

Lesson 4

The Relationship Between Sin and Sickness

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Note: All scriptures used in this lesson are quoted from the *New King James Version*.

I. Sin and death are linked.

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned.

Romans 5:12

A. There is no sickness that strengthens, blesses, or enhances the life of the sick one. Sickness will lead to premature death, if given the opportunity.

II. Sin in the human race is the root of sickness.

A. Adam's sin unleashed death, and sickness is a product of the power of death in humanity.

B. If we can understand sickness as a fruit of sin, then we can understand that sin is the root that must be dealt with. If the root of sin can be destroyed, the fruit of sickness has no source of authority and no right to stay in our bodies.

III. There is an unholy union of sin and sickness in the Bible.

A. David understood the connection between sin and sickness and could foresee man's future deliverance from both the root and the fruit.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases.

Psalm 103:2-3

- B. Matthew quotes Isaiah during the ministry of Jesus. Jesus forgave sin, and He healed the sick. His nature, and the kingdom of God that He announced, was revealed through what He did when He walked the earth.

Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

Isaiah 53:4-5

When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our infirmities And bore our sicknesses."

Matthew 8:16-17

- IV. If we can still receive forgiveness today, then healing is also available for us to receive. They are inseparable in the salvation message.

- A. There was still healing going on after Jesus rose from the dead.

And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch.

Acts 5:12

- B. The Great Commission to go into all the world, preach the Gospel, and lay hands on the sick that they recover are all promises for the church age.

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Mark 16:15-18

- C. The gifts of healing were given to the church for the church age.

To another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:9

V. There are redemptive names of God.

A. Jehovah Rapha is one of the redemptive names of God revealed in the Old Testament. His Name is “the Lord our Healer.”

“For I am the LORD who heals you.”

Exodus 15:26

B. He’s also Jehovah-Tsidkenu, which means, “He is our righteousness.”

C. Just as God is eternal, His redemptive names reveal His eternal nature. For healing to disappear, God would have to cease being God.

VI. The root of sin and the fruit of sickness were both carried to the cross so that we could be free from both.

A. When the power of sin was defeated on the cross, the power of sickness lost its authority.

Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.

1 Peter 2:24

VII. Why then are people still sick? There are two applications:

For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body. For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep.

1 Corinthians 11:29–30

A. Firstly, not discerning the Lord’s physical body properly and not discerning that He not only bore our sins, but also our sicknesses.

B. Secondly, not discerning the Lord’s spiritual body on earth today—the body of Christ and relationships with one another.