

DIVINE HEALING

1. Sickness/disease has many causes:

a. Being out of God's divine will

Gen 20:18 For the LORD had fast closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech, because of Sarah Abraham's wife.

b. Rebellion

Num 12:10... Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, *she was* leprous.

c. Age

Gen 48:1 And it came to pass after these things, that *one* told Joseph, Behold, thy father *is sick*...

2 Ki 13:14 Now Elisha was fallen **sick** of his **sickness** whereof he died..

d. Disobedience

Exo 15:26 And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God...I will put none of these **diseases** upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I *am* the LORD that **healeth** thee.

Deu 28:15 ...if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God...that all these curses shall come upon thee...

Deu 28:21 The LORD shall make the pestilence cleave unto thee, until he have consumed thee from off the land...

Deu 28:22 The LORD shall smite thee with a consumption, and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning...

Deu 28:27 The LORD will smite thee with the botch of Egypt, and with the emerods, and with the scab, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be **healed**.

Deu 28:35 The LORD shall smite thee in the knees, and in the legs, with a sore botch that cannot be **healed**, from the sole of thy foot unto the top of thy head.

Deu 28:59-61 Then the LORD will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, *even* great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore **sicknesses**, and of long continuance. Moreover he will bring upon thee all the **diseases** of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee. Also every **sickness**...will the LORD bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed.

Deu 29:22 So that the generation to come of your children that shall rise up after you, and the stranger that shall come from a far land, shall say, when they see the plagues of that land, and the **sicknesses** which the LORD hath laid upon it;

e. Worship of false gods

Exo 23:24-25 Thou shalt not bow down to their gods, nor serve them...And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take **sickness** away from the midst of thee.

f. Sin

2 Sam 12:15...the LORD struck the child that Uriah's wife bare unto David, and it was very **sick**.

Micah 6:13 Therefore also will I make *thee sick* in smiting thee, in making *thee* desolate because of thy sins.

2 Chr 21:14-15 Behold, with a great plague will the LORD smite thy people, and thy children, and thy wives, and all thy goods: And thou *shalt have* great **sickness** by **disease** of thy bowels, until thy bowels fall out by reason of the **sickness** day by day.

2 Chr 21:18-19 And after all this the LORD smote him in his bowels with an incurable **disease**. And it came to pass,

that in process of time, after the end of two years, his bowels fell out by reason of his **sickness**: so he died of sore **diseases**. And his people made no burning for him, like the burning of his fathers.

James 5:14-16 Is any **sick** among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the **sick**, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be **healed**. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

i. Note the connection between sickness, healing, and sins

g. Disrespect for the sacredness of the things of God

1 Cor 11:29-30 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many *are* weak and **sickly** among you, and many sleep.

h. Not fearing the Lord

Prov 3:7-8 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. It shall be **health** to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.

i. Not heeding the words of the wise

Prov 4:20-22 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they *are* life unto those that find them, and **health** to all their flesh.

Prov 12:18 There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise *is* **health**.

j. A sour disposition

Prov 17:22 A merry heart doeth good *like* a **medicine**: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

2. Some sickness is actually caused for the glory of God

John 11:4 When Jesus heard *that*, he said, This **sickness** is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.

3. Other Causes of Sickness/Disease:

- a. **Improper diet**
- b. **Bad habits (smoking, drinking, etc.)**
- c. **Foolishness (children hatless in freezing weather, for example)**
- d. **The Law of Sowing and Reaping applies in each of the above cases**

4. Many great men and women of God have been sick.

a. **It is not necessarily a sign of a lack of spirituality, nor is it a sign of lack of faith.**

- i. **Elisha**
- ii. **Jacob**
- iii. **Daniel**

Dan 8:27 And I Daniel fainted, and was **sick** *certain* days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood *it*.

5. Since sickness and disease have many different causes, it makes sense to determine the cause of a sickness or disease before determining a cure.

6. Faith alone will not always bring healing

Mark 6:5 And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few **sick** folk, and **healed** *them*.

7. Some people were not healed by Jesus

Acts 3:2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into

the temple;

- a. The events of Acts 3 take place after the resurrection and ascension of Jesus.
- b. **This lame man was there from his mother's womb, so he was at the temple daily, even when Jesus passed by**

8. Some people were not healed by Paul

2 Tim 4:20 Erastus abode at Corinth: but Trophimus have I left at Miletum **sick**.

1 Tim 5:23 Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often **infirmities**.

9. Even Paul himself had a physical condition for which he was not healed

Gal 4:13 Ye know how through **infirmity** of the flesh I preached the gospel unto you at the first.

Gal 4:14 And my temptation which was in my flesh ye despised not, nor rejected; but received me as an angel of God, *even* as Christ Jesus.

10. Healing of the sick is just one sign of the believer, but the Bible does not say it will happen in every case.

Mark 16:18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the **sick**, and they shall recover.

- a. This verse is not saying recovery will occur in every single case, but that it will happen in some instances.

11. What does the Bible say about doctors (physicians) and medicine?

- a. Jeremiah wondered why the people of Gilead were suffering, and asked for a physician and medicine

Jer 8:22 *Is there* no balm in Gilead; *is there* no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?

- b. Jeremiah also spoke of using balm to

appease the suffering of Babylon

Jer 51:8 Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed: howl for her; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed.

- c. Ezekial spoke of setting a broken arm to heal it

Ezek 30:21 Son of man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and, lo, it shall not be bound up to be **healed**, to put a roller to bind it, to make it strong to hold the sword.

- d. The shepherds (leaders) of Israel were **condemned** by God for not providing medical attention to those in need

Ezek 34:4 The **diseased** have ye not strengthened, neither have ye **healed** that which was **sick**, neither have ye bound up *that which was* broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them.

- i. "Binding up" meant setting broken bones

Ezek 34:16 I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up *that which was* broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment.

Jer 30:13 *There is* none to plead thy cause, that thou mayest be bound up: thou hast no healing **medicines**.

- ii. Again Jeremiah refers to "binding up" (setting broken bones) and healing medicines

- e. The Bible speaks of a tree whose leaves would be used for healing

Rev 22:2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, *was there* the tree of life, which bare twelve *manner of* fruits, and yielded her fruit

every month: and the leaves of the tree *were* for the **healing** of the nations.

Ezek 47:12 And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed: it shall bring forth new fruit according to his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary: and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for **medicine**.

- f. Jesus often referred to doctors when speaking, and never condemned the use of them or medicine

Mat 9:12 But when Jesus heard *that*, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a **physician**, but they that are sick.

Luke 4:23 And he said unto them, Ye will surely say unto me this proverb, **Physician**, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in thy country.

- g. Luke was a physician

Col 4:14 Luke, the beloved **physician**, and Demas, greet you.

- h. Timothy was commanded by Paul to drink a little wine (a type of medicine in those days) for his stomach condition

1 Tim 5:23 Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often **infirmities**.