

Theme
**Knowing &
Experiencing God**



Psalm 23 (NIV)

1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. **2** He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, **3** He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. **4** Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. **5** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. **6** Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the House of the LORD forever.



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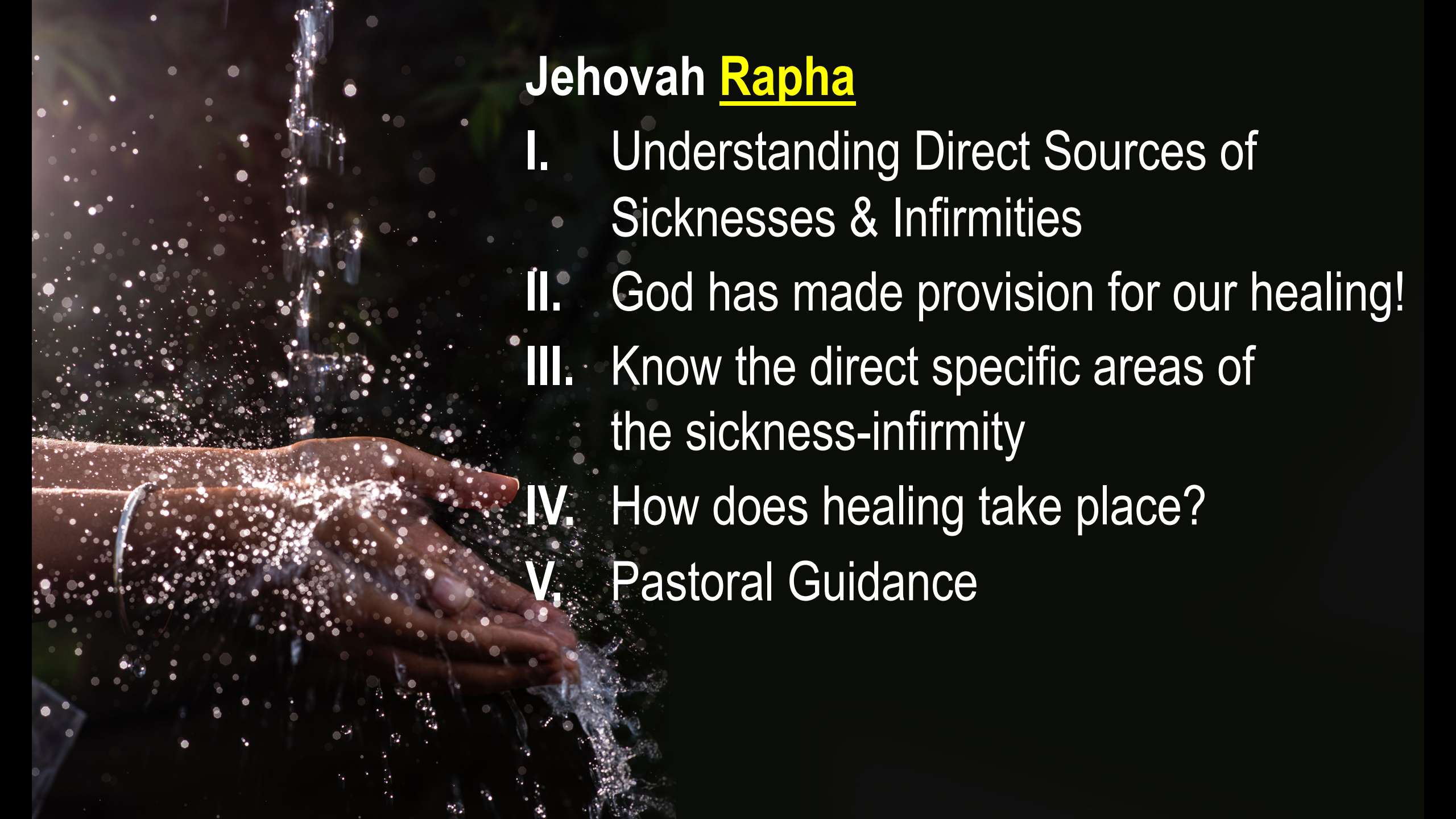


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- He restores my soul

Exodus 15:26 and said, “If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the LORD who heals you.”

1 Thess 5:23 - 3 John 2



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1. Due generally to the Fallen-ness of Man

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hebrews 9:27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment.

