

MEDITATIONS ON THE TRUE CHRISTIAN LIFE

...."This book of the law [the Word of God] shall not depart from [always be in] your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful [take heed] to do according to all that is written in it; for THEN you will make your way prosperous, and THEN you will have success".... Joshua 1:8 NASB

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THE ORIGIN OF SICKNESS

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* Jesus' description of the Father and His declaration that "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father," makes it impossible for us for a moment to accept the teaching that disease and sickness are of God.

The Father's very nature refutes the argument that He would use sickness to discipline us or to deepen our piety.

Jesus plainly taught us in Luke 13 in speaking of the woman with the infirmity, that disease is of the adversary.

"And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan had bound, lo, these eighteen years, to have been loosed from this bond on the day of the sabbath?"

If you will read carefully the Four Gospels, you will notice that Jesus was continually casting demons out of sick people, breaking Satan's dominion over the lives of men and women.

In Acts 10:38 Peter tells us, "Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him."

In the great commission Jesus said, "These signs shall accompany them that believe: in my name shall they cast out demons; they shall speak with new

tongues; they shall take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall in no wise hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.”

There is no such thing as the separation of disease and sickness from Satan. Disease came with the Fall of man.

You cannot conceive of sickness in the Garden of Eden before Adam sinned. The Fall was of the adversary. Sickness and sin have the same origin.

Jesus’ attitude toward sickness was an uncompromising warfare with Satan. He healed all who were sick. No one ever came to Him who did not receive immediate deliverance.

Jesus’ attitude toward sin and His attitude toward sickness were identical. He dealt with sickness as He dealt with demons.

We have been driven to the conclusion that if disease and sickness are of the devil, and we have found that they are, then there is only one attitude that the believer can take in regard to them: we must follow in Jesus’ footsteps and deal with disease as Jesus dealt with it.