

## Week 12

### Sickness

Sickness is a thief. It takes time away from what you are supposed to be doing. It takes away from spouses, from parents, and from relationships. It ends peoples' lives too early and takes money, time, and experiences and that should not be. We want to be doing what the Lord would want us to do, right ? Being in God's will is what we strive for in life. Is it God's will for us to be sick? If we really believe that God's will is to be sick, then why are we going to the doctor to get better? :)

When we open our Bible and read the accounts of when people were healed, the response is the same for all of them....they were healed.

When you pray don't pray...."Lord heal me if it by your will." This is not biblical. This is from men's religion. No where in the Bible does it say to ask God if it is His will whether they be healed or not. The Bible is very clear on victory, healing, salvation, prosperity, etc. In Luke 5:12 when the leper went to Jesus and asked Him, if it was his will to heal him, Jesus replied, I will.

People will argue that if it was God's will then we shouldn't get sick. This is the same for salvation. It isn't God's will that any should perish or be lost. God's will is not being done upon this earth. People are dying too soon, people are dying without salvation. The reason being is that God gives us free will. It is up to us to choose what we do in life. It is not forced. Man can believe or disbelieve. Man can rebel or he can follow. It is up to them. We can believe and walk in faith if we want to.

If God wanted sickness and disease, he would have created some in Adam and Eve. Sickness was not part of his original creation. It came later with sin and the fall of man.

God's will in heaven and the world to come is that no one should be sick.. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven, is how we are told to pray. His will is for us to be healed, no sickness, no crying, no sorrow, we will be perfect. It is his will to be healed and blessed.

Let's do some Bible searching. 2 Corinthians 13:1 says... *In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.* Let's look at four scriptures to see what the Bible says about sickness.

Job 2:7 Who struck Job with sickness? \_\_\_\_\_

Psalms 41:8 Is sickness a good thing? \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 13:16 Who bound the woman? \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 10:38 Who were they oppressed by? \_\_\_\_\_

Who can we safely assume causes sickness? \_\_\_\_\_

Daily Bible reading: Acts 25, 26,27,28

Congratulations you have finished the book of Acts!!!

## Day two

We understand from reading yesterday that sickness is a thief. It is not part of God's original plan. Things happen all over this earth that are not part of God's plan. We spend more money on pharmaceuticals and doctors than most things today. Thank goodness for doctors and ones who can help, but it is so much better just to go about life healed. Don't believe that it is God's will that you might not get healed. How do you know if it is God's will? Let's say that you really believe that it is God's will that you not get healed....then why would you go to the doctor? Wouldn't you be then stepping out and going against "God's will?" If you really believe it is God's will for you to be sick..then yield to it. Do you think it is God's will for you to be real sick? That it pleases him? That just doesn't sound right. Same goes true for being rich. If you really are supposed to be poor, then be poor. Try and be the poorest that you can be. Hmmm, just doesn't even sound like a God whom we worship.

The only people who believe this are the ones in church. The world doesn't think like that, they are trying to get out of it. They are trying to get rich and get well, doing whatever they can to do it. A plus for us is that it IS in the Bible, we don't have to be confused or try and guess whether it be God's will or not, we know from reading in Luke 5, that it is God's will for us to be healed. Jesus spoke it from his own mouth....Yes I will heal you! He didn't say just be patient, we don't understand God and just submit and be strong and let God have his way.....why do we listen to preachers that talk like this? This is NOT from the Bible. This did not come from Jesus' teaching. This came from man's religion.

God is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. He is not a respecter of person's. He will do it for him and he will do it for you!

Now you might be tempted not to think much about this because you may be young and quite healthy. But don't just disregard this right away. You need to get this deep inside of your mind and heart so that it is just part of what you believe. One day you will need this for your family or a friend and they will need to hear why you don't get sick. They will want to know why you believe what you believe so that it is so contagious that they will want part of it.

Remember you can't gripe in faith. People want an instant miracle, they want to see everything right now. Even if you say you trust God but then you start to have a "symptom" and if your mind right away goes to complaining and griping, that is not faith. That is disbelief. You can't truly walk in faith if you complain and gripe when things go wrong. Everything can change. Your toxic body can change. Tumors can change. Allergic reactions can change. Blood can change. Immune symptoms can change. Everything can change. God can change anything. It begins with a belief in faith.

Daily Bible reading: Romans 1,2,3

## Day three

Did God establish a covenant of healing? There are two parts...your part and God's part. Will God uphold his part of the covenant? Will you uphold and do what He tells you to do? When you don't uphold the covenant, he isn't expected to uphold His part. In the book of Leviticus God says, if you obey me all these blessings will come upon you and if you don't obey them then all these curses will come upon you....sickness is in that chapter. When you choose to rebel against God and not to listen and do your own thing you are not sticking with the covenant, you are going against God and He will not uphold his covenant. People want the blessing without upholding the covenant.

In Joshua 23:14 you can read about what Joshua was saying to all of Israel's leaders...he was saying to be careful to love the Lord your God and to know in your hearts and souls all of you, that not one word has failed of all the good things that the Lord your God promised concerning you. All have come to pass for you; not one of them has failed. But just as all the good things that the Lord your God promised concerning you have been fulfilled for you so the Lord will bring upon you all the evil things and they will destroy you.

