy and he had more energy, he was more lively. And so, we see there a biblical picture of what he put in his mouth. And so, "He satisfieth thy mouth with good things that affects our youth."

I brought a few videos just to show you -- I want to show you some people who are old but yet young and a lot of the things they attributed to is what they put in their mouth.

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Susan Casper: Wishes for an East Valley man today. He is 110 years old.

Male: Susan Casper reports the guy is sharing his secret to longevity.

Bernando LaPallo: You eat properly, get your rest.

Susan Casper: Words to live by considering Bernando LaPallo of Mesa was born in 1901 and has lived to be 110 years old.

Bernando LaPallo: We had no automobiles, we had no airplanes. I saw them all come about --

Susan Casper: Bernando tells me he's never been sick a day in his life. He walks every morning and eats mostly organic fruits and vegies.

Bernando LaPallo: People ask me, "What do you do to stay so young?" I said, "Well, you've heard the old saying. I know you have. You are what you eat."

Susan Casper: So, what's Bernando's secret? Five foods: garlic, honey, cinnamon, chocolate and olive oil. Healthy habits Bernando picked up from his father, a doctor who lived to be 98.

Bernando LaPallo: And he told me not to eat on the red meat. He said the lamb is okay but red meat, stay away from it. Hotdogs and French fries and all those things, don't eat it.

Susan Casper: Bernardo keeps his brain sharp by being a voracious reader, solving crossword puzzles and playing checkers.

Bernando LaPallo: I can remember things that my father told me when I was eight years old.

Susan Casper: A father who showed his son how to have a rich life worth living.

Bernando LaPallo: And he taught me how to live, how to eat, and to have faith in God and he would take care of me and so forth, it has happened.

Susan Casper: In Mesa, Susan Casper, ABC15 News.

C. Elijah Bronner: Praise God. Well, so we can see the things that he ate affected his youthfulness and his longevity. So, he satisfy thy mouth with good things. A (00:14:03) whichever one you have. Next, we can play that one.

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Female: Your age, you want to look younger than your age. So, today, we have three women joining us and our crews says that they look 10, 20 or even 30 years younger than their actual age. So, Linda, we asked the audience or the studio audience today earlier to guess her age. Can you see -- let's see what the majority thinks her age is. 45. Okay. So, let's check out how old Linda really is.

Linda: My name is Linda. I live in Dix Hills, New York. I'm 74. When people find out that I'm 74 years old, they're usually surprised, some of them just believe it, some of them think I'm joking. There is no age factor, you can do as much as you're able to do. Body is a machine, you got to use it or you'll lose it.

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Female: I had no idea her real age. You look like a bond girl like it is amazing. This is -- I would assume an example of how you're eating. You are what you eat largely, don't you think?

Linda: Definitely, that's my pack(ph) statement, "You are what you eat."

Female: Don't eat processed food. I think it's such an important thing for people to learn.

Linda: There are so many things to learn about food in the ingredients in the food, how and when to eat, how much to eat. People going to die as they feel guilty by eating anything. Don't feel guilty. I believe in what you call the 90/10 rule. If 90% of the time I'm eating, okay. So, what's the problem if 10% of the time, I have a piece of cake, a piece of pie? It doesn't matter.

C. Elijah Bronner: All right. And you can play the final one. We got one more later to check out. We are talking about God satisfies our mouth.

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Male: All right. Thank you, Steve. Well, quality over quantity, is so many of you know Annette Larkins' motto. Well, listen to this here. The South Florida native says that a raw vegan diet is her key to a long and healthy life journey.

Female: That's right. NBC 6 reporter, Erika Glover spoke with Larkins about her lifestyle and how she's now encouraging her husband to catch the vegan bug.

Annette Larkins: This is a royal table. These are zucchini chips.

Erika Glover: If you're looking for the key to radiate youthfulness and physical vitality, look no further than Annette Larkin's kitchen table.

Annette Larkins: I don't consider it a secret, it is my lifestyle.

Erika Glover: At 75 years young, there's no slowing her down.

Annette Larkins: No, I getting like 18,000 steps a day.

Erika Glover: Most everything she eats including her cooking ingredients are grown in her Miami-Dade backyard.

Annette Larkins: In the green room, you're going to see buckwheat lettuce, which is starting to grow.

Erika Glover: She's been a vegetarian for 54 years. Over the last 30 years, she's perfected her raw vegan diet. Her plant-based menu does not include any animal products. Her food unprocessed and uncooked.

Annette Larkins: If you eat something in its natural raw state as opposed to over processing and cooking it, I think that's the reason that you're going to get your more nutrients your enzymes are intact and so that is why I eat the way that I do.

Erika Glover: Now, growing season is from October to May. So, during that time, you'll see this garden full of lettuce, tomatoes and ginger. But it's not just about what Annette eats, it's also about what she squeezing. 84-year-old Amos Larkins is her husband. He takes medication for high blood pressure and diabetes. After 58 years of marriage, she only recently caught the vegan buck and wishes. He started decades ago after truly noticing a difference.

Amos Larkins: Oh my God, everything is better.

Erika Glover: And that says it's never too late to reap the benefits of a vegan lifestyle.

Annette Larkins: I know that I'm not going to live forever, but I'm forever trying to live well.

Erika Glover: In Southwest Miami-Dade, Erika Glover, NBC 6 News.

