

(Psalm 32:1-6; 119: 67,71,75; Lamentations 3:27-33)

The first sin- roots of diseases in the life of man

The sin of doubting God's Words

The sin of lust (Genesis 3:1b-6).

The sin of disobedience (Genesis 3:6)

When our forefathers committed the sin of doubting God's word, it resulted in the sins of lust of the flesh and disobedience. Over six thousand years later, we still carry the roots of these sins, and we often lose the strength of our faith and we wander away from the path that leads to a close relationship with the Father.

As we understand, embedded in these three first sins are the roots of many more sins of iniquity with curses of diseases and sufferings and even early death.

If there weren't for sin, we would not have experienced sufferings, neither diseases nor death. The Psalmist said, " I know, O Lord, that Your judgments are right and righteous, and that in faithfulness You have afflicted me; before I was afflicted I went astray, but now Your word do I keep (Psalm 119:67,75).

When we allow the sins of iniquity to have dominion over us, suffering will be the result. These are the willful sins or ancestral sins which pass to the fourth generation with a curse (Exodus 43:7b). As Paul well expressed, "For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot perform it. For I fail to practice the good deeds I desire to do, but the evil deeds that I do not desire to do are what I am doing (Romans 7:18-19)".

Suffering is not only a result of our own sins but also a result of decisions we make out of the will of God; it brings His discipline and correction to line us up with Him and His Word. (Hebrews 12:5-11); (Numbers 11: 4-6, 32, 33; 12:1-10); (I Corinthians 11:29-30); (Acts 5:1-11); (James 1:14-15).

Suffering comes also for the testing of our faith and in this case, sin is not a cause for the suffering. Peter encouraged the Christians of his days when he said, "**You should be exceedingly glad on this account, through now for a little while you may be distressed by trials and suffer temptations, so that your faith may be tested, which is infinitely more precious than the perishable gold which is tested and purified by fire to redound to praise and glory and honor when Yahshua the Messiah is revealed (I Peter 1:6-7)**". Faith that is not tested does not have strong roots firm in Yahshua, the source of our faith, to persevere in the days of trials. Isaiah 7:9b reads, **If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all.** What is to stand firm in the faith? It is to have our feet shod firmly footed in place, in preparation for the battle. It is to be still and know that God is God!

The test of the integrity of Job's faith, and of his uprightness was to prove Satan that God was right, and always is, when He presented the question to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and abstains from and shuns evil"? Job, in his trials, in his dark hours and days, after he had lost everything, including his children, he not only worshiped God, but also said, "Naked came I from my mother's womb, and naked shall I depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord (Job 1:20-21)! Job proved to Satan that his uprightness was not because of prosperity God had blessed him with.

Is Satan always to be blamed and should we bind him?

The answers are, of course, no! Who among us can say that we have walked the narrow way perfectly, as Job did, to think that Satan is always after us? We well know that God uses Satan to test our faith; He uses Satan to discipline those of us who love Him; and because of the fact that the "paths of a righteous person are directed by the Lord", nothing will ever happen to him without His consent. Jeremiah, in his Lamentations shed a light of this truth when he expressed, "For the Lord will not cast off forever! But though He causes grief, yet will He be moved to compassion according to the multitude of His loving-kindness and tender mercy, for He does not willingly and from His heart afflict or grieve the children of men. **Who is he who speaks and it comes to pass, if the Lord has not authorized and commanded it? Is it not out of the mouth of the Most High that evil and good both proceed** (Lamentations 3:31-33, 37-38)?

When we try to bind Satan when in our trials, or in the trials of those we are praying for, we are going contrary to His teaching of submission to His sovereignty, because we show that we are siding against Him in His disciplining or correction. With this attitude, we tell Him that we don't want to be submissive to Him. Only in submission we will learn and listen to Him and accept His correction. When we kick and reject His discipline, because we think Satan is doing it, we take the stand against God Himself. Jeremiah said, "It is good for a man that he should bear the yoke in his youth, let him sit alone uncomplaining and keeping silent, because [God] has laid upon him (Lamentations 3:27-28).

When Yahshua was delivering someone from the control of demons, He never bound Satan, even when the demons revealed Who He was. Yes, He told them to be quiet. For God has a day when that will happen and only He can bind Satan at the time He has reserved. In Revelation 20:1-3 we read, "Then I saw an angel descending from heaven; he was holding the key of the Abyss and a great chain was in his hand. And he gripped and over powered the dragon, that old serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, then he hurled him into the Abyss and closed it and sealed it above him, so that he should no longer lead astray and deceive and seduce the nations until the thousand years were at an end (Revelation 20:1-3). How would you bind a spirit, and where would you bind him? It is not for us to bind Satan ever! God has prepared an angel for this purpose, as we read in Revelation and we are not that angel!

