

HEALING

1. There are three categories of illness.
 - A. Physiological: A physical illness, organic disease.
 - B. Psychosomatic: Mental illness.
 - C. Demon-Induced Illness: When demons possess unbelievers they can produce certain kinds of diseases. Satan and/or demons are permitted by God at times to affect believers' health from the outside. No believer can be indwelt by a demon.
 1. Satan was permitted from the outside to buffet Paul with a thorn in the flesh type of disease or pain.
 - a. 2 Corinthians 12:7, "And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure."
 2. Satan was responsible for Job's illness.
 - a. Job 2:6-8, "And the Lord said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life. 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. And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among the ashes." Permitted by God, since Job is a believer.
 3. Satan uses demons to produce disease in individuals.
 - a. Acts 10:38 "...and healing all who were oppressed of the devil." These illnesses had as their source, the devil.
 - b. Luke 13:16 vs. 10-17 - The cause of this woman's disease is demon possession. The doctors could not heal her because she was bound by Satan. Doctors today are baffled with demon-induced illness. This is not a passage against doctors. There are two ways of getting well according to James 5. Prayer here is the spiritual aspect, praying for the individual. The anointing of oil is medical help. This was doctoring in those days. See the Parable of the Good Samaritan. Luke 10:30-37. Oil was used medicinally. Don't read our modern medicine picture into New Testament times. In this Luke 13 passage Christ heals. Note that in cases where demon possession causes illness, the casting out of the demon cured the illness. This is termed healing.
 1. Matthew 10:1, "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."
 2. Mark 1:32-34, 6:13, "And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto Him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils. And all the city was gathered together at the door. And He healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils; and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew Him." "And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them."
 3. Acts 8:7, 19:12, "For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed." "So that from His body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them."

In cases where demon possession did not cause illness, they are just cast out with no mention of healing.

4. Satan uses demons to cause deafness, dumbness, paralysis. However, these are not always caused by demons.
 - a. Matthew 9:32, 33, 12:22, "As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a dumb man possessed with a devil. And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel."
"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."
 - B. Mark 5:5, 9:17, 18, "And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones." "And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto Thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit; And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to Thy disciples that they could cast him out; and they could not."
5. Satan is able to heal people by his power.

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