

As you find yourself facing health concerns, you may be asking, “Why? Why this? Why now?” Each of these questions is natural and part of our protective human nature. It is important to ask “why” so we can seek proper treatment and prevent future recurrences. However, for most of us, the question of “why” is not limited to medical research for our physical condition. Because we are spiritual individuals, our question



of “why” often goes deeper to, “Why is God permitting this to happen to ME?” In John 9:2 we find the disciples asking a similar question about a blind man. The Bible says they asked Jesus, “Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?” Although you may hesitate to admit it to others, this may be very similar to what you have been wondering. Possibly, you have been privately asking God, “What horrible thing have I done to deserve such a punishment?” Jesus’ answer reveals the cause of many sicknesses: “Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him” (John 9:3). Although all illness and death began in the Garden of Eden when Adam and Eve disobeyed God and ate the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil (Genesis 3:1-6, 17-19), and Romans 5:12 says, “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.” Jesus was very clear that this debility was not punishment for any particular sin and any accusations were unjust. It was God’s divine plan that through this man’s blindness he, and those around him, would witness “the work of God.” Jesus went on to explain that “the work of God” was not limited to the healing of this man from physical darkness, but was something much more powerful and important. He says, “I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world” (John 9:4-5). As Jesus did “the work of God” by healing this man, He was also doing “the work of God” by proving He was sent by God to be the spiritual “light of the world.”

John 3:16-21 explains the significance of God sending Jesus as “the light of the world” by saying:

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be

saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

God the Father, in His love for man, sent His Son, Jesus Christ into the world not to only heal a few eyes from physical darkness, but, more importantly, to provide healing from the spiritual darkness and condemnation of sin for all those who believe in Him. Jesus said in John 8:12, “I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.” Such spiritual healing is only provided by being a follower of “Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel” (II Timothy 1:10). For this reason the “the work of God” was not yet finished in this man’s life just because he could see physical light. He still needed to see the spiritual light. So when Jesus “had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God?” (John 9:35). The man answered, “Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?” (John 9:36). His answer revealed an interest in “the Son of God,” but a lack of sufficient knowledge of Who He was, and therefore a lack of belief in Him. Then Jesus kindly answered by saying “Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee” (John 9:37). Jesus made reference to the man’s physical ability to see Him as a man while He offered him the spiritual ability to see Him as the “the Son of God” sent in to the world so that he might “not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16). The man instantly said, “Lord, I believe. And he worshiped him” (John 9:38). This man’s physical illness gave him the opportunity to experience “the work of God” in two ways: his physical eyes were healed so that he could experience the physical light of this world, but more importantly, his spiritual eyes were healed so that he could experience “the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God” in his soul (II Corinthians 4:4).

Jesus’ instruction to His disciples about this man’s illness reveals that there is a “work of God” which He wishes to accomplish in your life during your illness.



Jesus’ kindness to this man through the healing of his blindness displays His compassion for you in your difficult time. Jesus’ ability to heal this man proves that He has the power to help you in accordance to His perfect will and that He is the “light of the world.” Also, Jesus’ presenting Himself as “the Son of God” to this man so that he could believe on Him emphasizes that physical healing is not your only need. You too need spiritual healing through faith in Jesus Christ as your personal Savior as the only solution for your spiritual illness of sin and the resulting eternal death. Romans 6:23 is clear, “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

God’s desires that during your illness, you would permit Him to work in your life. He desires for you to trust Him to reveal His power through your healing or in the provision of His grace to live for Him with this extra burden of illness just as He said to the apostle Paul, who requested God to remove “a thorn in the flesh” three times, “My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness” (II Corinthians 12:9). More importantly, He desires that you would let Him work in your life by providing you with spiritual healing from sin and eternal death through the death, burial, and resurrection of “the Son of God,” Jesus Christ. If you have not yet by faith trusted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, you can do so right know. Simply express your faith in Jesus Christ by praying in your own words, asking God to forgive your sins through the payment of Jesus on the cross, and telling Him that you are accepting His gift of salvation through faith alone in Jesus Christ. After you believe in Jesus Christ as “the Son of God” and your personal Savior, you can be assured of God’s personal, FATHERLY care for your physical needs because John 1:12 says, “But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.”

If you are already a child of God, perhaps “the Work of God” for your life is found in James 5:14-16 which say, “Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil (medication) in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed.” Permit God to work in your life by asking others to pray for you and by taking this opportunity to confess to God and others any sins which have been harbored so that you can enjoy the confidence of God’s presence and personal care in your time of need.