The Suffering of the Messiah in our Stead

The promise of our redemption found in Genesis three, verse fifteen carried a heavy weight on Messiah. He had to be holy to be able to suffer the pains, the sorrows that our sins put on Him, not only physical, but also mental and spiritual pains and sorrows. The purposes and manner in which He suffered are registered in Isaiah 53. In the flogging applied to Him, He was deformed; His body and appearance were beyond recognition (Isaiah 52:14-15); the piercing stripes left in his body were for the purpose of our healing- emotional, physical, spiritual. Isaiah 53:5b says, "And with the stripes [that wounded Him] we are healed and made whole"- complete. In our Savior's wounds when His body was injured and His skin was cut through, pierced and torn in the hands of the Roman soldiers, there was our healing; when the Jewish people looked at Him and were astonished, they could have understood the reason, if they had believed and received the words of the prophet Isaiah written many years before that time. Instead they hid their faces from Him and had Him crucified!

Yahshua carried our sickness, weakness, distresses, grieves, sorrows, pains of punishment; However, He did not carry them away from us; He experienced them in human body, and became our High Priest, as the letter to the Hebrews 4:15 says, "**For we do not have a High Priest Who is unable to understand and sympathize and have a shared feeling with our weaknesses and infirmities and liability to the assaults of temptation, but One Who has been tempted in every respect as we are, yet without sinning**". In His human suffering, we can believe that He understands our pains, sorrows, because he stoop down to suffer all we suffer and more (Hebrews 7:25-26; 8:1; 10:19-23; 12:3,4;).

When God, the Father, made to light upon His Son our guilt and iniquity, He turned His face away from Yahshua, causing Him to cry, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Yes, He was oppressed, He was afflicted but in submission to the Father; as it was the will of the Father for Him, He took all upon Himself: the bruise, the grief, and the diseases, all because of our sins of transgression, and iniquity. God has proclaimed our healing through the strips applied to His Son's body, therefore I believe that I will be healed in my physical body, when I confess my sins and renounce them, because I believe that it is already done in the heavenly. All I have to do is receive it in faith for it to be accomplished here on earth.

I will say to my soul, "Return to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you (Psalm 116:7)! I will proclaim that "I **shall not die but live, and shall declare the works and recount the illustrious acts of the Lord; I will confess, praise and give thanks to the Lord**, for He has heard and answered me; and He has become my salvation and deliverer; You are my God, and I will confess, praise and give thanks to You; You are my God, I will extol You!

In the steps to your healing, **(1)** acknowledge that Yahshua –God is Lord of your life **(2)** submit to His sovereign will in all circumstances **(3)** confess your sins **(4)** humble yourself before Him **(5)** praise and worship Him.

Don't always expect miracles, rather expect a healing; for it is in the walk of your healing that your faith will be strengthened; it is in the walk of your healing that you will come to know the Lord, your healer; there, you must believe that He is truly the One He says He is, The Lord, your healer. By seeking His kingdom first, He will meet your physical needs. Look up and not down; your salvation comes from above, your hope is in Him who has promised. When you look down and around, all you see and hear are words of doubt and your problems. Avoid saying, "I have" in relationship to diseases. Rather say, I have the faith, the strength, and the power to walk the path of **my healing; All is well in my body, my finances, my relationships, for I see beyond today with eyes of faith, that He has blessed me with all spiritual blessings in the heavenly through Yahshua's death on the cross, and by His wounds I have been healed.** The Word of God says it is so, therefore I believe it!

God's mercies are renewed every morning for you! The Lord is good to those who wait hopefully and expectantly for Him, to those who seek Him; it is good that one should hope and wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord; for the Lord will not cast off forever! But though He causes grief, yet will He be moved to compassion according to the multitude of His loving kindness and tender mercy, for He does not willingly and from His heart afflict or grieve the children of men (Lamentations 3:23, 25-26, 31-33).

Bless the Lord, O my soul, Who heals all your diseases. The soul- the inner man namely, emotions, intellect and the will, must hear encouraging words that spring forth from the fountain of life – the Bible, to lift up your emotions, to be made concrete in your mind, for your will to be in conform to the will of God, and for your mouth to proclaim that He is good, faithful all the time.