

Sickness/Death

Death

- What we need to know about dying.
 - It was not apart of God's plan
 - It was allowed by mans choice
 - God is not going to fix/repair this broken world. He is not going to fix your mortal body. He created a new body for you to live in a new world.
 - Paul said dying is gain.

Philippians 1:21 NASB95 - 21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

- But go out on Gods/your terms

Stephen - Acts 7

Sickness/Disease

- Is it from God?
- Why does God allow sickness/disease?

a. God did not allow, man did.

Genesis 1:28 NASB95 - 28 God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Genesis 2:16-17 NASB95 - 16 The LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; 17 but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."

- Sickness is slow death

b. God corrected/healed sickness everywhere he found it.

Acts 10:38 NASB95 - 38 "[You know of] Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and [how] He went about

doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

1 John 3:7-8 NASB95 - 7 Little children, make sure no one deceives you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous; 8 the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.

3 John 1:2 NASB95 - 2 Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers.

John 21:24-25 NASB95 - 24 This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and wrote these things, and we know that his testimony is true. 25 And there are also many other things which Jesus did, which if they were written in detail, I suppose that even the world itself would not contain the books that would be written.

c. We have an adversary

1 Peter 5:6-11 NASB95 - 6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He

may exalt you at the proper time, 7 casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you. 8 Be of sober [spirit,] be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9 But resist him, firm in [your] faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world. 10 After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen [and] establish you. 11 To Him [be] dominion forever and ever. Amen.

John 10:10 NASB95 - 10 "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have [it] abundantly.

d. How do we defeat/overcome? How did Jesus defeat/overcome?

Matthew 16:22-23 NASB95 - 22 Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "God forbid [it,] Lord! This shall never happen to You." 23 But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's."

Matthew 4:1-11 NASB95 - 1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry. 3 And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." 4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.'" 5 Then the devil took Him into the holy city and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written, 'HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU'; and 'ON [their] HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP, SO THAT YOU WILL NOT STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.'" 7 Jesus said to him, "On the other hand, it is written, 'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.'" 8 Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; 9 and he said to Him, "All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me." 10 Then Jesus said to him, "Go, Satan! For it is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.'" 11 Then the devil left Him; and behold, angels came and [began] to minister to Him.

- Are you sure? Or is it -hope so, maybe so?
- It is not a question of what I can do - What can you believe for?

Mark 9:21-24 NASB95 - 21 And He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. 22 "It has often thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, take pity on us and help us!" 23 And Jesus said to him, " 'If You can?' All things are possible to him who believes." 24 Immediately the boy's father cried out and said, "I do believe; help my unbelief."

- Everyone has a line - a battle line.

Fight doubt

- Jesus put out the mourners.

Matthew 9:23-25 NASB95 - 23 When Jesus came into the official's house, and saw the flute-players and the crowd in noisy disorder, 24 He said, "Leave;

*for the girl has not died, but is asleep." And they [began] laughing at Him. 25 **But when the crowd had been sent out**, He entered and took her by the hand, and the girl got up.*

Jesus was limited because of peoples familiarity with him. Evangelist comes and all the people go up for prayer. Do not come to their pastor.

Noteworthy items from the life of Jesus

1. The devil did not go immediately from tempting him (Matthew 4)
2. Jesus had to rebuke false confessions
3. Jesus had to get away from doubt
4. Jesus had to get away from people who were familiar with him - If I know you I can't help you.
5. Jesus prayed...for all to be healed
6. Jesus was anointed by the Holy Spirit and Power

Giftings

- 9 Gifts of the Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:4-11 NASB95 - 4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 And there are

varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. 6 There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all [persons.] 7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another [various] kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

Baptism of the Holy Spirit

Acts 1:6-8 NASB95 - 6 So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; 8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

What is the problem?

1. People do not know what God's will is.
2. People are waiting on God when God is waiting on them.
3. People do not properly identify the problem/ adversary
4. People allow doubt/unbelief
5. People do not have faith
6. People are not ready to fight - daily
7. People are not Baptized in the Holy Spirit and power - Speaking in tongues
8. People do not desire/pursue spiritual gifts
9. People do not engage/refuse

- Did you notice the problem? People are the problem not God.

Deuteronomy 30:16-20 NASB95 - 16 in that I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, that you may live and multiply, and that the LORD your God may bless you in the land where you are entering to possess it. 17 "But if your heart turns away and you

will not obey, but are drawn away and worship other gods and serve them, 18 I declare to you today that you shall surely perish. You will not prolong [your] days in the land where you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess it. 19 "I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants, 20 by loving the LORD your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days, that you may live in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them."

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