

# **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**

**[part 3 of 5]**

### **How God Dealt With Disease Under the First Covenant**

\* When Israel came out of Egypt, she was God's own Covenant people. As soon as that nation had crossed the Red Sea and started toward its homeland, the angel of the Covenant said to Moses (Exodus 15:26):

"If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of Jehovah thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his eyes, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will permit none of the diseases upon thee, which I have permitted upon the Egyptians: for I am Jehovah that healeth thee."

The student of Hebrew will recognize that I have taken liberty to translate literally that expression "I will put none of these diseases upon thee." I believe it to be a correct translation.

God did not put the diseases upon Israel. Neither did He put the diseases upon the Egyptians. It is Satan, the god of this world, who has made men sick.

Here Jehovah declares that He is to be Israel's healer.

Exodus 23:25-26, "And ye shall serve Jehovah your God, and he will bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee. There shall none cast her young, nor be barren, in thy land: the number of thy days I will fulfill."

He says He will take sickness from the midst of them. It is a remarkable fact

that as long as Israel walked in the Covenant, there was no sickness among them.

There is no record of any babies or young people ever having died as long as they kept the Covenant.

“There shall none cast her young.” There were to be no miscarriages nor abnormal abortions.

There were to be no barren wives in the land. Every home was to have children.

“The number of thy days I will fulfill.” There were to be no premature deaths. Every person was to grow to full age before he laid down his work.

This is remarkable. Jehovah took over that nation. He became their healer, protector, and supplier of every need.

He was everything they needed.