

Jeremiah 30:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the LORD; because they called thee an Outcast, saying, This is Zion, whom no man seeketh after.

Analysis

God promises to heal those considered incurable and to restore those society has rejected ('an Outcast'). The term 'Zion' represents God's chosen people; their abandonment by others doesn't change God's commitment. This reflects the gospel's reversal of values - those rejected by the world are precious to God (1 Pet 2:10). God specializes in healing what others consider hopeless.

Historical Context

Jerusalem ('Zion') had become an outcast among nations, defeated and despised. Yet God promises restoration beyond what seemed possible.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How have you experienced God healing what others considered broken beyond repair?
2. What does God's care for 'outcasts' teach about His character and yours?

Interlinear Text

כִּי	אֶעֱלֶה	אֶרְכֶּה	לְךָ	וּמַמְכֹּתֶיךָ	אֶרְפֶּאֶךָ
H3588	For I will restore	health	H0	thee of thy wounds	unto thee and I will heal
	H5927	H724		H4347	H7495
נֹאמַם	יְהוָה	כִּי	נִדְחָה	קָרְאוּ	לְךָ
saith	the LORD	H3588	thee an Outcast	because they called	H0
H5002	H3068		H5080	H7121	
צִיּוֹן	הִיא	דֶּרֶשׁ	אֵין	לָהּ:	
saying This is Zion	H1931	whom no man seeketh after	H369	H0	
H6726		H1875			

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 107:20 (Parallel theme): He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

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.

1 Peter 2:24 (Parallel theme): Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

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

Psalms 23:3 (Parallel theme): He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Exodus 15:26 (References Lord): 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.

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.

Ezekiel 34:16 (Parallel theme): I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment.

Malachi 4:2 (Parallel theme): But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

Isaiah 30:26 (References Lord): Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the LORD bindeth up the breach of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound.