

**Articles and Sermons :: C.H. Spurgeon - Surgery for Healing****C.H. Spurgeon - Surgery for Healing - posted by ChrisJD (), on: 2006/6/24 14:00**

This came up as a random article and I thought it would contribute to some of the recent threads about preaching. Seems like a good balance.

"Let us show Him our gaping wounds and beseech him to know His own work and complete it."

Surgery for Healing by C.H. Spurgeon

Come, and let us return unto the Lord: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. (Hosea 6:1)

It is the Lord's way to tear before He heals. This is the honest love of His heart and the sure surgery of His hand. He also bruises before He binds up, or else it would be uncertain work. The law comes before the gospel, the sense of need before the supply of it. Is the reader now under the convincing, crushing hand of the Spirit? Has he received the spirit of bondage again to fear? This is a salutary preliminary to real gospel healing and binding up.

Do not despair, dear heart, but come to the Lord with all thy jagged wounds, black bruises, and running sores. He alone can heal, and He delights to do it. It is our Lord's office to bind up the brokenhearted, and He is gloriously at home at it. Let us not linger but at once return unto the Lord from whom we have gone astray. Let us show Him our gaping wounds and beseech him to know His own work and complete it. Will a surgeon make an incision and then leave his patient to bleed to death? Will the Lord pull down our old house and then refuse to build us a better one? Dost Thou ever wantonly increase the misery of poor anxious souls? That be far from Thee, O Lord.

**Re: C.H. Spurgeon - Surgery for Healing - posted by RobertW (), on: 2006/6/24 15:14**

Quote:  
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Amen. I think of the Hymn:

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
Calling for you and for me;  
See, on the portals He's waiting and watching,  
Watching for you and for me.

Come home, come home,  
You who are weary, come home;  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
Calling, O sinner, come home!

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,  
Pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies,  
Mercies for you and for me?

Come home, come home,  
You who are weary, come home;  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
Calling, O sinner, come home!

Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing,  
Passing from you and from me;  
Shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming,  
Coming for you and for me.

Come home, come home,  
You who are weary, come home;  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
Calling, O sinner, come home!

O for the wonderful love He has promised,  
Promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon,  
Pardon for you and for me.

Come home, come home,  
You who are weary, come home;  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
Calling, O sinner, come home!

**Re: C.H. Spurgeon - Surgery for Healing, on: 2006/6/24 17:13**

Spurgeon said:

*'Do not despair, dear heart, but come to the Lord with all thy jagged wounds, black bruises, and running sores. **He alone can heal, and He delights to do it.** It is our Lord's office to bind up the brokenhearted, and **He is gloriously at home at it.'***

And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me,  
Because He has anointed Me  
To preach **the gospel to the poor;**  
**He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,**  
**To proclaim liberty to the captives**  
**And recovery of sight to the blind,**  
**To set at liberty those who are oppressed;**  
To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD."

Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him.

And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." So all bore witness to Him, and marvelled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. (Luke 4:17 - 20 NKJV)

Isaiah 61:1 - 3

"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me,  
Because the LORD has anointed Me  
To preach good tidings to the poor;  
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,  
To proclaim liberty to the captives,  
And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;  
**To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD,  
And the day of vengeance of our God;**  
To comfort all who mourn,  
To console those who mourn in Zion,  
To give them beauty for ashes,  
The oil of joy for mourning,  
The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;  
**That they may be called trees of righteousness,  
The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified."**

God's vengeance was not against the sinner, was it?