

Spiritual Warfare of Healing

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- There are some who believe that COVID-19 has a demonic component to it. I believe that too.
- Originally, sickness began because of sin and Satan.
- Jesus heals a woman (daughter of Abraham) from a "spirit of infirmity."
- Evidently, sickness has a spiritual warfare aspect that needs to be addressed.

What do we need to know about dealing with the spiritual warfare aspect of receiving divine healing?

In Luke 13, we see four things about dealing with the spiritual warfare aspect of receiving divine healing.

- I. The spirit of infirmity is defeated when we receive and release the teaching of the Word of God.**
 - a. [Luk 13:10 NASB95] 10 And He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.
 - b. [Mat 4:23 NASB95] 23 Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people.
 - c. [Rev 19:15 NASB95] 15 From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.
 - d. [Heb 4:12 NASB95] 12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
- II. The spirit of infirmity attacks people of covenant too.**
 - a. [Luk 13:11 NASB95] 11 And there was a woman who for eighteen years had had a sickness caused by a spirit; and she was bent double, and could not straighten up at all.
 - b. [Luk 13:16 NASB95] 16 "And this woman, a daughter of Abraham as she is, whom Satan has bound for eighteen long years, should she not have been released from this bond on the Sabbath day?"
 - c. Dr. Paul King asks, "Does a Christian have to deal with sin after conversion? Yes. Then does a Christian have to deal with demons affecting them after conversion? Yes. Clearly, Christians can be demonized in the sense that they can be **influenced by, impacted by and tormented by demons.**"
 - d. Dr. Randy Clark mentions that many of the "healers" of Christianity had great deliverance ministries as well.
 - e. Sickness often (always?) has a spiritual warfare component along with physical issues.
 - f. [Act 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.
- III. The spirit of infirmity often causes people to think that God is afflicting or neglecting them.**

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- a. [Luk 13:12 NASB95] 12 When Jesus saw her, He called her over and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your sickness."
- b. The enemy lies and blames God. It is not God afflicting you. It is the enemy.
- c. Jesus loves you. He did not cause the problem, but He will fix it!

IV. The spirit of infirmity leaves when spoken to and acts of faith are done.

- a. [Luk 13:13 NASB95] 13 And He laid His hands on her; and immediately she was made erect again and [began] glorifying God.
- b. [Act 28:8-9 NASB95] 8 And it happened that the father of Publius was lying [in bed] afflicted with [recurrent] fever and dysentery; and Paul went in [to see] him and after he had prayed, he laid his hands on him and healed him. 9 After this had happened, the rest of the people on the island who had diseases were coming to him and getting cured.
- c. [Jas 5:14-15 NASB95] 14 Is anyone among you sick? [Then] he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; 15 and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him.
- d. [Luk 4:38-40 NASB95] 38 Then He got up and [left] the synagogue, and entered Simon's home. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Him to help her. 39 And standing over her, He rebuked the fever, and it left her; and she immediately got up and waited on them. 40 While the sun was setting, all those who had any [who were] sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and laying His hands on each one of them, He was healing them.

- We must begin to address the spiritual warfare component to receive divine healing.
- **Receive and release the Word of God as part of experiencing divine healing.**
- **Understand that ever spirit of infirmity has been defeated by the atonement of Jesus.**
- **Refuse to believe the lies of the enemy that blame God as the cause sickness.**
- **Allow yourself to be prayed for, be anointed with oil, and have hands laid upon you.**