That is the covenant God has with us. When we don't listen and choose to do our "own thing" and go against the counsel, the protection, and the guidance of Him, we step out of His help and then we are "faith game" for Satan to come in and destroy us. God said if they obeyed him, He would keep them well so that they could live out their life with long days.

Many people would argue that it was part of the Old Testament, part for the Jews and not for us...so look at Romans 2:28....Did you know we are Jews inwardly? Did something happen to us inwardly and to our spirit when we accepted Jesus as our Savior?

Galatians 3:7....those that are of faith are the sons of Abraham. Are we sons and daughters of faith? Are we a child of Abraham? Who are Jews? Jews are a shortened version of Judah, one of the 12 tribes of Israel. Who is Israel? Descendants of Abraham who had covenant with God. Guess what? You are one! It doesn't matter what your heritage is or your background is, your family tree goes back to Abraham. I am a child of Abraham by faith in Jesus Christ. So whatever he got, I got. It belongs to me. Whatever applies to his descendants belongs to me. Galatians 3:26-29...we get into things by faith in Jesus Christ. If you are in Christ THEN you are Abraham's seed, you INHERIT according to the PROMISE. People will say it's just for the Jews, but we ARE the Jews....according to these verses. This is from the Bible NOT from man.

Galatians 6:15.....neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts but a new creation. What are we when we accept Jesus? A NEW CREATION. And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. Who is the Israel of God? NEW CREATURES. It isn't circumcision nor uncircumcision...now it is a new creature a new creation and that means it ALL belongs to us. Don't let anyone tell you that it is just for the Jews, because we ARE a seed of Abraham and a Jew. We are the Israel of God a new creature, a Jew inwardly circumcised in the heart, so it belongs to us!

Daily Bible reading: Romans 4,5,6,7

## Day four

We aren't only part of the old covenant, we are also part of a new covenant. Hebrews 8:6 it says that Christ has obtained a ministry that is much more excellent than the old. He says it is much better since it is enacted on better promises. He goes on to say that if the old one had been faultless, there would be no occasion to look for a second.....then read verse 8-12. He is making this covenant with the house of Israel. Aren't we the ones who made changes in our heart? We have the Holy Spirit on the inside of us, the One who will teach us greater things. He says it is a BETTER covenant.

Does that mean that you get rid of the old one? No it is a better covenant. Everything is better. You don't erase all the old, you get a better one. Everything improves. It has everything they had PLUS everything else. We don't lose anything, we have everything they had plus more. Our name is written in the Book of Life, we have the Holy One living on the inside of us, and we have ALL authority over the evil one! When Jesus died on the cross he paid all the debt that we would owe. The old testament burned sacrifices again and again trying to pay the price of their penalties and sins. Then Jesus came and paid it all! It all belongs to us. Healing is bought and paid for, forgiveness of sins is bought and paid for, prosperity is bought and paid for, victory in every area is bought and paid for.

*We are sure it is God's will for us to be healed because it is part of the covenant!*

You can't find a single place in the Bible when Jesus refused to heal anyone. He never told anyone to wait until the Lord's time for them to be healed, he did it immediately.

Are you still not convinced? Let's keep studying and reading from His Word how healing is for you.

Daily Bible reading: Romans 8,9,10

## Day five

Galatians 3:13..Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us.....Do you remember what the curses of the law were? Deuteronomy 28, Leviticus 26 outline the curses and we have read them before. If it WAS in the curse of the law, then we have been REDEEMED from it. The word redeem means to be bought back.

Go to Psalms 107 and read the first line.... it says to “say so.” What should we be doing? Saying and declaring what Gods’ truths are. WE ARE REDEEMED FROM THE LAW. I HAVE BEEN SET FREE FROM THE CURSE OF THE LAW. Say this so that you are convinced about it. The more you speak it, the more you will begin to believe it. Don’t let the enemy take from you what God has give to you. In John 10:10 it says that the “thief” comes to steal, kill, and destroy. When your mind starts to wander and you start to doubt God, remember who is doing that to you.

I know myself, I always felt like maybe I didn’t do good enough, or that I had sown too many bad seeds, and that the healing and prosperous life was for those “good” Christians. But if you read about those curses and blessings, they were not for the “good” people, those were for them who kept sinning and doing bad over and over again. As Christians we can’t let Satan make us believe that we are unworthy of God’s will for us. God’s covenant in the Old Testament, the people kept doing wrong over and over again, they kept being cursed so God set up a New Covenant and was the curse for us so that we could all be blessed!

Keep your mind focused on God’s Word, don’t let man invade your brain and tell you different, look at the scriptures and trust what they say. God says in Exodus 23:25...You shall serve the Lord your God and he will bless your bread and your water, and I will take sickness away from among you. There it is, written in black and white. We have learned that the covenant has been confirmed and that we have been redeemed through Jesus.

The more you declare this topic and God’s truth in your mind and through your mouth....the more it will stick and you will begin to believe it more and more.

Daily Bible reading: Romans 11,12,13