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Female: And now for Jehovah Rapha, The Lord Our Healer, part 8.

Elijah Bronner: Thank you for joining Brothers of the Word because brother you need the word. Welcome all of you joining us by television and those of you joining us online brothersoftheword.com or one of our social media channels. Welcome to today's service. I'll be some wonderful delight and joy to have you to tune in and join us. Well, would like to share just a little humor. Three sisters ages 92, 94, and 96 live together. And one night the 96-year-old was drawing a bath so she put one foot in and then she paused, then she yelled to her other sister. She said, "Was I getting in the tub or out?" Then the 94-year-old hollers back, "I don't know. I'll come up to see." She starts up the stairs and stops. She shouts to the other two sisters, "Was I going up the stairs or down the stairs?" Then the 92-year-old sitting at the kitchen table having tea listening to her sisters, she shakes her head and says, "I'm sure hope I'd never become forgetful like you to knock on wood." She knocked on the table and then she yells to her sisters and she said, "I'll come up and help both of you as soon as I see who's at the door."

Praise God. Well, we are sharing part 8. We're talking about the Lord our Healer. The Lord our healer and I'm just so happy to proclaim good news about God being our healer. He is our righteousness and he is our deliverer and he is our God. And so, we're excited about the good news that we get from God's word. You know, actually everything in the kingdom of God is life and health to you. Did you realize that everything in the kingdom of God promotes life and health? His whole kingdom is set up that way. If you think about it, a merry heart doeth good like a medicine. That's joy. Joy in God's kingdom is like medicine to us. The bible says that a peaceful heart leads to a healthy body. Proverbs 14:30, notice this that peace leads to a healthy body. You know, 75% to 80% of doctors visits are stress-related.

There's no peace when there's an absence of peace and then sickness is lurking around there. So notice that, peace leads to a healthy body, joy leads to a healthy body, love leads to a healthy body. One of the major things that hinders healing in our bodies is unforgiveness and bitterness and envy and jealousy and all these things, notice that. So everything in the kingdom of God promotes life and health and it's amazing how this works.

I remember just thinking about how joy heals. I remember when I was just a little boy, I was probably about maybe 10 years old, eight or nine, and I was pretty sick and I have been sick for a few days and there was something I really wanted and my younger brother, Pastor James here remember this. I wanted some parakeets. I wanted some parakeets because I always want a parakeet. And so, one day, I think it was maybe a Friday night, my mother came home and she had bought me two parakeets and I was so excited and I became so excited. I was so joyful and so excited. The sickness left my body. I was no longer sick and I've been sick for a few days. I mean, I've been laid up with a thermometer in my mouth and you know. I have been under the weather but the moment those parakeets showed up, the joy and the excitement that hit my life immediately removed the sickness and disease. I saw it even as a young boy. Joy heals, a merry heart heals, love heals, generosity heels. I remember Pastor Nathaniel talking about one of the wealthy men in history. Who was that, Pastor Nathaniel? And he decided to give away all of his money before he died and he was very sick. He had a terminal disease as he gave away all his money and he didn't want to die with all of that money. Wanted to give it away.

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As he gave it away, he was healed. So, he ended up not dying in the process of giving away his money. The generosity of what was that? That was generosity and that was love that was flowing through his spirit. And so, I begin to see the holy spirit said to me, he said everything in my kingdom promotes life and health. Everything in the kingdom of God promotes life and health and you'll discover that. Everything in God's kingdom promotes life and health. Praise God. So, it's God's will and his desire for us to be well and so that's why he gives us his word so that we can be free and we can enjoy life and we can enjoy health and wholeness and soundness and be blessed. So, one of

the scriptures we're going next door to it, but in Proverbs as description chapter 3 and it talks about, man, we're just wait, we'll wait. I'm so excited. I can't hardly wait. I couldn't even get it out. I was so excited. Praise God. Well, will be doing part 8. This is The Lord Our Healer, part 8 and we're just having fun. We are just going through the healing scriptures in the bible. So, we are just taking our time. The last time we finished, we're pretty much finished Psalms 103, which is a classic psalm. So, we walk through Psalms 103 and pretty much finish that up. There were some other great parts of it that I would have loved to have shared, but we're going to move on to the next one is Psalms 107. Psalms 107 and we'll start with verse 20. Psalms 107 in verse 20. Psalms 107 in verse 20. Notice what it says there. Will reverse 20 first. Psalms 107 verse 20 says, "He sent his word --" talking about God. "He sent his word and healed them and delivered them from their destructions." God sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction. And so, here we see that God heals with his word. He heals with his word. He sent his word and healed them. There's healing in the word. There is a word of healing, there is healing in the word. So, God heals with the word. That's a principle that we see here. God heals with his word. I would tell you to say that out loud, but I don't want your breath coming. Just say this internally. Say this in your own heart and mind. Just say it inside. God heals with his word. God heals with his word. So, notice this, he sent his word and healed them. He sent his word and healed them.

