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Jesus Healer Cursed for Us - Episode 4

We've been talking about how bad things come from the devil and good things come from God.

Did you ever notice that Jesus only ever heals in the Gospels?

Here's a challenge for you: Take a look through the New Testament and find where Jesus put sickness on someone. You won't find a single instance. Not one.

Contrast that to the number of times Jesus healed someone. There are dozens of times that it says Jesus healed people. And it wasn't just a onesy, twosy kind of thing either. There are several instances where Jesus healed everyone in the crowd who was sick.

Here are some examples.

> But when Jesus knew it, He withdrew from there. And great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them all.– Matthew 12:15

> And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. – Matthew 14:14

> When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them. – Luke 4:40

Some people ask: what About Ananias & Sapphira?

In Acts 5 we read about a couple who lied about their giving to the church and dropped dead on the spot.

But nowhere does the Bible say that God struck them dead. Peter had a word of knowledge and told Sappira she would die just like her husband did. But Peter never says that God did it.

But, some people object, the Bible is Full of God Striking People Down!

It's true, the Bible does talk a ton about God striking people down. The Old Testament is full of smoting and smiting.

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Here's the thing. In the Old Testament God worked under an entirely different covenant than we have now.

The deal then was, "If you follow the law you will be blessed. If you break it you will be cursed." Deuteronomy 28 has 14 verses of blessing followed by 54 verses of curses.

The Israelites agreed to that and entered into that covenant with God at the mountain with Moses. That was the deal and God had to honor the deal. When people blew it, they got the curses. And they mostly blew it.

However we've got a whole new deal now.

Jesus was cursed so we could be blessed.

Jesus lived in complete fulfillment of the law. He never sinned and never broke the law. And then he suffered the curses that everyone in the entire world deserved because they violated the law and sinned.

> But Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When he was hung on the cross, he took upon himself the curse for our wrongdoing. For it is written in the Scriptures, "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." — Galatians 3:13

God is no longer cursing us with disease and calamity. Everything mentioned in those 54 verses of curses found in Deuteronomy 28? As believers in Jesus we're now exempt from them because Jesus took those curses for us.

Yes, the bullet was aimed at us. But Jesus took the bullet for us.

Not only did Jesus take the curse that we earned through our sins, but now we who believe are entitled to all the blessings in the Bible too!

> For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.– 2 Corinthians 1:20

That means those 14 verses of blessing, and every other blessing that is promised to those who fulfill the law is ours because Jesus did fulfill the law for us. He took our curses so now we get his blessings.

Here in the new covenant God is now in the blessing business. He is not bringing calamity on us anymore.