Jesus' Power To Heal

Healing of the nobleman's son - John 4:46-54
Healing of Peter's mother-in-law - Mat. 8:14-15, Mark 1:29-31, Luke 4:38-39
Healing and casting out of demons - Mat. 8:16-18, Mark 1:32-34, Luke 4:40-41
Healing of the leper - Mat. 8:2-4, Mark 1:40-45, Luke 5:12-18
Healing the lame man (let down through the roof) - Mat. 9:1-8, Mark 2:1-12, Luke 5:17-26
Healing of the lame man by the Pool of Bethesda - John 5:1-16
Healing of the man with a withered hand - Mat. 12:9-14, Mark 3:1-6, Luke 6:6-11
Healing of many - Mat. 12:15-21, Mark 3:7-12
Healing of many before the Sermon on the Mount - Luke 6:17-19
Healing of the soldier's servant - Mat. 8:5-13, Luke 7:1-10
Raising the widows son from the dead - Luke 7:11-17
Casting out of the demons from a blind and dumb man - Mat. 12:22-32, Mark 3:22-27
Raising of Jairus' daughter - Mat. 9:18-19, 23-26, Mark 5:21-24, 35-43, Luke 8:40-42, 49-56
Healing of the women with a blood disorder - Mat. 9:20-22, Mark 5:25-34, Luke 8:43-48
Healing of two blind men - Mat. 9:27-32
Casting out of demon from a dumb man - Mat. 9:32-34
Healing of many sick - Mat. 14:14, John 9:11
Healing of many by touching his garment - Mat. 14:34-36, Mark 6:53-56
Healing of the daughter of the Cananite woman - Mat. 15:21-28, Mark 7:24-30
Healing of a deaf and dumb man - Mark 7:31-37
Healing of many - Mat. 15:29-31
Healing of a blind man at Bethsaida - Mat. 8:22-26
Healing of a blind man - Mark 8:22-26
Casting out of the demon from a boy with violent attacks - Mat. 17:14-21, Mark 9:14-29, Luke 9:37-43
Healing of a blind man - John 9:1-41
Casting out of a demon of dumbness - Luke 11:14-26
Healing of a woman with a curved back - Luke 13:10-17
Healing of the man with the dropsies - Luke 14:1-6
Raising of Lazarus - John 11:1-46
Healing the ten lepers - Luke 17:12-19
Healing of blind Bartimeus - Mat. 20:29-34, Mark 10:46, Luke 18:35-43

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Así que los feos por el oír, y el oír, por las palabras de Dios, Romanos 10:17

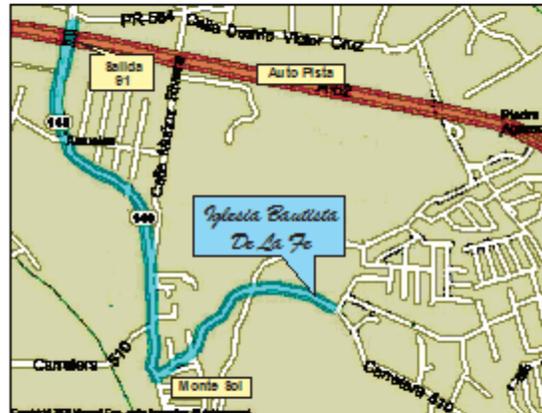


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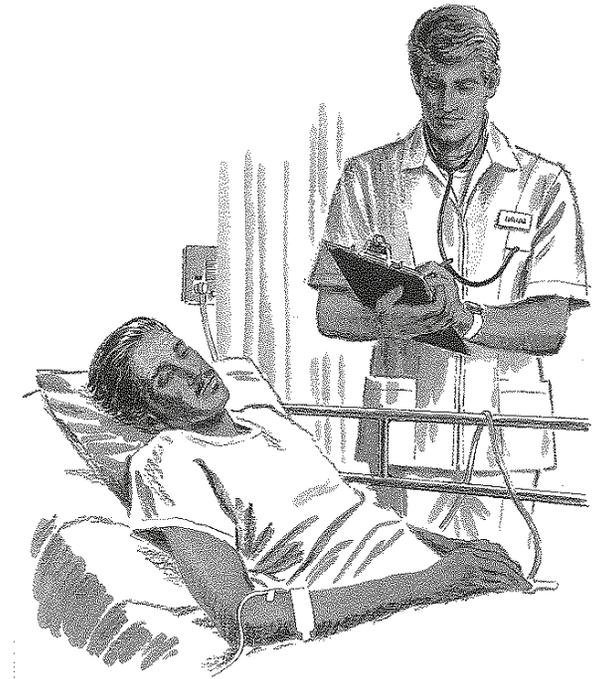
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