I. Understanding the direct sources of sicknesses & infirmities

1. Due **generally** to the **Fallen-ness** of Man

God is **NOT** the direct source of sickness or all the evil, accidents, wickedness and calamities on the earth.

James 1:17 - Luke 11:11-13



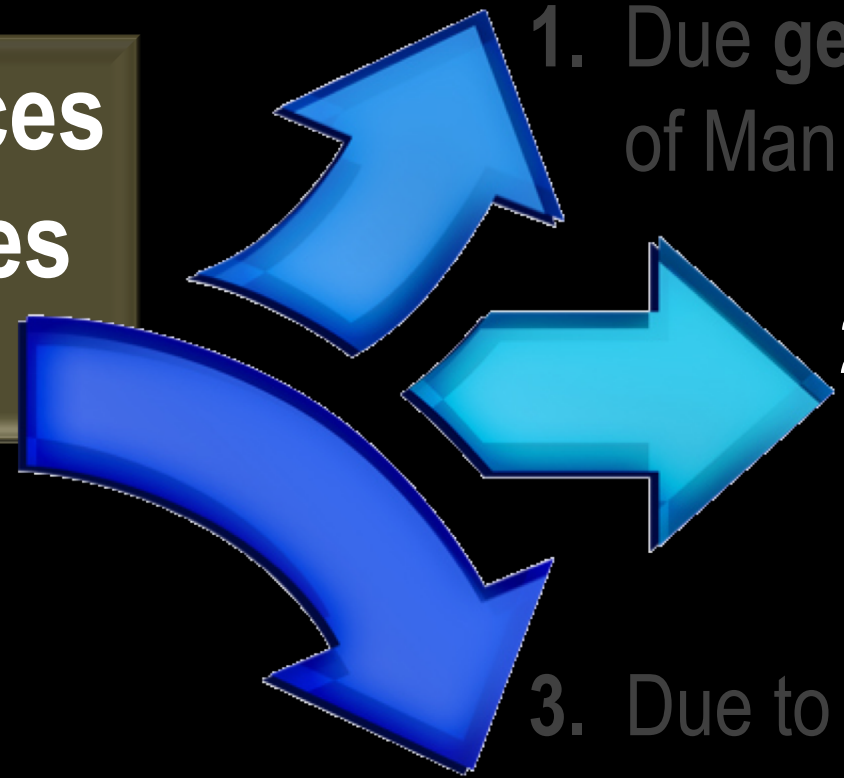
1. Due **generally** to the **Fallen-ness** of Man results in:

* Physical **death**:

- **Hundreds** of years (Genesis 1 to 5)
- to **120** years (after Noah's flood - Genesis 6:3)
- to **80** years (Psalm 90:10 - after Mt Sinai to now)
- **Aging Process** (affecting life-span)
- **Sickness** & **Diseases**
- **Corruption** & **Mortality** of the physical body

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2. Due **specifically** to the sins of the individual.

A. There can be a direct correlation between sins and sickness.

John 5:14 Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, “See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you.”



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Ecclesiastes 7:17 Do not be overly wicked, nor be foolish: Why should you die before your time?

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Main causes of lung cancer

Smoking, exposure to second-hand smoke, exposure to radon gas, exposure to asbestos, other carcinogens and family history of lung cancer.

Main causes of heart attacks

Clogged arteries, age, tobacco, high blood pressure, obesity, diabetes, high blood cholesterol or triglyceride levels, stress, metabolic syndrome, family history of heart attacks, lack of physical activity, illicit drug use, a history of preeclampsia and an autoimmune condition.

Reaping Consequences of what we wrongly sowed in the past

Lack of Sleep & Rest will

- prevent the body from strengthening the immune system and producing more cytokines to fight infection;
- affect body weight - two hormones in the body, leptin and ghrelin, control feelings of hunger and satiety, or fullness;
- cause the release of insulin, which leads to increased fat storage and a higher risk of type 2 diabetes.

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Dehydration


- Dehydration can lead to digestive problems, constipation, and an overly acidic stomach.
- This increases the risk of heartburn and stomach ulcers.
- **Water** is needed in the processes of sweating and removal of urine and feces.
- A **lack of water** can **cause** blood to become thicker, increasing blood pressure.

