

# Biblical answers about healing

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# Was there death and sickness before the fall of man in the Garden of Eden?

- “And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.” (Genesis 1:31a)
- The creation account shows that sickness was not a part originally, unlike the evolutionary story.



# Where does sickness come from?

- “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned” (Romans 5:12)
- “For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.” (Romans 8:22)
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# What is the curse of the law?

- The curse of the law is the result of judgment upon sin, which is rebellion and disobedience to what God has said. Within the curse of the law is:
  - Separation from God, including spiritual and physical death (Genesis 2:16,17; Isaiah 59:2)
  - The fall of creation and the ensuing chaos (Genesis 3:16-19; Romans 5:12; 8:22)
  - Poverty and lack (Deuteronomy 28:15-68; Proverbs 10:15b)
  - Sickness, disease and infirmity (Deuteronomy 28:15-68)



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# Why does the Bible say that the Lord would bring disease upon certain people?

- “Moreover he will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee.” (Deuteronomy 28:60)
- Because of sin (disobedience to God’s law), judgment has come into the Earth – this is part of the curse of the law.
- God cannot bring blessing upon sin.
- God’s mercy has provided healing within salvation.



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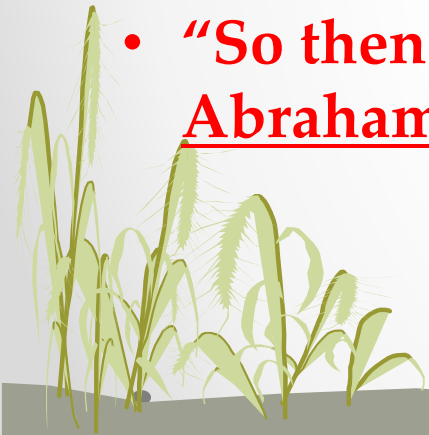
- “Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”  
(Galatians 3:13,14)





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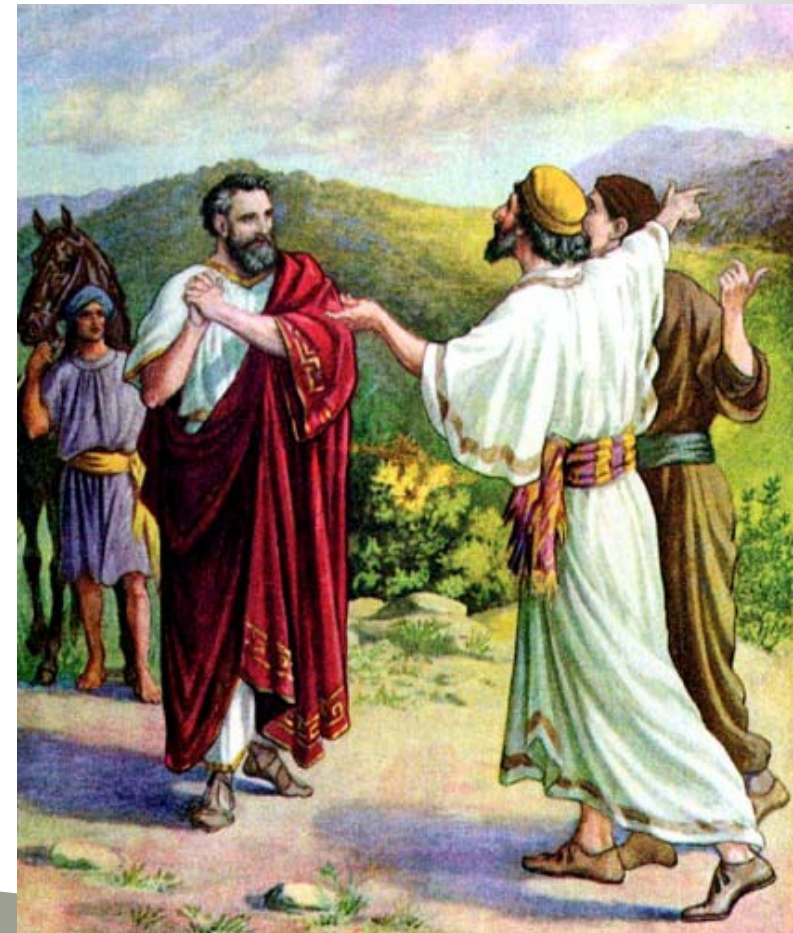
- We know that “the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things” (Genesis 24:1b), which included:
  - Strength for his own body and healing for Sarah’s to conceive seed (Hebrews 11:11)
  - Healing being available when he prayed (Genesis 20:17,18)
- **“So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.” (Galatians 3:9)**





