

Where Does Sickness And Disease Come From?

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The truth is that everyone will be hit by ill health at some point in their life. The storm of life is coming. We can face it squarely from scripture and begin to be on top of this overwhelming problem in life or we can passively endure, struggle, and be beaten by it. Health care is a major issue of life. There are millions who have suffered daily from bad health and/or chronic conditions and millions who have died. Health care is huge and health issues affect everyone.

Some have said, "If you have your health you have everything." Some will go to great lengths to recover their health; some will go to great lengths to keep healthy; at the core of health however, **is a spiritual issue of life, do you know what that is?**

Life is experienced in two areas: material and non-material; what we can see and what we don't see. There **is the carnal, flesh, or sense driven world, and there is the spiritual world.**

We are spirit beings who have a soul and live in our body. The body is our house (or earth suit as one put it), and as long as we have this earth suit we can live here on the earth.

Our earth suit is how we communicate in this world. Our five senses of seeing, hearing, touching, tasting, and smelling connect us to this world. Our spirit and soul express our personhood through our body *in this world*. Our personalities, looks, characteristics, mannerisms all reveal or express who we are inside. **Our health then becomes a major ingredient in our ability to express ourselves in life.**

If we are deaf, dumb, blind, lame, incapacitated with sickness and disease our personalities are limited and this affects us greatly in being able to be free and express ourselves. Someone who has been bedridden all of their life with a terrible disease **looses life** potential, loses the ability to develop, **looses freedom** to be who they are...likewise with chronic problems that alter personalities such as attention deficit, addictions, ailments that limit energy, movement, etc...**A healthy body goes a long way towards living a full life. To the degree that we are not healthy we are being stolen from, hindered, limited, restricted, and separated from the ability to express life.** This unhealthiness comes from the curse that is in the earth.

Here are three Verses that tell us plainly what God's will is concerning health and healing:

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.

The thief is Satan and his intentions are to steal, kill, and destroy life (including our health).

1 John 3:8 He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. **For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.**

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.**

From these few verses we already have a **strong impression of who's on what side of the health issue.**

3 John 1:2 Beloved, **I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health**, just as your soul prospers.

God is on the health side while Satan is on the illness side. Otherwise we'd be in trouble with God by going to doctors, hospitals, having operations, taking medicine, submitting to nursing care or any kind of health care. If God were the one who wanted us sick, ill, or diseased these things would be opposing God's will.

And Jesus told us to pray:

Mt 6:10 'Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven...

If God's will is being done perfectly in heaven what must it be like? Is there sickness, disease, illness, or any manner of unhealthy life?

We Need To Remove All Doubt About God's Will In This Matter.

As we look at the life of Jesus there are over (17) occasions where the scriptures tell us that **Jesus healed all** who came to him. If it is God's will for us to be sick Jesus would have been opposing God. Furthermore, there is **no case where Jesus denies** anyone who came to him for healing (in which he might have said this is for the glory of God for you to suffer and remain sick).

God's will was manifested in Jesus when He went about to **destroy the works of the devil: healing, casting out demons, and raising the dead!**

Ultimately Jesus destroyed the works of the devil by dying for sinners and taking upon himself the ***curse of the law*** to redeem us from it (Gal. 3:13). **He disarmed Satan's power** over us by removing the ***offense against us*** through the law (Col. 2:13-15). Satan can no longer by right or authority keep

us under the curse of the law because it has been removed. Jesus destroyed the **wall of offense** between us and God becoming sin for us. Now complete restoration has been given and every by-product of the devil's work to make mankind fall and be in opposition to God **has been removed. Therefore, there is now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus (Rom. 8:1).**

We can be born again of the new creation and become sons and daughters of God. **Jesus has completely destroyed the work of death itself.** Satan has nothing to use against us **except our ignorance, doubts, unbelief, and confusion.** If we know our rights, privileges, and authority in the truth of God's Word, we can by faith walk in His righteousness and all its blessings—to the glory of God.

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According to **Deuteronomy** all sickness and disease comes from the ***curse of the law.***

Deut. 28:15 "But it shall come to pass, if you do **not** obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, **that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:**

The curse of the law is the source of all sickness and disease. Every manner of ill health is recorded in Deut. 28:15-68. This means that the law of God which is holy and just judges our law breaking and justly condemns us. As a result of condemnation, guilt, and disobedience to the law of God ***every manner of sickness and disease afflicts mankind.***

Sin (which is itself in disagreement with God's law) operates in us to sow corruption and death according to the law. We reap what we have planted in life through our thoughts, actions, behaviors, and decisions, etc. The law is just

and acts to bring back to us what we have put out. The curse of the law is this: "*whatsoever we have sown that shall we also reap (Gal. 6:7).*" Sickness and disease and all ill health are the result of human beings operating contrary to **love**. The law of God operates in agreement with love anything else results in bad functioning. Like a car that is operated and maintained poorly (by ignoring the manufacture's instructions) it will break down, develop problems and become "sick."

Satan and the demonic take advantage of the law to influence us to break it, violate it, disregard its warnings, and to operate in opposition to the nature of the law of God. As a result we are reaping what we have sown.

Sickness and disease are the curse of the law being manifested in our life. If we are sick it is because of sin nature, the fall of man, and **the manifestation of the curse in our life.**

Gal. 3:13 **Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law**, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed *is* everyone who hangs on a tree"),

The works of the devil are to keep us under the law and cursed. Satan wants to keep us from exercising the faith God has given us in His grace. He wants to keep us ignorant, weak, and in unbelief so that we do not exercise the authority of the children of God. By keeping us in fear, doubt, and unbelief, we remain under the dominion of the curse even though Jesus went to great lengths to redeem us from it.