You ever notice how often times Jesus just spoke a word. He simply says, "Be clean, be whole, be done to you as you believe." He simply gave the word. Well, he sent his word and healed them. He spoke the word. Also, Jesus himself is the word. So, God sent Jesus into the earth and he healed us by sending his word. Jesus is the word. So, Jesus wasn't literally quoting the word, he is the word. Jesus is the word. So, God sent his word and healed us. God sent his word and healed us. The written word reveals the living word. So, they're both one in the same. You walk in the written word long enough to living word has revealed to you. So, Jesus himself comes alive in the pages of the bible. He is the living word and the written word. They are one, they are one. And so, God sent his word and healed them. So, God heals with his word. God heals with his word. God's word is powerful. You know, it's effective. It is effectual. It's the same word they created everything hearing creation. God

use his word. He uses his word. So, he uses that same word to heal. He uses the same word to heal. And remember the centurion in Matthew chapter 8. He said, "Jesus, you don't have to come to my house, just send your word. Speak the word only." Speak the word only. Jesus gave the word. See, that centurion, he understood God heals through his word. There's authority, there's command in that word and everything obeys that word, everything obeys his word. And so, God heals with his word. Jesus is the living word. He is synonymous with the written word. And so, that's why God's word is so important. And so, that's why we're walking through the healing scriptures. We're walking through the healing scripture because God heals with his word. So, Jesus is very life and essence permeates your heart and spirit and mind and flesh as you walk through the scriptures and we're walking in the very mechanism that God heals.

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He heals us through his word. Notice this, at the end of that, it says he sent his word and healed them and delivered them from their destruction. Same thing that we found out last time in Psalms 103. He redeems our lives from destruction. Psalms 103 says, he redeems our lives from destruction. Here, it says he sent his word and healed them and delivered them from their destruction. So, notice that God is always a delivering us from anything that would destroy life. When you turn to God and run to God, God is able to heal us, God is able to restore us, God is able to protect us and he saves us from anything that would destroy our lives. Actually, in Psalms 107 where we're studying right now, you'll find the chapter talks a lot about God's goodness. It actually opens up saying, oh that man would praise the Lord for his goodness and his wonderful works to the children of men and it repeats this, you know, several times throughout Psalms 107. It's the only place in the bible where God's goodness is enumerated. Probably think about five or six times, it just continues to exalt God's goodness over and over that men would praise God for his goodness and his wonderful works to the children of men and no wonder it talks about healing here where he's talking about God's goodness because healing is a manifestation of God's goodness. Acts 10:38, "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power who went about doing good and healing those oppressed of the devil." So, healing is an expression of God's goodness. I

would tell you how to repeat that but I'm not -- internalize that. Just see that in your mind's eye. Healing is an expression of God's goodness. And so, I believe in Psalms 107, one of the reasons that we are to praise God for his goodness is because he sent his word and healed us. He sent his word and healed us. And so, we have a manifestation of God's goodness. He sent his word and healed us and delivered us from our destruction. And so, praise, praise is given here. In fact, if you go to the -- we're looking at Psalms 107 verse 20, but if you look at the next two verses, notice what it says, here's just what I just told you. Verse 21, "All that men would praise the Lord for his goodness and for his wonderful works to the children of men." Notice, he said that after saying God sent his word and healed us, delivered us from our destruction that he immediately went into praise. And so, he was thanking God, man, for the fact that God is so good. He's so beneficent, he's so wonderful and so kind and generous and gracious to heal us. He heals us, he bestows his healing hand upon us and he restores us makes us whole again, restores us to new life again. So, notice that. And then verse 22, "and let them sacrifice, the sacrifices of thanksgiving and declare his works with rejoicing." So, notice that, there's this a theme of praise after the fact that God sent his word and healed us and delivered us from our destruction. In fact, remember I said when we opened up I said that everything in the kingdom of God leads to life and health. Praise actually brings healing to the body itself, praise itself.

There was a woman she was in the hospital. She had a terminal disease and she wasn't getting better and she sought the Lord about it. She's like, "Lord, why am I not getting better?" And the Lord gave her a vision of a scale and on the scale, there were two buckets. One bucket was labeled disease and it was heavy, the other bucket was labeled praise and it was light. And so, what the Lord was showing her is your disease is heavier than your praise. And so, she caught the vision of what he was saying. She said I see it, I see it. And so, she began to praise God. She began to praise God right there in the hospital and the more she praised God know that bucket is getting heavier. The praise bucket is getting heavier. And so, finally she praised God for two or three days straight just 24 hours complete, and finally the praise now was heavier than the disease and she got up completely whole and well and went home. So, praise by yourself. And I thought that the holy spirit said that he said everything in my kingdom leads to life and health. It doesn't

matter which one you pick, which one you choose, love will heal you, joy will heal you, my word will heal you, peace will heal you, praise will heal you, everything in God's kingdom leads to life and health. It does! It does! It does! We're going to find out in a minute -- obedience.