Reaping Consequences of what we wrongly sowed in the past

Poor nutrition-diet

- A **nutritional deficiency** occurs when the body doesn't absorb or get from food the necessary amount of a **nutrient**.
- Deficiencies **can lead to** a variety of health problems.
- These **can** include digestion problems, skin disorders, stunted or defective bone growth, and even dementia.

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2. Due **specifically** to the sins of the individual.
B. Un-forgiveness is a major reason for sickness.

Hebrews 12:15 looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled.

2. Due **specifically** to the sins of the individual.
- B. Un-forgiveness is a major reason for sickness.

Matthew 18:21-35

21 Then Peter came to Him and said, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?” **22** Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.” **23** Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. **24** And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.



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Matthew 18:21-35

25 But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. **26** The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' **27** Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. **28** "But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!'



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29 So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.'

30 And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. **31** So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. **32** Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me.'



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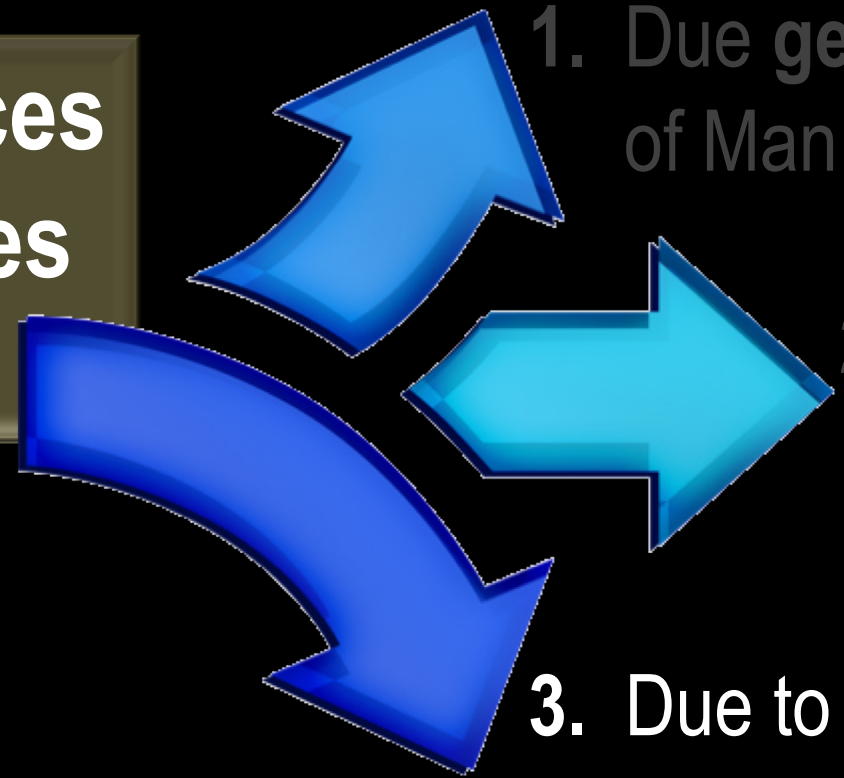
Matthew 18:21-35

33 Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' **34** And his master was angry, and delivered him to the **torturers** until he should pay **all that was due to him.** **35** "So My heavenly Father **also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.**"



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Ephesians 4:26-27 (NIV)

26 “In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, **27** and do not give the devil a foothold/ground/door/space.

1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.



3. Due to the Evil One

John 10:10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

John 8:44 ... the devil, He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.





Spirit of Infirmary: Woman Bent Over

Luke 13:10-13

10 Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. **11** And behold, there was a woman who had a **spirit of infirmity** eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up.



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12 But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, “Woman, you are **loosed from your infirmity.**”

13 And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

Deaf & Dumb Spirit (unclean spirit)

Mark 9:25-27

25 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!” **26** Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, “He is dead.” **27** But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.



Legion in Luke 8

Luke 8:26-33

26 Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee.

27 And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time.

And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs.



Legion in Luke 8

Luke 8:26-33

28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, “What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!” **29** For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness.



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30 Jesus asked him, saying, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion,” because many demons had entered him. **31** And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. **32** Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them.



Legion in Luke 8

Luke 8:26-33

33 Then the **demons** went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned.



Legion in Matthew 8

Matthew 8:28-32

28 When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him **two demon-possessed men**, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. **29** And suddenly they cried out, saying, “What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?” **30** Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding.



