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GOD IS HEALER

THE NATURE OF GOD

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God's Nature as Healer

All scripture is quoted using the ESV for easy reading

Section 1: God is Healer

Exodus 15:22-26 - The Lord our healer

²² Then Moses made Israel set out from the Red Sea, and they went into the wilderness of Shur. They went three days in the wilderness and found no water. ²³ When they came to Marah, they could not drink the water of Marah because it was bitter; therefore it was named Marah. ²⁴ And the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" ²⁵ And he cried to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a log, and he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet. There the Lord made for them a statute and a rule, and there he tested them, ²⁶ saying, "If you will diligently listen to the voice of the Lord your God, and do that which is right in his eyes, and give ear to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will put(**permit**) none of the diseases on you that I put(**permitted**) on the Egyptians, **for I am the Lord, your healer.**"

Exodus 23:25 - God takes away sickness

²⁵ You shall serve the Lord your God, and he will bless your bread and your water, and **I will take sickness away from among you.**

Deuteronomy 7:15 - God takes away sickness

¹⁵ And **the Lord will take away from you all sickness**, and none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which you knew, will he inflict on you, but he will lay them on all who hate you.

Psalms 103:1-5 - God is Healer

¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
² Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
³ who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
⁴ who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
⁵ who satisfies you with good

so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Psalms 107:20 - God heals

20 He sent out his word and healed them,
and delivered them from their destruction.

Psalms 147:3 - God Healer

3 He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.

Proverbs 4:20-22 - God's Word are healing

20 My son, be attentive to my words;
incline your ear to my sayings.
21 Let them not escape from your sight;
keep them within your heart.
22 For they are life to those who find them,
and **healing to all their flesh.**

Isaiah 53:4-5 - By His Stripes (*Matthew 8:17 gives more accurate translation)

4 Surely he has borne our ~~griefs~~ **infirmities***
and carried our ~~sorrows;~~ **maladies***
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
5 But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and **with his wounds we are healed.**

Section 2: Jesus is Healer

Matthew 4:23 - Jesus healed them all

23 And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and **healing every disease and every affliction among the people**. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and **they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them.**

Mark 1:35-39 - (parallel passage)

35 And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. 36 And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, 37 and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." 38 And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." 39 **And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.**

Luke 4:42-44 - (parallel passage)

42 And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, 43 but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose." 44 And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

Matthew 8:14-17 - Jesus heals them all

14 And when Jesus entered Peter's house, he saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever. 15 He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and began to serve him. 16 That evening **they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick.** 17 This was to fulfill what spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "**He took our illnesses and bore our diseases.**"

Mark 1:29-34 - (parallel passage)

29 And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. 30 Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. 31 And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them. 32 That evening at sundown **they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons.** 33 **And the whole city was gathered together at the door.**

34 And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

Luke 4:38-41- (parallel passage)

38 And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. 39 And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them. 40 Now when the sun was setting, **all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. 41 And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.**

Matthew 12:15-21 - Jesus heals them all

15 Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there. **And many followed him, and he healed them all 16 and ordered them not to make him known.** 17 This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: 18 "Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles. 19 He will not quarrel or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets; 20 a bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not quench, until he brings justice to victory; 21 and in his name the Gentiles will hope."

Mark 3:7-12 - (parallel passage)

7 Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the sea, and a great crowd followed, from Galilee and Judea 8 and Jerusalem and Idumea and from beyond the Jordan and from around Tyre and Sidon. When the great crowd heard all that he was doing, they came to him. 9 And he told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, lest they crush him, 10 for **he had healed many, so that all who had diseases pressed around him to touch him. 11 And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, "You are the Son of God."** 12 And he strictly ordered them not to make him known.