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Obedience brings healing, brings healing. Remember Naaman, his obedience brothers healing. Everything in the kingdom of God leads to life and health. It promotes life and health, everything. So, these things all work together. These things all work together. There (00:15:15). Everything works together for our good. Everything works together for our good those who love God and called according to his purpose. Now, we even understand that scripture in a different light though. All of these things work together for our good. Everything God tells us to do and his desire for us, it all works together for our good. For our spirit, for our minds, for our bodies to be perfectly well and sound and whole and blessed. Praise God. Amen.

We just finished Psalms 107. Flip over to -- will spend a few minutes today over in Proverbs. Will go to Proverbs. We go to Proverbs. We've kind of finished up Psalm. So, just to give you all a little review, we walk through Exodus 15:26, we walk through Exodus 23 ,25, 26; we walk through psalms 1, Psalms 23, Psalms 37, Psalms 91, Psalms 103, and we just did Psalms 107. Now, we're jump over into the Book of Proverbs. Proverbs chapter 3. Proverbs chapter 3. Let's start with verse 1. Look at this Proverbs chapter 3, "My son, forget not my law, but let thine heart keep my commandments." So, notice that my son, forget not my law, but let thine heart keep my commandments. So, he's implying to learn his word. God is implying to us to learn his word because he wouldn't have told us not to forget something. You can't forget something if you don't know what to begin with. How can you forget something you don't know to begin with? And so, he's implying get to know my word, learn my word and we learn God's word so that we can use it, so that we can be ready to use it, so that we can obey it and so that we can benefit from it and when occasions rise, that words is already there. It's already there. You know, in this time, in this pandemic, Christians already have the word there. You already know what to do, you already have the word then it's ready for use. It's ready for use. That's why you spend all the years going

to bible study and all the years going to church, and you already getting ready, it's already there, it's already there. And so, that's why he wants us to learn his word so that it'll be ready for use, be ready for use. And so, God's word is ready and available for use. So, it's notice that, my son, forget not my law, but let thine heart keep my commandments. Then he goes on in verse 2, "For length of days and long life and peace shall they add to the --" now, we're seeing obedience. We are seeing God's word now lengthening your life adding peace and wholeness to your life. We already said that a peaceful heart leads to a healthy body. So, now we see that God's word keeping his word and his commandments now leads to a long life gives us wholeness and soundness and health and length of days. I love the amplified bible. The amplified bible right here says that it gives us length of days and years of a life worth living. Unless you know that he's not talking about being all decrepit, and you know, where you just existing, you just a vegetable. No, he's talking about vibrant years. The years of a life worth living, years of a life worth living. Vibrant years, vibrant years. You all watched Pastor Nathaniel. Pastor Nathaniel is out living life, man. He was out deep-sea fishing the other day. You saw it on his Instagram, on his social media. He's all over the place. This is a life worth living, he is enjoying life. That's what God intends for us to really to enjoy life to have fullness of life.

I remember John Maxwell was telling us about his dad. Now, John Maxwell is -- I'm trying to remember how old he is. I believe he is somewhere, I believe is in his late 60s, maybe. But anyway, his dad is in his mid to late 90s and he was telling us about his dad. He said my dad is actually in a senior living community and he said my dad is the pastor there. He said he actually hold service on Sundays for all of the residents of that community. And he said the services where you getting so full, his dad had to go to multiple service and then he said they still can't get him to all-in. He said his dad was thinking about starting satellite churches. He said I've got to have to start another churches. And he says during the week, his dad has a little golf cart. He drives around to all the neighbors praying with them and ministering to them, and loving on them and he's in his mid-90s.

See, that's a vibrant life. That's what Proverbs is talking about here. Length of days and years of life worth living where you still purposeful, you're still meaningful, you're still applaud in God's purpose and calling and there's passion and vibrant. So, you're enjoying life, you're bringing life to others, you're making a difference in the world. That's years of a life worth living. Well, I found that right there in Proverbs chapter 3 verse 1 and 2 as a result of his word in keeping his commandments, that's a result of benefit there. Length of days and long life peace, length of days and years of a life worth living. Praise God. That's your inheritance. That's your promise. This what God's word promises us and gives us. Praise God. Amen.

I'm going to stop right there. We are not in a rest, we're in a rest. I got the rest of my life to preach. You know, one day, I asked myself, "Why you rest? You got to rest of your life for free." So, I'm not in a rest at all. We're just taking our time and you know, we're having a good time but we're going to stop and we're pick it over next time.

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