

3. The Source of Sickness Acts 10:38

A. satan is the Source of Sickness

1. (Genesis 1:26-27) Adam and Eve created to rule this earth – given authority to do so

Genesis 2:16-17 God warned Adam if you sin ‘dying you shall die’; ‘dying you shall die’ spiritual death would open the door for physical death

- a. the Lord created us and has the authority to set the rules; we are free moral agents - God trusts us to do right – living right is exciting and peace yielding
- b. ‘dying you shall die’ spiritual death (separation) would open the door for physical death

the choice to sin or not is ours - the ramifications of that choice is not

2. Genesis 3:1 devil subtle – shrewd, cunning, sly, crafty; he offered Adam & Eve what was theirs; satan was under their authority – he had been cast down to the earth for rebellion

Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'" NIV

3. what the Bible calls satan: (John 8:44) liar; (Matthew 4:3) tempter; (John 10:10) stealer, killer, destroyer; (Revelation 12:9) deceiver; (Revelation 12:10) accuser of the brethren; (Acts 10:38) oppressor; (I Peter 5:8) your adversary

4. Adam & Eve committed high treason against God (and us) when they obeyed the devil and sinned against God; Adam yielded the authority he had to the devil; satan was the author of sin and is therefore the author of sickness

2 Corinthians 4:4 Satan, the god of this evil world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe, so they are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News that is shining upon them. They don't understand the message we preach about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God. NLT

Romans 5:12 When Adam sinned, sin entered the entire human race. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned.

- a. the earth and mankind was cursed because of sin influenced by the devil – the curse unleashed was poverty, sickness, death (separation - spiritually & physically)

indirectly satan is the cause of all sickness because his temptation led to the sin that cursed the earth, one of the results of that curse being sickness

5. Acts 10:38 Jesus is identified as the source of good and healing; satan is identified as the source of sickness and oppression

Acts 10:38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

- a. The Holy Spirit anointed Jesus to minister, one aspect of that anointing was healing power

Luke 13:11 And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. **v16** So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound — think of it — for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?"

- a. We are taught in the Bible that demonic spirits are sometimes involved in sickness: **(Luke 13:16)** a spirit of infirmity; **(Mark 9:25, Luke 6:18)** unclean spirits; **(Luke 7:21, Luke 8:2)** evil spirits; **(Matthew 8:16)** demon possessed

Directly satan is the author of sickness either by a physical attack or through demonic attacks

B. Jesus is the Source of Healing

1. **(I John 3:8)** Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil – sin and sickness are part of the devil’s ‘works’ what one is occupied with – he is consumed with our destruction
2. Jesus healed everyone who came to Him

Matthew 12:15 And great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them all .

3. Jesus commanded demonic spirits to leave those they oppressed

Mark 1:23 Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit **v25** But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!"

Galatians 3:13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"),

- a. We have legally been redeemed from sickness since it was part of the curse of the law; now, experientially we must fight the good fight of faith for what is ours
4. The Lord Jesus gave us back the authority Adam gave up when he sinned

Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **v19** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations