

**Kenmore Baptist Church Message Outline – September 20, 2015 (Jo Leutton)**  
**What's In A Name Part 2 – Jehovah Rapha**

God loves to reveal Himself as a faithful, covenant God to His people

That's where we get the name "Jehovah" – the covenant name of God

God makes promises to us according to that covenant

*"An altar of earth you shall make for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your oxen. In every place where I cause my name to be remembered I will come to you and bless you."*

(Exodus 20:24 ESV)

### **Jehovah Rapha - "The Lord Who Heals You"**

*"Then Moses made Israel set out from the Red Sea, and they went into the wilderness of Shur. They went three days in the wilderness and found no water. When they came to Marah, they could not drink the water of Marah because it was bitter; therefore it was named Marah. And the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" And he cried to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a log (Tree), and he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet.*

*There the LORD made for them a statute and a rule, and there he tested them, saying, "If you will diligently listen to the voice of the LORD your God, and do that which is right in his eyes, and give ear to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you that I put on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, your healer.""*

(Exodus 15:22–26 ESV)

Out of Israel's bitterness comes a new and comforting name of God.

Why? He needed to establish this, because He knows us. He knows what we are like, without Him, at our deepest core.

## God has Revealed Himself as Healer

He continues to establish the core aspect of His nature – as healer – throughout the Scriptures.

*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 forgives all your iniquity,*

*who heals all your diseases,*

*who redeems your life from the pit,*

*who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,*

*who satisfies you with good*

*so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's."*

(Psalm 103:1–5 ESV)

God wants us to know what He's like.

*"Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;*

*yet we esteemed him stricken,*

*smitten by God, and afflicted.*

*But he was pierced for our transgressions;*

*he was crushed for our iniquities;*

*upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,*

*and with his wounds we are healed.*

*All we like sheep have gone astray;*

*we have turned—every one—to his own way;*

*and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all."*

(Isaiah 53:4–6 ESV)

Remember – God was demonstrating to His covenant people in that day His nature.

## Jesus Demonstrated God's Healing Character in His Earthly Ministry

Jesus' ministry was marked by healing.

*“And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,*

*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,*

*because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.*

*He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind,*

*to set at liberty those who are oppressed,*

*to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.””*

(Luke 4:16–19 ESV)

Directly after this, Luke gives us a brief summary of what Jesus begins to do, as he begins His ministry: Luke 4:31–41.

He only did and said what he observed of the Father (John 5:19).

*“On one of those days, as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with him to heal.”*

(Luke 5:17 ESV)

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- It means to save, as if from harm or distress (disciples in the boat)
- It means salvation – whoever loses his life for my sake will save it
- It means to be made physically well – the woman who touched Jesus' garment
- It means delivered from spiritual torment/demons – the demonic of the Gerasenes

When we talk about healing, we don't just mean physical healing. God wants to invade every aspect of our life, and bring life to it!

The Cross was the high point of that revelation.

*“He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.”*

(1 Peter 2:24 ESV)

*“And when Jesus entered Peter’s house, he saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever. He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and began to serve him. That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. This was to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: “He took our illnesses and bore our diseases.””*

(Matthew 8:14–17 ESV)

## **Jesus Commissioned us to Heal in His Name**

*“And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.”*

(Matthew 10:7–8 ESV)

*“Heal the sick in it and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’”*

(Luke 10:9 ESV)

Our job as Christians is to love people. God’s job is to heal them.

## **Discussion Questions:**

- What needs do you see around you, where God has uniquely placed you to bring His solution?
- What would it mean to that person to receive God’s love and healing?
- What is standing in the way of you stepping out to pray for the sick and needy?
- Spend some time praying for God to fill you with compassion and boldness to pray and love those who are in need of God’s love and healing.