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31 So the demons begged Him, saying, “If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine.” **32** And He said to them, “Go.” So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water.

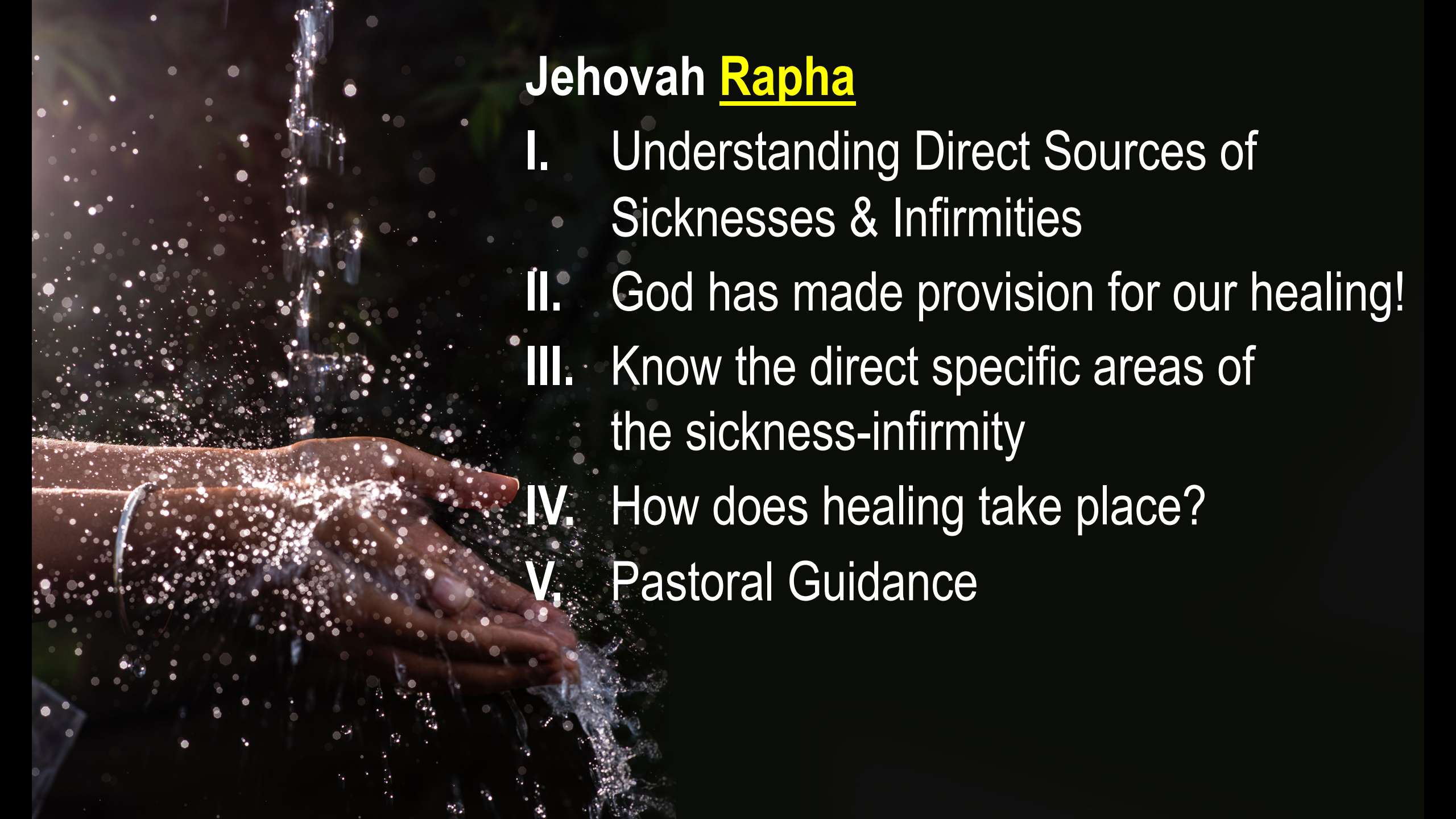
3. Due to the Evil One

Acts 10:38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

- A. Tormenting spirits hinder - mind - steal
- 1 Sam 18:10 - 2 Tim 1:7 – 2 Cor 10:5
- B. Unclean spirits - binds - physical - bondage - kill
- C. Evil spirits drive - control - own - possess - destroy

Luke 10:19 - Matthew 16-18 - James 4:7



A close-up photograph of a person's hands being washed under a running faucet. Water is splashing upwards and outwards, creating a dynamic, sparkling effect. The background is dark, making the water droplets stand out. The person's hands are cupped together, and a silver bracelet is visible on the left wrist.