Matthew 14:13-14 - Jesus healed them all

13 Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. 14 **When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick.**

Luke 9:10-11 - (parallel passage)

¹⁰ On their return the apostles told him all that they had done. And he took them and withdrew apart to a town called Bethsaida. ¹¹ **When the crowds learned it, they followed him, and he welcomed them and spoke to them of the kingdom of God and cured those who had need of healing.**

John 6:1-2 - (parallel passage)

¹ After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ² **And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick.**

Matthew 15:29-31 - Jesus healed them all

²⁹ Jesus went on from there and walked beside the Sea of Galilee. And he went up on the mountain and sat down there. ³⁰ **And great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute, and many others, and they put them at his feet, and he healed them, ³¹ so that the crowd wondered, when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled healthy, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they glorified the God of Israel.**

Mark 7:31-37 - (parallel passage)

³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³² **And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴ And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵ And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷ And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”**

Matthew 19:1-2 - Jesus healed them

¹ Now when Jesus had finished these sayings, he went away from Galilee and entered the region of Judea beyond the Jordan. ² **And large crowds followed him, and he healed them there.**

Matthew 21:14 - Jesus healed the blind and lame

14 And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them.

Mark 6:1-6 - Jesus healed those He laid hands on

¹ He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ² And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? ³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴ And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." ⁵ **And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them.** ⁶ And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching.

Matthew 13:54-58 - (parallel passage)

⁵⁴ and coming to his hometown he taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, "Where did this man get this wisdom and these mighty works? ⁵⁵ Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? ⁵⁶ And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?" ⁵⁷ And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and in his own household." ⁵⁸ And he did not do many mighty works there, because of their unbelief.

Mark 6:12-13 - Jesus and disciples heal the sick

¹³ So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. **And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.**

Matthew 11:1 - (parallel passage)

¹ When Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in their cities.

Luke 9:6 - (parallel passage)

⁶ And they departed and went through the villages, **preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.**

Luke 6:17-19 - Jesus healed them all

¹⁷ And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸ who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. **And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured.** ¹⁹ **And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.**

Luke 7:21 - Jesus healed them all

²¹ **In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight**

Acts 10:38 - Jesus healed all

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

1 Peter 2:24 - By His stripes

²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. **By his wounds you are healed.**

Section 3: God's Nature is a Constant/Standard

Hebrews 13:8 - Jesus is the SAME TODAY

⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Romans 2:11- No partiality

¹¹ For there is **no partiality with God**.

Acts 10:34 – No partiality

³⁴ Then Peter opened *his* mouth and said: "**In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality.**"

Ephesians 6:9 – No partiality

⁹ And you, masters, do the same things to them, giving up threatening, knowing that your own Master also is in heaven, and **there is no partiality with Him**.

1 Peter 1:17 – No partiality

¹⁷ And if you call on **the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work**, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay *here* in fear;

Colossians 3:25 - No partiality

²⁵ For he who does wrong will receive the consequences of the wrong which he has done, and that **without partiality**.

2 Chronicles 19:7 - No partiality

⁷ "Now then let the fear of the LORD be upon you; be very careful what you do, **for the LORD our God will have no part in unrighteousness or partiality or the taking of a bribe.**"

Job 34:19 - No partiality

¹⁹ Who shows **no partiality** to princes Nor regards the rich above the poor, For they all are the work of His hands?

Galatians 2:6 – No favoritism

6 But from those who seemed to be something—whatever they were, it makes no difference to me; **God shows personal favoritism to no man**—for those who seemed *to be something* added nothing to me.

Section 4: God is Honest

Numbers 23:19 - God Does Not Lie

¹⁹ **God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent:** has he said, and shall he not do it? or has he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

Titus 1:2 - God Cannot Lie

² In the hope of eternal life, which **God. that cannot lie**, promised before the world began

Hebrews 6:18 - Impossible for God To Lie

¹⁸ so that by two unchangeable things in which **it is impossible for God to lie**, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us.

1 Samuel 15:29 - God Does Not Change His Mind

²⁹ "Also the Glory of Israel will not lie or change His mind; for He is not a man that He should change His mind."

1 Kings 8:56 - God Does Not Break Promises

⁵⁶ There has not failed one word of all His good promise.

Psalm 119:89 - God's Word is Settled

⁸⁹ For ever, O Lord, your word is settled in heaven.

Section 5: Old Covenant - Easy Healings

Gen 20:17-18 - Abraham prays for Abimelech

¹⁷ Then Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech, and also healed his wife and female slaves so that they bore children. ¹⁸ For the Lord had closed all the wombs of the house of Abimelech because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.

