

Scripture: Revelation 21
Singing: 225:1-3 – 416:1, 4, 5 -- 280:1-2 – 94: 1, 3, 4

THE LORD'S PROMISE OF HEALING (2)

I. The address of His promise II. The content of His promise

III. The experience of His promise

I. The Address of the Promise: to those that fear My Name

A. As the 'tree is known by its fruits' so is the fear of God: *some examples*

1. A godly and devout awe of God Ps. 89:7; Gen. 42:18
2. A awe and delight for God's Word: Ps. 119:161; Ps. 112:1
3. A tenderness for God's glory: Jer 10:7; Ps. 119:136; Is. 37:3, 4
4. A watchfulness to keep heart, words, actions: Prov. 4:23; Luke 1:6
5. A holy joy in spiritual conversation about God & His works: Mal. 3:16
6. A denying of oneself: 1 Cor. 8:13
7. A willingness to make sacrifice for God: Heb. 11:17

B. However these heavenly plantings grow in a *sinful setting*: Rom. 7:24

1. This spiritual battle is often a cause of disquiet or fear

2. The reason God allows this spiritual reality: to endear Jesus Christ more!

II The Content of His promise

A. The content of promises stand *opposed* to vs. 1: *day of judgment!*

1. Scripture speaks the judgment as a 'fire' Dan. 7:9-10; Ps. 50:3; 1 Cor 3:13; 2 Peter 3:7-10

2. In contrast to vs. 1, Mal. 4:2 refers ultimately to Jesus 2nd coming!

a. with His promise in mind, Luke 21:27-28 tells us to rejoice!

B. The content: *He will bring (full and perfect) healing!*

1. His healing ministry begins here in our earthly life when Jesus' light begins to dawn in our heart (John 6:44-45; 8:12)

a. how does He dawn within our souls?

b. how do I know that He has dawned within me?

c. if He has dawned within your soul, the rest of His promise will come

- compare Hebrews 9:28b; Ps. 103:3-5; 1 Cor. 15:49

C. The content: Jesus shall *perfectly finish* the work He began: Eph. 5:27; Jude 24

III. The experience of His promise

A. Malachi proclaimed *liberty, joy (2b) and victory (3)* as fruit of Lord's doing

1. The imagery of Mal. 4:2-3

2. The imagery of Rev. 21 expands and expounds Malachi 4:2-3

a. He prepares a renewed and cleaned universe: Rev. 21:1; 2 Pet 3:12

b. He brings His renewed humanity into this new earth: Rev. 21:2

B. This ultimate glorification is the 3rd Advent Scripture speaks about

Reflection: Why is this *promised reality* so little on the mind of the believers so exhortation like 2 Peter 3:11?

that we need the repeated

A. Is our understanding of holy & godly too shallow? (Phil. 3:20-21; Rev. 22:20)

B. Are we still filled with unbelief about God's promise(s)?

C. Is it because you fear standing before Jesus' judgment seat? 2 Cor. 5:10

"Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless." (2 Peter 3:11, 14)

"These are they which ... have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb (Rev. 7:14)

"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife that made herself ready." (Rev. 19:7)