

**INTERNATIONAL BIBLE CHURCH (IBC) LINZ**

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*...then you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free. Jn.8:32*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE**

**31:05:15**

**Theme: THE HEALING COVENANT**

**Memory Verse:** *Matthew 8:17* “That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses”.

**Texts: Psalm 103:1-3, Isaiah 54:3-5**

Surveying the length and breath of the chequered history of God’s dealing with man, we discover that healing is God’s will. God is good and desires that His children live in good health as well as enjoy divine healing throughout their days On earth. This thought is unequivocally stated by John the beloved Apostle: “Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in good health, even as thy soul prospereth (3 John 2). There are on hundred and fifty-six occurrence of the words heal, healed, healer, healeth, healing, healings and health in the Bible.

The healing covenant is a divine plan for all those who are in covenant relationship with God. Although God has an unfailing healing and health plan for mankind, there are millions of people who because they have not come into covenant relationship with God, do not know the blessedness of enjoying the provisions of the healing covenant. Nothing sets forth the validity of God’s willingness and ability to heal the sick more aptly than one of His redemptive names – Jehovah Rapha or Jehovah Ropheka- “I am the Lord that healeth thee” or “I am the Lord thy healer” (Exodus 15:26; Isaiah 53:4,5; Mathew 8:16,17; 1 Peter 2:24).

As further demonstration of His will to heal, God sent His only begotten Son “Who went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil”. He thus declares to all and sundry that healing is the Father’s will and preoccupation. God is our healer. He instituted a covenant with Israel, His chosen people during the Old Testament economy. The healing covenant which He established with Israel was an expression of His nature. They were to enjoy this divine provision as long as they remained in covenant. God faithfully kept His own part of the covenant, but they failed in their part and sickness came upon them. It is still the same today.