Numbers 21:4-9 - Bronze Serpent

⁴ From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵ And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." ⁶ Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷ And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ And the Lord said to Moses, "**Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.**" ⁹ So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. **And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.**

1 Samuel 1:17-18 - Hannah Healed

¹⁸ Then Eli answered, "Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition that you have made to him." And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your eyes." Then the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad.

1 Kings 13:4-6 - Man of God Heals King Jeroboam

⁴ And when the king heard the saying of the man of God, which he cried against the altar at Bethel, Jeroboam stretched out his hand from the altar, saying, "Seize him." And his hand, which he stretched out against him, dried up, so that he could not draw it back to himself. ⁵ The altar also was torn down, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign that the man of God had given by the word of the Lord. ⁶ And the king said to the man of God, "Entreat now the favor of the Lord your God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored to me." And the man of God entreated the Lord, and the king's hand was restored to him and became as it was before.

1 Kings 21:21-22 - Elijah Raises Widow's Son

²¹ Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the Lord, "O Lord my God, let this child's life come into him again." ²² And the Lord listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived.

2 Kings 4:32-36 - Elisha Raises Shunammite's Son

³² When Elisha came into the house, he saw the child lying dead on his bed. ³³ So he went in and shut the door behind the two of them and prayed to the Lord. ³⁴ Then he went up and lay on the child, putting his mouth on his mouth, his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands. And as he stretched himself upon him, the flesh of the child became warm. ³⁵ Then he got up again and walked once back and forth in the house, and went up and stretched himself upon him. The child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes. ³⁶ Then he summoned Gehazi and said, "Call this Shunammite." So he called her. And when she came to him, he said, "Pick up your son."

2 Kings 5:14 - Naaman Healed

¹⁴ So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

Section 6: Continued with the Apostles and Disciples

Acts 5:12-16 - Apostles seeing all healed!

12 Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. **13** None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. **14** And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, **15** so that **they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them.** **16** **The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.**

Acts 6:8 - Stephen even saw miracles!

8 And Stephen, full of grace and power, was performing great wonders and signs among the people.

Acts 8:4-8 - Philip even saw people healed!

4 Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word. **5** Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. **6** And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. **7** **For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed.** **8** So there was much joy in that city.

Gal 3:5 - The Galatians even saw miracles!

5 So then, does He who provides you with the Spirit and works miracles among you, do it by...

Section 7: Satan's Nature

Abaddon

Revelation 9:11

¹¹ And they have over them a king, the angel of the abyss; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon . . . in Greek is Apollyon (HBFV).

"Angel of the bottomless pit" in KJV, "angel of the abyss" (see above quote)

Apollyon (destroyer), in Revelation 9:11 (see above quote)

Accuser of our brethren

Zec 3:1 ESV

¹ Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and **satan** standing at his right hand **to accuse him**.

Revelation 12:10

¹⁰ And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the **accuser of our brothers** has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

Adversary

Psalms 109:6

⁶ Appoint a wicked man against him;
let an accuser(Satan) stand at his right hand.

1 Peter 5:8

⁸ Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your **adversary** the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

2 Corinthians 11:14

¹⁴ And no wonder, for even Satan(**adversary**) disguises himself as an angel of light.

Antichrist

1 John 2:18

¹⁸ Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that **antichrist** is coming, so now many **antichrists** have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour.

1 John 2:22

²² Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the **antichrist**, he who denies the Father and the Son.

1 John 4:3

³ And every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the **antichrist**, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.

2 John 1:7

⁷ For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the **antichrist**.

Beelzebub (the dung god, ruler of the demons)

2 Kings 1:2

² Now Ahaziah fell through the lattice in his upper chamber in Samaria, and lay sick; so he sent messengers, telling them, "Go, inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron, whether I shall recover from this sickness."

Luke 11:14-19

¹⁴ Now he was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. ¹⁵ But some of them said, “He casts out demons by **Beelzebul**, the prince of demons,” ¹⁶ while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷ But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. ¹⁸ And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. ¹⁹ And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges.

Matthew 12:22-27

²² Then a demon-oppressed man who was blind and mute was brought to him, and he healed him, so that the man spoke and saw. ²³ And all the people were amazed, and said, “Can this be the Son of David?” ²⁴ But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, “It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons.” ²⁵ Knowing their thoughts, he said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand. ²⁶ And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? ²⁷ And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges.