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Isaiah 53:4-5

4 Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. **5** But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

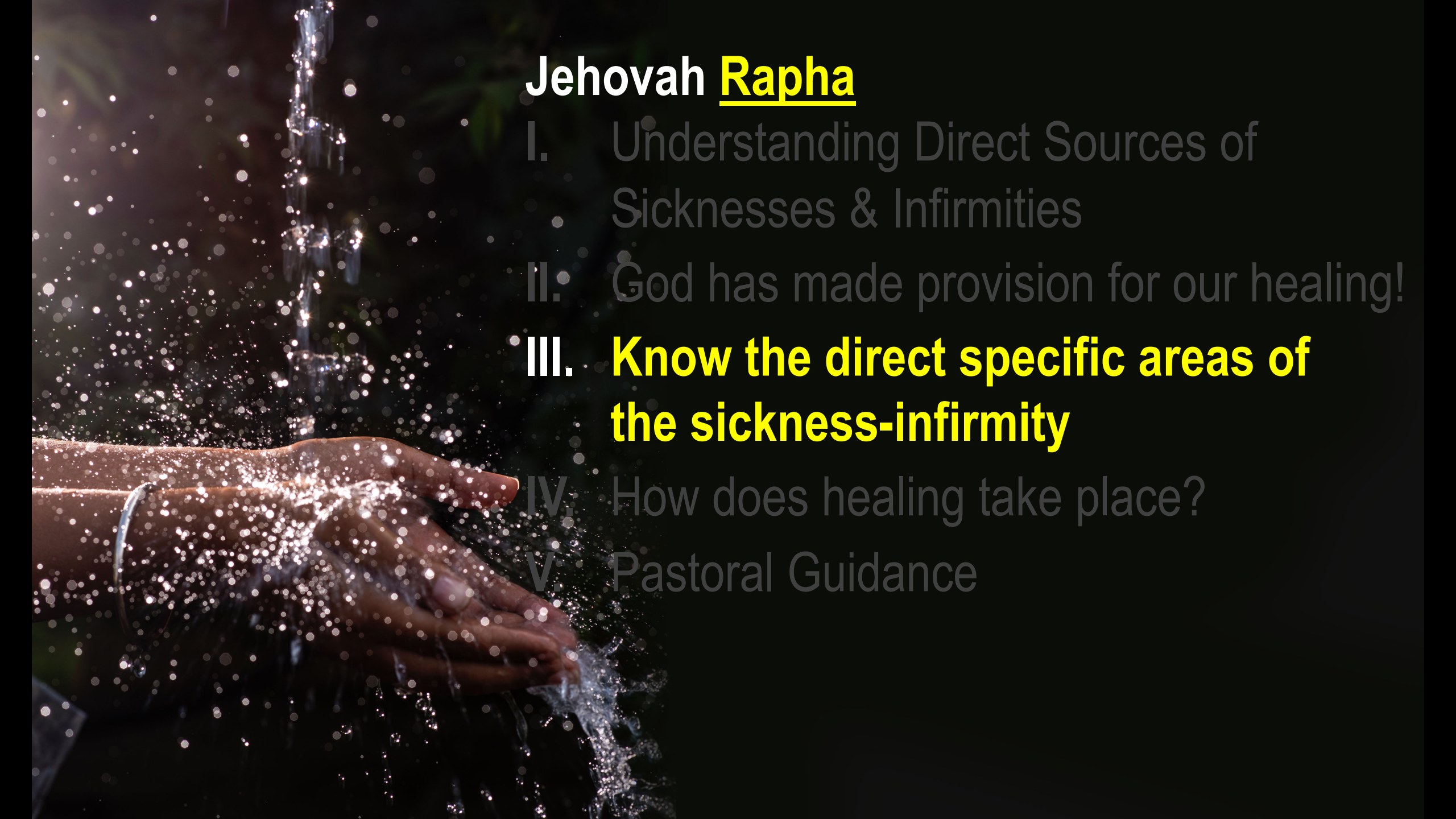
Matthew 8:16-17

16 When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, **17** that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: “He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses.”

