

What Does the Bible Say About Healing?
He Himself Bore Our Sicknesses, part 1

Isaiah 53:4-5 CSB

Yet he himself bore our sicknesses,
and he carried our pains;
but we in turn regarded him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced because of our rebellion,
crushed because of our iniquities;
punishment for our peace was on him,
and we are healed by his wounds.

Surely he took up
our pain and bore
our suffering....

NIV

Yet it was
our weaknesses
he carried; it was
our sorrows that
weighed him down.

NLT

Surely he hath
borne our griefs,
and carried our
sorrows....

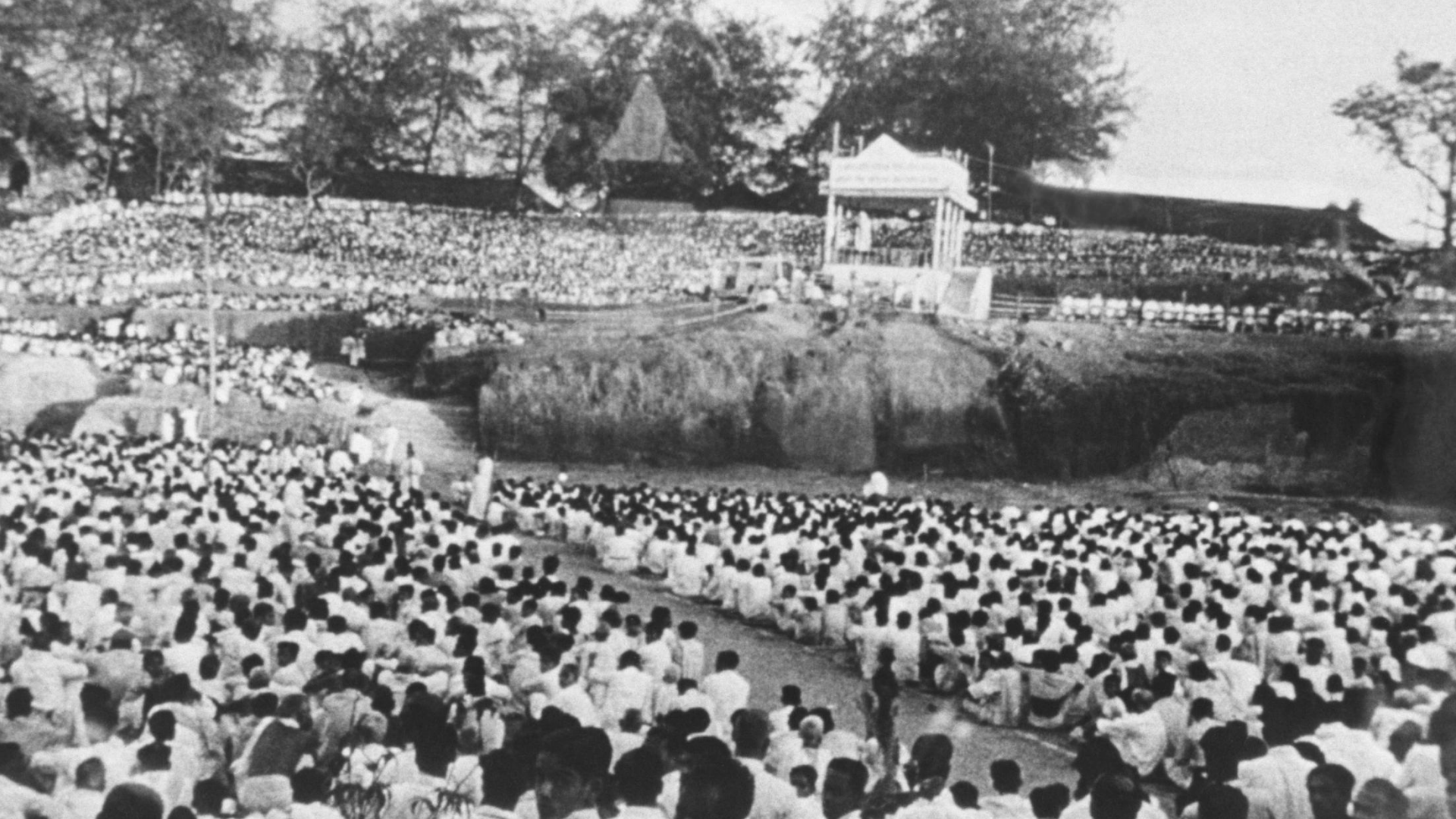
KJV

Surely he has
borne our griefs
and carried our
sorrows....

ESV

Surely our griefs
He Himself bore,
and our sorrows
He carried....
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However, *it was*
our sicknesses *that*
He Himself bore,
and our pains *that*
He carried....
NASB 2020





choli
sickness

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Is this speaking of literal physical sickness
or symbolically of spiritual sickness?

And the LORD
will take away from
you all **sickness**, and
none of the evil diseases
of Egypt, which you knew,
will he inflict on you, but
he will lay them on all
who hate you.

Deuteronomy 7:15 ESV

Why will you still be
struck down? Why will
you continue to rebel? The
whole head **is sick**, and the
whole heart faint. ⁶ From
the sole of the foot even
to the head, there is no
soundness in it.

Isaiah 1:5-6 ESV

Matthew 8:16-17 ESV

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.

17 This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah:
“He took our illnesses and bore our diseases.”

“This is an inspired commentary on this fourth verse of Isaiah 53. It plainly declares that the prophet refers to bodily ailments
Therefore the word *sickness, choli*, must be read literally in Isaiah.”

F.F. Bosworth, *Christ the Healer*



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“Although the root can be used to express physical suffering, it much more commonly has to do with mental anguish.”

*Theological Wordbook
of the Old Testament*

makob
pain

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Why do physical and emotional healing warrant such focus when clearly sin is the essential human issue?

Deuteronomy 28:15 ESV

“But if you will not obey the voice of the LORD your God or be careful to do all his commandments and his statutes that I command you today, then all these curses shall come upon you and overtake you.”

The LORD will
strike you with
wasting disease
and with fever,
inflammation and
fiery heat....

v.22

The LORD will
strike you with the
boils of Egypt, and
with tumors and scabs
and itch, of which you
cannot be healed.

v.27

The LORD will
strike you on the
knees and on the
legs with grievous
boils of which you
cannot be healed....

v.35

...the LORD will bring on you
and your offspring extraordinary
afflictions, afflictions severe and
lasting, and sicknesses grievous and
lasting. ⁶⁰ And he will bring upon you
again all the diseases of Egypt, of
which you were afraid, and they shall
cling to you. ⁶¹ Every sickness also and
every affliction that is not recorded
in the book of this law, the LORD
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Deuteronomy 28:59-61

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Jesus continued going
around to all the towns
and villages, teaching in their
synagogues, preaching the good
news of the kingdom, and healing
every disease and every sickness.
³⁶ When he saw the crowds,
he felt compassion for them,
because they were distressed
and dejected, like sheep
without a shepherd.
Matthew 9:35-36 CBS

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we all have turned to our own way;
and the LORD has punished him
for the iniquity of us all.



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