Mark 3:22-26

²² And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “by the prince of demons he casts out the demons.” ²³ And he called them to him and said to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶ And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end.

Belial (worthlessness)

2 Corinthians 6:15

¹⁵ What accord has Christ with **Belial**? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever?

Dragon, Great Dragon, Ancient Serpent

Revelation 12:7-9

⁷ And there was war in heaven; Michael and his angels warred against the dragon, and the **dragon** and his angels warred. ⁸ But they did not prevail, neither was their place found any more in heaven. ⁹ And the **great dragon** was cast out, the **ancient serpent** who is called the **Devil and Satan**, who is deceiving the whole world; he was cast down to the earth, and his angels were cast down with him (HBFV)

Enemy, Wicked One

Matthew 13:38 - 39

³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the **evil one**, ³⁹ and the **enemy** who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.

Father of Lies

John 8:44

⁴⁴ You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the **father of lies**.

god of this world (god of this age)

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ In their case the **god of this world** has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Great Fiery Red Dragon

Revelation 12:3

³ And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a **great red dragon**, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems.

Lucifer

(the name he was originally called (before he sinned), *heylel*, Strong's Concordance #H1966, which means "morning star." It only appears in Isaiah 14:12. Jesus Christ is now called the "morning star," see Revelation 22:16)

Man of sin, son of perdition (son of destruction)

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4

³ Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the **man of lawlessness** is revealed, the **son of destruction**, ⁴ who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God.

Murderer, Liar, Father of lies

John 8:44

⁴⁴ You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a **murderer** from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a **liar** and **the father of lies**.

Power of darkness

Colossians 1:13

¹³ He has delivered us from the **domain of darkness** and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Prince of the power of the air

Ephesians 2:1-2

¹ And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the **prince of the power of the air**, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—

Like Roaring Lion

1 Peter 5:8

⁸ Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around **like a roaring lion**, seeking someone to devour.

Rulers of the darkness of this world

Ephesians 6:12

¹² Because we are not wrestling against flesh and blood . . . against the **world rulers of the darkness** of this age . . . (HBFV)

Ruler of this world

John 12:31

³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now will the **ruler of this world** be cast out.

Serpent

Genesis 3:1

¹ Now the **serpent** was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?"

2 Corinthians 11:3

³ But I am afraid that as the **serpent** deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

Spirit that currently works "in the children of disobedience,"

Ephesians 2:1-2

¹ And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the **sons of disobedience**—

Tempter

Matthew 4:3

³ And the **tempter** came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.”

Thief

John 10:9-10

¹⁰ The **thief** comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Section 8: God's Will

Hebrews 1:1-4 - God's will made known

¹ Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² **but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son**, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Matthew 6:9-15 - The Will of God

⁹ Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

¹⁰ Your kingdom come,
your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread,

¹² and forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Hebrews 10:7-9 - Jesus came to do God's will

⁷ Then I said, ‘**Behold, I have come to do your will, O God**,
as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’”

⁸ When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ **And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.**

John 4:23 - Will of God

²³ Jesus said to them, “**My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.**”

John 5:19-21 - Jesus doing God's will

¹⁹ So Jesus said to them, **“Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.** ²⁰ For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel. ²¹ For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will.

John 6:38-40 - Will of Him(God)

³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, **not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.** ³⁹ And this is the **will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me,** but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰ **For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”**

Matthew 12:46-50 - Whoever does the will

⁴⁶ While he was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. But he replied to the man who told him, “Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?” And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, **“Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”**

Mark 3:31-35 - (parallel passage)

³¹ And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you.” And he answered them, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, **“Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.”**

Luke 8:19-21 - (parallel passage)

Then his mother and his brothers came to him, but they could not reach him because of the crowd. And he was told, “Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see you.” But he answered them, **“My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it.”**

Matthew 8:1-2 - Jesus Cleanses a Leper

¹When he came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. ² And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.”

Mark 1:40-41 - Jesus Cleanses a Leper (parallel passage)

⁴⁰ And a leper came to him, imploring him, and kneeling said to him, “**If you will, you can make me clean.**” ⁴¹ Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, “**I will; be clean.**”

Luke 5:12-13 - Jesus Cleanses a Leper (parallel passage)

¹² While he was in one of the cities, there came a man full of leprosy. And when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged him, “**Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.**” ¹³ And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, “**I will; be clean.**” And immediately the leprosy left him.

