

I am sitting in the waiting room of one of our local hospitals this morning awaiting word from the nurse who will call regarding the status of my wife's surgery. I can't help but wonder, as I notice the other folks in the room, what might be their maladies, their problems, their illnesses. How many will be having surgeries today? How many are, as I am, waiting to hear of the outcome of a loved one's medical procedure?

It also strikes me as to just how important our physical health is to us. Why, it's just about everything in this present life when you come to think of it. Without our health, we become limited to some extent. Whether it is in the area of mobility, or equilibrium, or coordination, or flexibility, when our physical body is impaired, we just can't operate on the level that we were intended to.

When those things happen to us, we look to the medical profession for the answers and remedies. Can they fix the problem? Will we be hindered for the rest of our life by this physical dilemma? Is it possible that we can get back to normal in a few weeks or months? All these questions echo through our thoughts as we seek out the ones who may have the answers. Medications or operations that are determined to be the "doctor's orders" are what we need, desire, and must have. We don't hesitate to get that treatment or operation as soon as possible. We don't want our loved ones to be too worried for too long and we don't want them to have to be inconvenienced due to our problems, and we want our "normal" back.

And isn't it the same when the problem is in the mind or psyche? When our thinking and mental abilities are met with debilitating issues, we search out properly trained professionals to do their best to get us back to as close to normal as we can possibly be.

But friends, there is another facet of our being that, all too often, goes unattended. Our spiritual well-being needs as much or even more care and attention as the rest of us. And no different than seeking out a health professional for physical and mental conditions, we need the "best" possible physician available to help with our spiritual maladies and illnesses. That would be Jesus, the Great Physician.

Just how spiritually well are you? Have you seen the Physician? Have you been to Jesus? If not, why not? He can make it better. He has the remedies. I leave you this week with a couple of verses from a song we often sing that was written by William Hunter.

The Great Physician now is here, the sympathizing Jesus.  
He speaks the drooping heart to cheer, O hear the voice of Jesus.  
His name dispels my guilt and fear, No other name but Jesus.  
O how my soul delights to hear, the charming name of Jesus.  
Sweetest note in seraph song, Sweetest name on mortal tongue.  
Sweetest carol ever sung, Jesus, blessed Jesus.

There is no need to go through this life with doubts, fears, guilt, or tears without taking those maladies to the Great Physician. Call on Him today. The "DR." is always in.