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1 Peter 2:24 Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.





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- **Body -**
Physical

- **Soul**
Mind
Emotion
Will

- **Spirit**

- Combination of Spirit-Soul-Body

Importance of **sharp discernment**,
accurate diagnosis & **correct treatment**

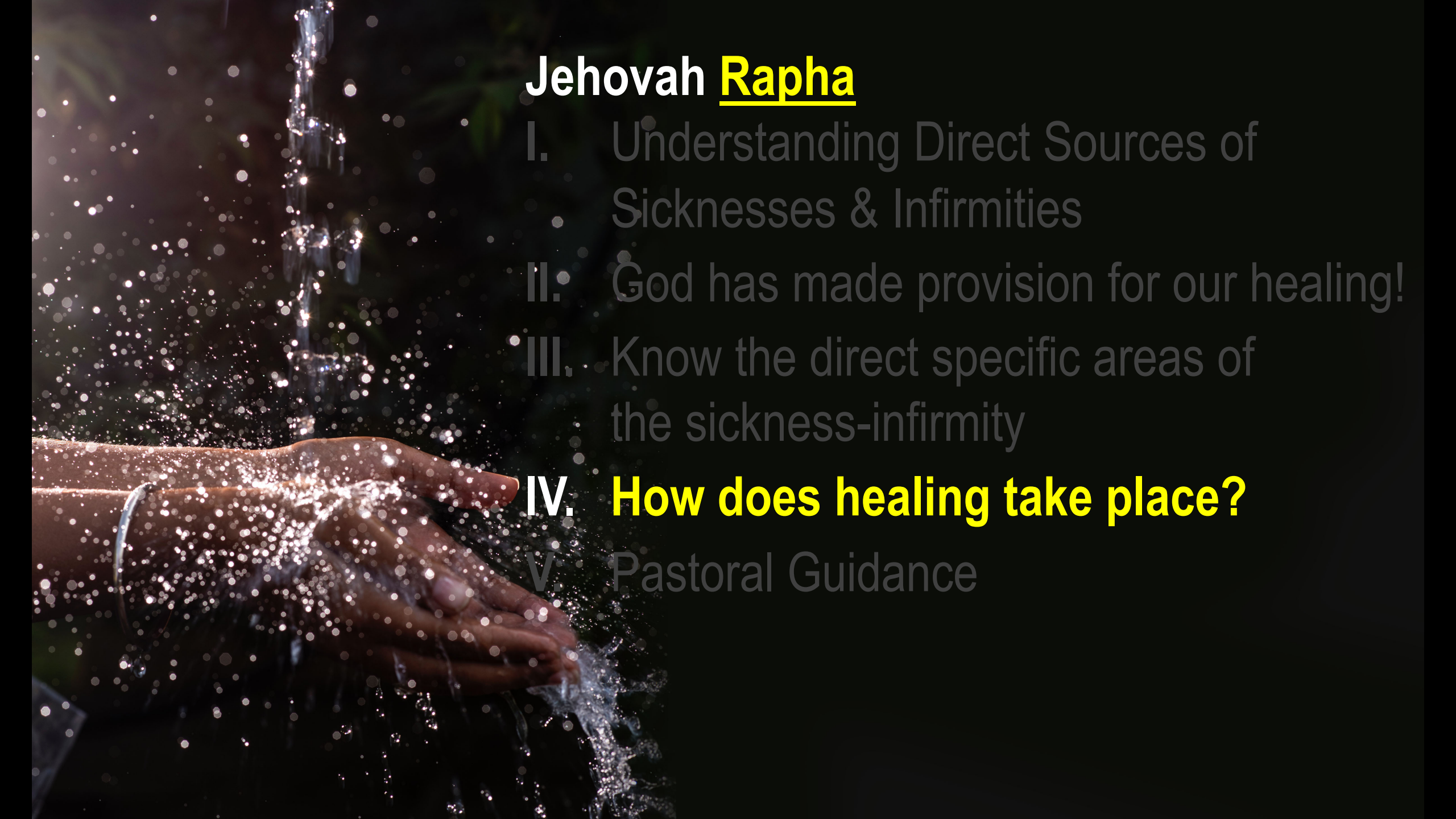
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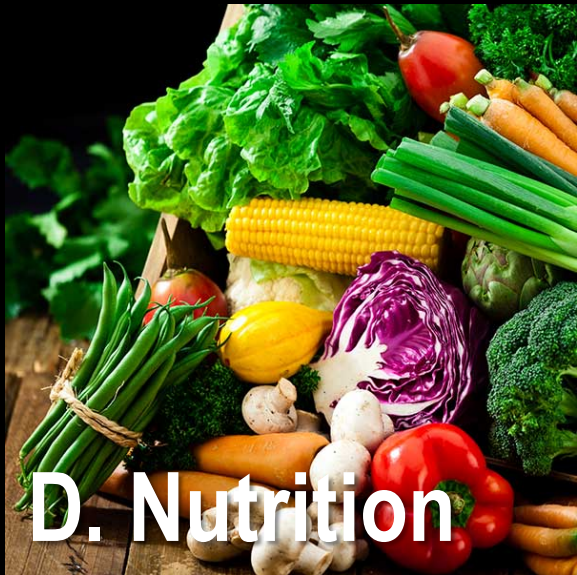
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1. Through physical-natural means



