

Exodus 15:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.

Analysis

God's declaration: 'If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes.' Four conditions:

1. diligent hearing
2. doing right
3. obeying commands
4. keeping statutes.

The promise: 'I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians.' Health depends on obedience. The conclusion 'for I am the LORD that healeth thee' (Ani YHWH roph'ekha, אֲנִי יְהוָה רֹפֵאֲךָ) reveals God's character as healer.

Historical Context

This covenant condition—obedience brings blessing (including health)—pervades Deuteronomy and Israel's subsequent history. While not mechanistic (Job suffered without sin), the principle holds: righteousness generally brings flourishing.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does the connection between obedience and health challenge modern divorcing of spiritual and physical wellbeing?
2. What does God identifying Himself as 'the LORD who heals you' teach about His character and purposes?

Interlinear Text

וַיֹּאמֶר And said H559	אִם H518	תִּשְׁמַע ע If thou wilt diligently H8085	תִּשְׁמַע ע If thou wilt diligently H8085	לְקוֹל to the voice H6963
יְהוָה ה for I am the LORD H3068	אֱלֹהֶיךָ thy God H430	וְהַיֵּשׁ ר that which is right H3477	בְּעֵינָיו in his sight H5869	וְתַעֲשֶׂה ה and wilt do H6213
וְהִאֲזִנָּה and wilt give ear H238	לְמִצְוֹת יו to his commandments H4687	וְשָׁמַרְתָּ and keep H8104	כָּל H3605	חֻקֵּי יו all his statutes H2706
הַמַּחֲלֵה ה none of these diseases H4245	אֲשֶׁר H834	אֶשׁ י I will put H7760	בְּמִצְרַיִם upon the Egyptians H4714	אֶשׁ י I will put H7760
עַל י H5921	כִּי H3588	אֲנִי H589	יְהוָה ה for I am the LORD H3068	רֹפֵאָה: that healeth H7495

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 103:3 (Parallel theme): Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

Deuteronomy 7:15 (References Lord): 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.

Exodus 23:25 (References God): And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.

Psalms 147:3 (Parallel theme): He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

Jeremiah 33:6 (Parallel theme): Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth.

Hosea 6:1 (References Lord): Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.

Leviticus 26:13 (References God): I am the LORD your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, that ye should not be their bondmen; and I have broken the bands of your yoke, and made you go upright.

Deuteronomy 28:60 (References Egypt): Moreover he will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee.

Job 5:18 (Parallel theme): For he maketh sore, and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole.

Deuteronomy 12:28 (Word): Observe and hear all these words which I command thee, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee for ever, when thou doest that which is good and right in the sight of the LORD thy God.