We have often heard **we are no longer under the law but under grace** and I say amen a thousand times to that...

Eph 2:8 **For by grace you have been saved through faith**, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God,

Understand then that **although sickness and disease come from the curse of the law** the ultimate **source for ill**

health being brought into the world was **satanic efforts** to get us to fall into sin. **Sickness and disease is a work of the devil** in order to use the law of God against us to steal, kill, and destroy us.

I Cor. 15: 56 The sting of death *is* sin, and **the strength of sin is the law.**

57 But thanks *be* to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

If we can see that all sickness and disease is from the curse of the law. If we can see that Satan's work has been to get us into sin and be cursed. **Then we can see that God's will to remove the curse from us in Christ includes deliverance from all sickness and disease!**

If we are sick it is the curse of the law working against us which is the work of the devil manifesting in our bodies (it is a work of the flesh realm). Satan wants us sick; God wants us well it is that simple. In the cross this was decided two thousand years ago.

When we are sick it is ultimately a work of the devil in mankind manifesting in us. Does this mean that our sickness is the direct result of our sin? Yes and no. For being sinners we are under the curse of the law and therefore **subject to all the curses** of the law; however, our sickness or disease may not be the direct result of any particular sins we have committed.

What I am not saying and what I do not believe is that sickness and disease is the **direct power of Satan** manifesting in our lives. When we are sick in any way it is not the devil putting it on us directly but **the curse of the law**. The devil deceived us into being subject to it when sin entered mankind...at the fall.

A Similar Experience

When “9/11” occurred, Osama Ben Laden and his fellow terrorists celebrated, they were thrilled to strike back at America by flying the air planes into the twin towers. When the event took on a greater affect of causing the twin towers to collapse they were amazed and delighted. They had planned to bring destruction to part of the towers but when they destroyed all of the towers they were surprised. In other words they got a lot more out of the situation than they expected. Likewise when Satan deceived Adam and Eve and they fell into sin the curse of the law took affect. The result wasn’t just alienation from God but also sickness and disease and all manner of illness. Satan’s work resulted in far more than he expected. He got far more for his part than he ever knew or could see.

What this really means is that sickness and disease although experienced in the physical realm is **actually a spiritual problem** that is won in the spirit realm. We receive the victory over all sickness spiritually by faith in God’s Word. This faith is based upon the promise in what He’d done on and in the cross—for by his stripes we were healed (I Pet. 2:24)! **This is a spiritual issue that is received and won in the heart by faith.**

The faith that comes by and through the name of Jesus, a revelation to our spirit, is the power of God to take us out from under the curse of the law into His grace.

Acts. 3: 16 "And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

For the natural man is bound by naturalism and cannot receive the things of the Spirit. Therefore, this is a spiritual matter and is fought by spiritual means.

I Cor. 2:14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

There Is A Demonic Part

There is another part concerning sickness and disease the Bible teaches about that sometimes demonic spirits are involved directly. The Bible reveals that demonic spirits are capable while possessing a human being to:

- 1) Be an epileptic spirit (Mark 9:25,26)
- 2) Be a Blind, deaf and dumb spirit (Matt. 12:22 & Mark 9:29)
- 3) Be a Spirit of infirmity or weakness (Luke 13:11)
- 4) Be a spirit of bondage (Luke 13:6)
- 5) Be Unclean spirits (Mark 1:25)

Jesus said that the strong man must first be bound before his house can be cleansed.

Mt 12:29 “Or how can one enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house.

This means **THAT SOME** sickness and diseases, mental conditions, chronic problems, resistance to the gospel, (i.e. atheism, agnostics, those who are anti-Christ in attitude), are bound by a strong man or demonic spirit **that first must be cast out** and then healing can occur or before one can receive the gospel.

It would be like having come into a kitchen that is filthy and find that rats, mice, or roaches infest it. To clean it up one must first remove the **vermin** and then we are free to clean up the place.

Consider What The Bible Calls Sickness And Disease:

1) God calls sickness captivity

Jesus came preaching deliverance to the captives (Luke 4:18)

2) Jesus Calls sickness bondage

Ought not this woman, whom Satan has bound, be loosed from this bond?

Woman you are loosed from your infirmity (Luke 13:12) She'd been bowed over for years unable to straighten up.

3) The Holy Spirit Calls Sickness Oppression

Acts 10:38 Jesus went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil.

We are to live in liberty, freedom, and be loosed, set free, healed, and delivered; **this would include any hindrance or loss of life to the body.**

1Co 6:20 For you were bought at a price; **therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.**

What We Are To Do:

We speak to the mountains in our lives such as sickness & disease in his name (Mark 11:23, 24)

We speak to the unclean spirits and cast them out demanding THEIR DEPARTURE in his name (Mark 16:17)

We speak **ordering health in one case** and **command the destroying of life in the other** to leave in his name! (John 14:13)

Conclusion:

The source of sickness and disease comes from the curse that is in the earth because of our sin. The power behind sin and the manifestation of the curse *is the law of God*. Jesus came to restore peace, remove the curse from us, redeem our lives, and destroy the works of the devil—His ministry healed the sick, cast out devils, raised the dead, made the blind to see, the deaf to hear, the dumb to speak...Jesus fought against sickness and disease showing us God's will in this matter.

God wants us well and delivered from the curse as much as He wants us free from the bondages of sin.

Consider this verse in conclusion:

Ga 5:18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are **not under the law.**

When we walk after the Spirit we don't get what we deserve, **we get what we believe!** When we walk in the Spirit we are in grace living by faith.