

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, אני יהוה רפְּאֶךָ) 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

ויאמר	אָמַר	תְּשִׁמָּה	תְּשִׁמָּה	תְּשִׁמָּה	תְּשִׁמָּה	וְלֹא
And said	H518	If thou wilt diligently	If thou wilt diligently	If thou wilt diligently	to the voice	
	H559	H8085	H8085	H8085	H6963	
יהִנֵּה הָאֱלֹהִים יְהוָה	אֱלֹהִים יְהוָה	וְהַיְשֵׁה רַבְעִינִי	בְּעִינֵּי	תִּפְعַשׂ הַ		
for I am the LORD	thy God	that which is right	in his sight	and wilt do		
H3068	H430	H3477	H5869	H6213		
וְאִזְנָת	לְמִצְוֹת	וְשִׁמְרָת	כָּל	כָּל	כָּל	
and wilt give ear	to his commandments	and keep	H3605	all his statutes	H3605	
H238	H4687	H8104	H2706			
בְּמִצְבָּה יְמִינָה	בְּמִצְבָּה יְמִינָה	לֹא	אֲשֶׁר יְמִינָה			
בְּמִסְלָל הַ	אֲשֶׁר	אֲשֶׁר	אֲשֶׁר יְמִינָה			
none of these diseases	H834	I will put	upon the Egyptians	H3808	I will put	
H4245	H7760	H4714	H7760			
רְפָאָבָן	רְפָאָבָן					
אָנָּבָן כְּבָן עַל יְבָן						
H5921	H3588	H589	for I am the LORD	that healeth		
			H3068	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.