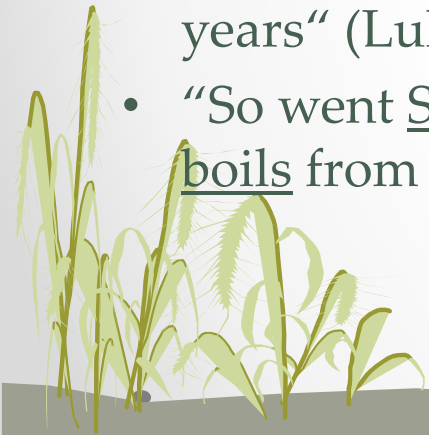
# Is healing covered in salvation?

- Healing is part of redemption.
- We are redeemed “from the curse of the law”.
- We are “blessed with faithful Abraham”.
- God has not changed and still heals today.
- God says to His people, “I am the LORD that healeth thee” (see Exodus 15:26).



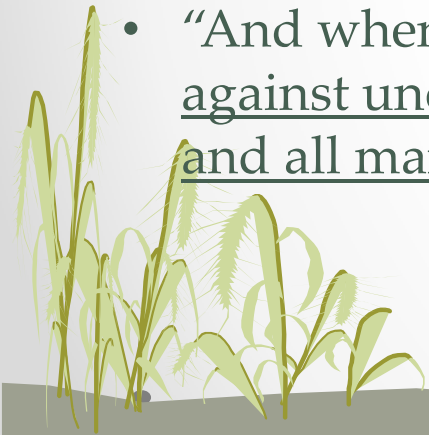
# Is Satan behind sickness?

- Satan has access to people because of sin. The Bible shows that he oppresses people with sickness and disease.
- “How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.” (Acts 10:38)
- “... a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years” (Luke 13:16)
- “So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.” (Job 2:7)



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- “Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.” (Matthew 12:22)
- “When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.” (Mark 9:25)
- “And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.” (Matthew 10:1)



# Is it God's will for people to be sick?

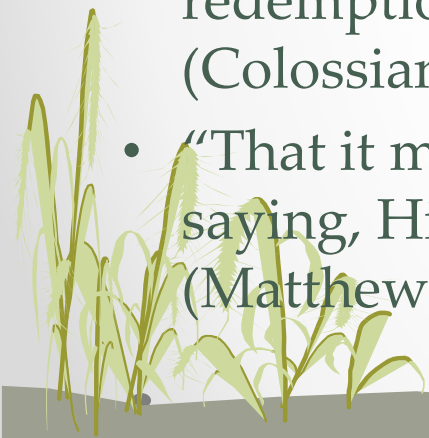
- “Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.” (John 4:34)
- “Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.” (Matthew 8:2b,3)
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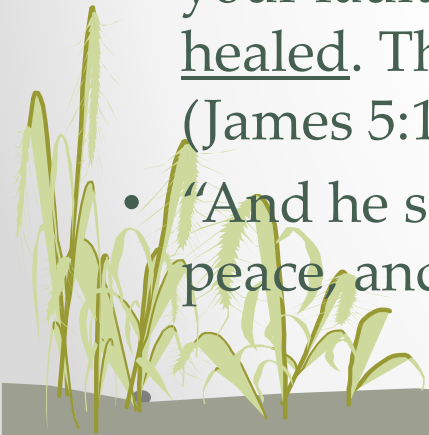
# Is it God's will to heal today?

- “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.” (Hebrews 13:8)
- “... by whose stripes ye were healed.” (1 Peter 2:24)
- “Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins” (Colossians 1:13,14)
- “That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.” (Matthew 8:17)



# Why is faith necessary for healing?

- Faith trusts God at His Word, and this pleases Him (see Hebrews 11:6). Faith releases substance into the physical world to affect it (see Hebrews 11:1).
- “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.” (James 5:15)
- “And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.” (Mark 5:34)



# Are sin and sickness related?

- There is a general relationship because sin caused the curse to enter into the world.  
“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned”  
(Romans 5:12).
- Deuteronomy 28:58-68 makes it clear that the curse due to sin includes plagues, sickness and infirmity.
- Clearly, sin **ATTRACTS** oppression and sickness.