C. Elijah Bronner: Now, that was interesting. Now, her husband, he looked his aged. And he actually said that when he goes to the grocery store with his wife, they always ask him, "Is that one of your granddaughters?" But he wasn't eating the way his wife was eating until recently. So, it just shows you that that's another application to the scripture. "He satisfieth our mouth with good things; so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's."

Here is something I learned about the eagles and this is why it uses the eagle in terms of youthfulness and strength and vitality. It uses the eagle because when the eagle gets old, it sheds as feathers and when it sheds its feathers, there are new feathers, brand new feathers that are growing. Also, when the eagle gets old, it flies up into the mountains and it beats its beak against the rocks in the mountain and its beak falls off

and when its beak falls off, does a brand new young beak growing. So, eagles literally are renewing themselves. They are renewing themselves. And so, that's why the Bible uses the figure of the eagle.

You know, Isaiah 40:31 says the same thing, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They will mount up with wings as eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint." And so, there's something powerful youth renewing comparison symbolically in the eagle.

I love this verse in the Amplified. It talks about when it refers to the eagle, it refers to being strong, overcoming and soaring. And it says in Psalms 103:5 in the Amplified.

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It says God who satisfies your mouth with good so that your youth, renewed, is like the eagle's, strong, overcoming and soaring." Praise God. So, God wants our physical lives to be like that of the eagle's, strong, overcoming and soaring. Eagle is just a picture of power. I like that. Eagle is a powerful creature. It's a picture of just beauty and majesty's and He has this youth renewing ability and that's God's picture for His people. He wants us to be able to have our youth renewed as the eagle's.

And so, I believe that He satisfies our mouth with good things by what we say good things about what we put in. And then the third thing is actually translated as desires. Your mouth speaks of -- actually, the desires of your life. The desires of your life. And so, a lot of translations actually say, "He satisfies your desires with good things." He Fills your life with good things so that your youth is renewed as the eagle's. I love the way the Amplified Bible puts it. It says, "Who satisfies your mouth, your necessity and desire at your personal age and situation with good so that your youth renewed is like the eagle's, strong, overcoming and soaring." I like that. So, He satisfies your desires, your necessities and desire at your personal age and situation because we have different desires at different ages throughout life. And so God is satisfying our desires at every age with good things. He's filling our life with good things whether you're in your tender teens or teachable 20s or tireless 30s or forcible 40s, or I started to say fearful 50s, but I want to say fearless 50s. Fearless 50s, season, I guess I'm

15 I myself. I had to change that didn't it? See, when I was 49, I used to say fearful 50s. Now that I'm on 50s, they are fearless 50s.

I'm actually 51 by the way. I was late by a year often because my clock is actually going backward. I was in the plaza and this band, they recognized me. He said, "Hey, are you still a preacher?" I said, "Yes, I'm still a preacher." He said, "Man, you look like you're aging backwards." I mean, I've been on television for 30 years. And so, he's been seeing me for 30 years so he said, "You look like you're aging backwards." Anyway, you know, I knew this scripture, so of course, that's what I said to myself on the inside. I said, "Thank you Jesus, my youth is being renewed as the eagle's, strong, overcoming and soaring." That's how God renews our youth. He fills our life with good things at your personal age and situation whether we live our fearless 50s, season 60s, settle 70s, hate to say it, aching 80s, nebulous 90s, prodigious 100s. But He fills our lives at every age and personal situation with good things and that renews our youth as the eagles. So, when God satisfies your desires, in other words, when you're really contented in God, He gives you such a satisfaction that actually begins to roll the clock back. You become so contented and so satisfied and so fulfilled and so filled with pleasure when you're in His presence and when you're in communion and union with Him, it actually begins to change you physically. It changes your spirit, your attitude and your physical body begins to roll back, you begin to age backwards. Praise God.

You know, not everybody's going to believe that but don't worry about that you just believe, you believe it and you confess that every day, "Father, thank you. Thank you that You're satisfying my mouth with good things and my youth is renewed as the eagle's." Praise God. What a wonderful promise from God's word.

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I would probably would stop right there. I'm out of time but I will pick up. I'm not in a rush, you know. I'm just taking my time. We are covering some of the classics. We're covering some of the classics and these are just great scriptures to establish your heart.

I had no idea when I started this year that we would be in a pandemic. I had no idea where everything would be shut down, but I started the year saying we needed to fill our hearts with God's word and we needed to establish our heart. My theme for the year was closer, "Join closer to God by establishing your heart." Number one, with His word. Number two, with prayer and we haven't even gotten in the prayer yet, we are still on establishing our heart with God's word. And so, we have been filling our hearts with God's word even before the pandemic hit and once it hit, I just simply switch to right on over the healing because that was the next area I was going to take in. I was going take into healing, anyway.

So, right now, that's what we're doing. We are just going through the healing scriptures and we're learning them, we are thinking about them, we are meditating on them, we are saying them, we're confessing them, putting good things in our mouths, we're taking care of our bodies and we're allowing God to protect us, to heal us, to keep us well, and He's paid a price. He has paid a price for our healing and we are simply enjoying the benefit, the inheritance that belongs to us.

And so, we're taking a look at what God has provided graciously. He is our healer. He's the great physician and He's always covenant to Himself, to His people by way of healing. He's always done that and He always will. I am the Lord that healeth thee. I am the Lord that healeth thee. Praise God.

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