2. Through the Word of God

Psalm 107:20 He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

Proverbs 3:8 It will be health to your flesh, and strength to your bones.

Proverbs 4:20-22

20 My son, give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. **21** Do not let them depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart; **22** for they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh.



A person in a dark suit is shown from the back, with their head bowed. Several hands are being laid on their back, suggesting a healing or blessing ceremony. The background is a warm, orange-toned gradient.

3. Through the laying of hands by believers in outreach.
Healing for **pre-believers** is a **special** grace of God
for the purpose of salvation.

Mark 16:17-18, 20

17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; ... **18** ... they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.” **20** And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.



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Luke 10:9 And heal the sick there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

Lady-abdominal pain

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Psalm 103:2-3

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:

3 Who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases.

James 5:14-15

14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

15 And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

4. By believers appropriating healing in the atonement.
Forgiveness and cleansing, deliverance and healing
are intertwined.

James 5:16 Confess your trespasses to one another,
and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer
of a righteous man avails much.


Sins of the Fathers &
Resulting Curses (SOFCS)

Ungodly Beliefs
(UGBs)

Soul-Spirit Hurts
(SSHs)

Demonic
Oppression (DO)





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Man-eczema-sins

5. Directly by God in **anointed meeting-encounters** as gifts of the **manifestations of the Holy Spirit**.

1 Corinthians 12:7-10

7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: 8 for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

A photograph showing a man in a blue shirt from behind, with his hands being held by others in a prayerful gesture. The scene is dimly lit, focusing on the individuals.

V. Pastoral Guidance re Healing

- Personal

- For yourself, aim to walk in divine healing, divine health and life!
- Don't stop praying for healing. Explore **ALL** possibilities for healing (**medical & spiritual**).
- When still not healed, ask for the grace of God to go through **[2 Corinthians 12:9]**.
- We want healing but sometimes, there is a more critical need **[Acts 3:6]**.
Eg.: r/s; forgiveness; recon; salvation, etc.

A photograph showing a man in a blue shirt from behind, with his hands clasped in prayer. Other people are visible in the background, also in prayerful poses, suggesting a church service or a healing gathering. The lighting is dim, focusing on the subjects.

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- Guard against ungodly beliefs.
- Grow in faith and in our faith convictions.
- Try to **keep focus on the Lord** MORE THAN on the healing.
- Know that this body is corrupt and mortal, healing is temporal and we await the resurrected incorruptible immortal body to come!

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- Praying for others

- What happens to others, we don't completely know! (A Hui - 32 dying)
- Always minister as priests and kings.
- Always pray from perspective for God to heal.
- Outcomes are not in our hands. We don't know everything. We're not the Holy Spirit.

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- Praying for others

- Don't be sceptical about healing or downplay the power of God.
For every 10 pax, we rather see a few healed vs none at all.
- For those not healed during prayer/service, never say: "you have no faith".
- Faith is always expressed in love
[Galatians 5:6; 1 Corinthians 13].

Bottom Line:

James 5:14-15

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