# How can failing to walk in God's love affect health and healing?

- “If only people understood how much walking in love has to do with folks receiving their healing. That’s why in my meetings I encourage folks to hear as much of the Word as possible before they get into the healing line. Sometimes they need to make an adjustment in their love walk before they can receive their healing.”

(Kenneth Hagin, ‘Love. The way to victory.’, 1994, pp. 183, 184)

“... faith which worketh by love” (Galatians 5:6b).



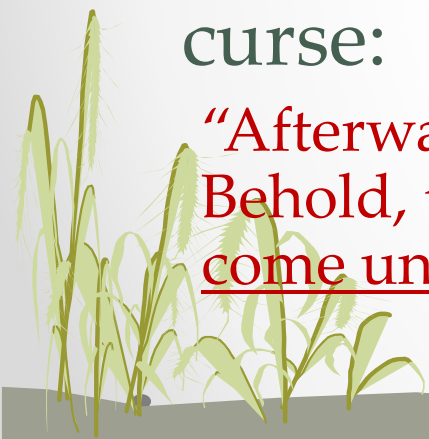
# Is all sickness, disease and infirmity related to personal sin?

- No. Jesus gave the example of the man born blind:
  - “And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.” (John 9:1-4)



# Why did Jesus say 'sin no more' to the man who had been healed of paralysis?

- The paralysed man had been healed:  
“Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.” (John 5:8,9).
- Jesus stated a relationship between sin and the curse:  
“Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.” (John 5:14).



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BIBLE REFERENCE	PERSONAL SIN	PERSON AFFECTED	CONSEQUENCE
Numbers 12:1-4,10	Speaking against the minister of God	Miriam	She became leprous
Luke 1:11-20	Unbelief of the Word of God	Zacharias	He was struck dumb
1 Kings 13:1-6	Resisting the minister of God	Jeroboam	His hand dried up
2 Chronicles 21:19	Murder and idolatry	Jehoram	He got an incurable disease in his bowels

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Acts 5:1-5	Lying to God	Ananias and Sapphira	They were struck dead
Acts 9:1,2,8,17,18	Persecuting the Church	Saul of Tarsus	He became blind
Acts 13:8-12	Resisting the Gospel work	Elymas	He became blind
Acts 12:21-24	Pride	Herod	He was eaten of worms and died

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Revelation 16:1,2	False worship	Idolators	They contracted a noisome and grievous sore
Psalms 6:1-10	Adultery	David	He was struck with weakness and vexed in his bones
Genesis 12:17,18	Lust	Pharaoh	He and his household had great plagues
1 Corinthians 3:16,17	Defiling the temple of God	Defilers	Their bodies are destroyed

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1 Corinthians 6:13	Fornication	Fornicators	Their bodies are destroyed
1 Corinthians 11:28-30	Eating and drinking the Lord's Supper unworthily	Defilers	Weakness and early death
Jude 1:5	Unbelief	Israelites	They died in the wilderness
Daniel 4:28-34	Pride	Nebuchadnezzar	He became insane for 7 years



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1 Samuel 25:2-39	Acting as a fool, railing, churlish, drunken	Nabal	He had a heart attack and died
2 Kings 5:1-27	Lying, deceiving, lusting, stealing	Gehazi	He became leprous
Genesis 19:1-11	Sodomy and lust	Sodomites	They were struck with blindness
Exodus 1-12	Rebellion and false worship	Egyptians	Plagues and death

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Exodus 32:35	False worship of golden calf	Israelites	They were struck with plague
1 Chronicles 21:1-14	David's disobedience to God's commandment	The nation of Israel	3 days of pestilence killing seventy thousand men
2 Samuel 12:13-19	Murder and adultery	Bath-sheba's child	The child died
1 Samuel 5:1-12	Blasphemy in profaning the ark of God	Philistines	Struck with emerods (tumors)
2 Samuel 6:6,7	Defiling the ark of the covenant	Uzzah	He died upon touching the ark

# How is the personal sin and sickness problem fixed in people's lives?

“Truly God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart [inner man].” (Psalm 71:3)

“A sound heart is the life of the flesh: but envy the rottenness of the bones.” (Proverbs 14:30)

“Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.” (Psalm 103:20; see also Luke 22:43)

