

“TO THOSE NEEDING HEALING”

8. A person can only have sure faith if he holds to the view that healing is in God’s redemptive plan.
 - a. In God’s redemptive plan a believer can pray; **“Father, in the name of Jesus, according to your Word Jesus took my infirmities and carried my diseases. With His stripes, I am healed. I stand on your word that I am healed. Thank you for healing me now!”**

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“OLD TESTAMENT TYPES OF THE ATONEMENT”

“WHAT BROUGHT SICKNESS UPON MANKIND?”

- E. We need to start at the beginning. Where did sickness come from in the first place?
 1. Did God make this world filled with diseases?
 2. Many people think so. Since sickness is so universal, people have attributed it to God.
 3. But the truth is quite different. The Bible gives a different reason why there is sickness in this world.
 - a. When God made this world , the Bible says, **“God saw all that He made and it was very good”** (Gen 1:31)
 - b. The profound truth is, God did not originally create a world filled with anything bad. Everything was very good.
 4. The Bible also teaches that something awful took place. Adam sinned against God.
 - a. Paul said it this way in Rom. 5:12: **“...sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned.”**
 - b. The result of sin was death. What is sickness? Sickness is an agent of

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death.

- c. Sickness wants to kill. Without sickness, death would be postponed for most people.
- d. Sin brought death, and sickness is the offspring of its parent, death.
5. If I had to say all of the above in one sentence I would say: Disease entered the world through sin. Without sin, there would be no sickness. Sickness exists because sin exists.
6. There are other scriptures that affirm this in the Bible.
 - a. **“His disciples asked him, “Rabbi” who sinned, this man or his parents that he was born blind?”**
 - b. **“Neither this man nor his parents sinned,”** said Jesus, **“but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life.** (John 9:2-3)
7. You might be thinking Jesus contradicted what I just said.
 - a. But look at the scriptures carefully. The disciples knew sickness was caused by sin; they just did not know whose sin caused the boy to be born blind.
 - b. They supposed that either the boy sinned in the womb or the parents sinned.
 - c. But Jesus answered, **“Neither this man nor his parents sinned.”**
 - d. Note - Jesus did not say, “No one sinned.” He only says that the two people mentioned were not responsible for this sickness.
 - e. Jesus could have used this as a golden opportunity to teach that sickness and sin are unrelated but He did not. Why?
 - f. The reason : sickness is related to sin. It is at least related to the original sin.
- F. There is another story in the Bible that tells all concerning sin and sickness.

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- a. Jesus healed the man at the gate called Beautiful. Later he met the man and said, **“See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you”** (John 5:14)
- b. Jesus accused the man’s sin for causing his infirmity. Sin caused his sickness.
2. There is the case of David committing adultery with Bathsheba.
 - a. They had a child as a result of it who was born sick and eventually died. Why?
 - b. In 2 Sam 12:13-14 we read some disturbing words: **Then David said to Nathan. “I have sinned against the Lord”. Nathan replied. “The Lord has taken away your sin. You are not going to die. But because by doing this you have made the enemies of the Lord show utter contempt, the son born to you will die.”**
3. It imperative that I remind you that all of these cases were under the law and the first testament.
4. What does all this have to do with healing being in the atonement?
 - a. Well, we know the cure for sin is the atonement, and since sin causes diseases, the only cure for sickness is the atonement.
 - b. Sickness came on the wings of sin, therefore, the true remedy for sickness can be found only in the redemption of Christ, the atonement.
5. Atonement is the payment that corrects the relationship between God and man, which was broken through sin.
 - a. Redemption is ultimately the answer for sickness, not doctors, medicine, or diet.
 - b. They are good and can help, but they cannot heal.
 - c. Only your God given body and God can heal!
6. Sickness is part of the curse, and who can remove the curse but Jesus our