

NOT ONE FEEBLE PERSON AMONG ALL THEIR TRIBES

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What a refreshing sight, a mighty nation, including thousands of aged men and women, tiny children and young mothers, and not ONE feeble among them all. Every frame erect and stalwart, every skin clear, every eye bright and shining; every man, woman and child fit for the day's march, their strength as their day. No wonder the fear and dread of them fell upon the surrounding nations and peoples as they marched along! No wonder Balaam said, "God is with him . . . he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn." (Numbers 23:21-22)

God had said, "I will put none of these diseases upon you which I have brought upon the Egyptians, for I am the Lord that healeth thee." (Exodus 25:26) and He made His Word good, so long as they kept His statutes and ordinances. We are told that the things that happened to them were for an example unto us upon whom the ends of the world are come. That God has provided "some better thing for us"; that they dwelt in types and shadows, while we have the substance, that theirs were half-lights, while we have the full radiance of the outpoured Holy Ghost, who is come to lead us into all truth, and teach us all things. But what

kind of a battlefield do we present as compared to theirs.

We are passing in procession down the aisles of the ages as truly as did they; we are being reviewed by a mighty host of witnesses, including the heroes of faith of previous dispensations. Does not the thought come to you at times that we present but a sorry spectacle compared to the Israelites? How many of us are limping along, while some actually have to be carried on stretchers! What is the matter? Have we one promise less than they? Does not every assurance of physical health and healing, which was made to them, apply to each one of us? No one who believes the Word of God can answer this question except in the affirmative. God said, "I am the Lord that healeth thee. My Word shall he health to all their flesh." (Proverbs 4:22.) He also said, "I am the Lord, I change not." (Malachi 3:6) We have, in Christ Jesus, the fulfillment of every promise made to them. He bore our sicknesses in His Body on the tree. (Matthew 8:17) By His stripes ye were healed. (I Pet. 2:24) And He came that we might have life, and have it more abundantly. (John 10:10)

The covenant of healing given them (Exodus 25:26), which secured to them absolute immunity from disease, conditioned upon their obedience to God's statutes and ordinances, is ours, nor need the condition affright us, for, by the obedience of One, many are made righteous; Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth, and the righteousness of the law is fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit. (Romans 8:4) Therefore, not healing only, but absolute immunity from disease, "perfect soundness" (Acts 3:16), is ours in Christ Jesus, as we walk in the obedience of faith. The immunity from disease which is the dream, the unrealized ideal of modern prophylactic medicine, is realizable by any simple child of God who will take his stand on the promises of God and not stagger at them through unbelief.

"I will put none of these diseases upon you"; faith in His Name brings "perfect soundness"; "by His stripes ye were healed" (I Peter 2:24), past tense, denoting a completed action, a settled fact. God wants us to be "living epistles." This Word is to be written in our very flesh, in a language that all can read, for "He is the health of our countenance" (Ps. 42:11), and the very heathen will have to say "The Lord hath done great things for them" (Psalms 126:2), and they will seek unto the Lord our God. -From GRACE.

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