

Redeemed from the Curse

Lesson 9 – Outline

- I. Some people have tried to use 1 Timothy 5 to counter the truth that it's always God's will to heal:

Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities.

I Timothy 5:23

- A. I've actually heard people teach from this that Timothy had some chronic sickness that he never got healed of. Therefore, they teach that if Timothy, who was Paul's right-hand man, didn't get healed, then it's not God's will to heal us either.
- B. To offer this verse based on that supposition as proof that God doesn't want to heal us is an inaccurate and dishonest interpretation of Scripture.
- C. Apparently, whatever sickness Timothy had was a stomach problem, and it was related to the water.
- D. So Paul was counseling Timothy to quit drinking the water, because that's what was causing Timothy's stomach problems, and to instead drink a little wine.
- II. Some people argue, "Even one of Paul's companions, Trophimus, didn't get healed. Therefore, it must not be God's will to heal everybody":

Erastus abode at Corinth: but Trophimus have I left at Miletum sick.

2 Timothy 4:20

- A. It's true that not everyone receives healing, but that doesn't mean it's because God doesn't want them to be healed.
- B. Each individual has to believe. Trophimus had to believe.
- C. Possibly, he was believing God, and it just took a period of time for healing to manifest in his body.
- D. Perhaps Paul didn't want to wait for the healing to manifest and went on ahead.
- E. It's also possible that Trophimus just quit believing God, so Paul decided to leave him there sick.
- III. Although there are several Old Testament references for when God struck people with sickness, not once was it ever considered a blessing.
- A. Deuteronomy 28 states very clearly that sickness is a curse—not good—and health is a blessing.

B. There were times that God smote people with curses, but Galatians 3 reveals that...

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Galatians 3:13-14

C. Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law.

IV. God reprove, corrects, and instructs you through His Word:

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

A. Some folks argue, “Yeah, but not everyone obeys the Word. Some people only respond when everything in their lives goes sour.”

B. Tragedy, sickness, and disease are not God’s system; His system is to teach you through the Word—through the Holy Spirit quickening the Word to you.

C. If you don’t respond to the Lord through His Word, there are other ways you can learn.

D. But that’s not God’s system. He teaches you through His Word.

V. God can work for good anything that happens to you, but not everything that happens to you comes from God (John 10:10).

A. Stop holding on to this religious bias against healing.

B. It’s a convenient theology that dodges responsibility.

C. Because this bias exists, people have gone to the Word of God and tried to make it say things it doesn’t say.

D. These truths I’ve shared will help you establish in your heart that it’s always God’s will for you to be well.

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Lesson 9 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to 1 Timothy 5:23, because of the water, Timothy had infirmities _____.
2. According to 2 Timothy 4:20, whom did Paul leave at Miletum sick?
 - A. Erastus.
 - B. Timothy.
 - C. Trophimus.
 - D. All of the above.
 - E. None of the above.
3. Read Romans 8:28. All things work together for good to them that what?
4. Read Galatians 3:13-14. What was Christ made for us?
5. **“That the _____ of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ.”**
6. That we might receive what?
7. According to Luke 9:54-56, what did James and John ask the Lord?
8. What did He turn and do?
9. What did He say?
10. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. How much of Scripture is given by inspiration of God?
11. What is Scripture profitable for?
12. According to John 10:10, the thief comes only to what?
13. Jesus has come that what?
14. Read James 1:16-17. **“Every _____ gift and every _____ gift is from above.”**
15. Is there any variableness or shadow of turning with the Father of lights?

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Lesson 9 – Scriptures

1 Timothy 5:23

Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities.

2 Timothy 4:20

Erastus abode at Corinth: but Trophimus have I left at Miletum sick.

Romans 8:28

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Galatians 3:13-14

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: [14] That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Luke 9:54-56

And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did? [55] But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. [56] For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: [17] That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

John 10:10

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

James 1:16-17

Do not err, my beloved brethren. [17] Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.