2 Corinthians 2:16 - Mind of Christ

¹⁶ “For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” **But we have the mind of Christ.**

Philippians 2:5-8 - Mind of Christ

⁵ **Have this mind** among yourselves, **which is yours in Christ Jesus**, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, **he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.**

Jesus modeled God’s will by healing everyone who came to Him.

John 14:8-14 - Jesus manifests God’s will

⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? **Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.** How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that **I am in the Father and the Father is in me?** **The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does**

his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

¹² "Truly, truly, I say to you, **whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do,** because I am going to the Father. ¹³ **Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do,** that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me anything in my name, **I will do it.**

Jesus healed them all! Review Nature of God section!

Section 9: Sozo - G4982 - Save, deliver, restore, rescue

Save

(CLV) Matthew 1:21 - Mary receives promise

21 Now she shall be bringing forth a Son, and you shall be calling His name Jesus, for He shall be **saving** His people from their sins."

Matthew 8:25 - Storm on the sea

25 And they went and woke him, saying, "**Save** us, Lord; we are perishing."

Matthew 10:22 - Jesus preaching

22 and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be **saved**.

Mark 3:4 - Jesus' answer for healing on the sabbath

4 And he said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to **save** life or to kill?" But they were silent.

Luke 6:9 - (parallel passage)

9 And Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to **save** life or to destroy it?"

Acts 4:12 - Peter discussing infirm man's healing

12 there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be **saved**."

Heal

Matthew 9:22 - Woman with issue of blood

22 Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you **well**." And instantly the woman was made **well**.

Mark 5:34 - (parallel passage)

34 And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you **well**; go in peace, and be **healed** of your disease."

Luke 8:48 - (parallel passage)

48 And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you **well**; go in peace."

Mark 10:52 - Blind Bartimaeus Healed

52 And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you **well**." And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

Luke 18:42 - (parallel passage)

42 And Jesus said to him, "Recover your sight; your faith has made you **well**."

Mark 6:56 - Multitude made well

56 And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made **well**.

Luke 17:19 - Leper made whole

19 And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you **well**."

Luke 8:36, 50 - Gerasene demoniacs and Jairus' daughter

8 And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been **healed**.

50 But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she will be **well**."

John 11:12 - Lazarus raised

¹² The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will **recover**." ¹³ Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep.

Acts 4:9 - Infirm man at gate called Beautiful

⁹ if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been **healed**,

Section 10: A New Nature, A New You

Romans 6

Colossians 2

Galatians 2:20

1 Peter 2:9

Ephesians 2:10

Colossians 3:3

2 Peter 2:4

1 Corinthians 6:17-19

1 John 4:17

2 Corinthians 5:17

Ephesians 4:24

Getting Rid of Traditions of Man by Looking At the Scriptures

Even Jesus Could Not Heal In His Hometown

Argument(s):

1. Unbelief stops healing.
2. If someone doesn't have faith they can't get healed.

Matthew 13:54-58 – Jesus healed in His hometown

⁵⁴ When He had come to His own country, He taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished and said, "Where did this *Man* get this wisdom and *these* mighty works? ⁵⁵ Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas? ⁵⁶ And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this *Man* get all these things?" ⁵⁷ So they were offended at Him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house." ⁵⁸ **Now He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief.**

Mark 6:4-6 – Jesus healed in His hometown

¹ Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. ² When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. "Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him? **What are these remarkable miracles he is performing?** ³ Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴ But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house." ⁵ **Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them.** ⁶ **And He marveled because of their unbelief.** Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.

Jesus Healed To Prove That He Was God

Argument(s):

1. Jesus healed to prove that He was God in the flesh.
2. After that, it was no longer necessary to prove Jesus was God, so healing ceased.

Matthew 9:29-30 – Jesus told the healed not to tell

²⁹ Then He touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith let it be to you.” ³⁰ And their eyes were opened. And **Jesus sternly warned them, saying, “See *that* no one knows it.”**

Matthew 12:15-16 – Jesus told the people not to make Him known

¹⁵ But when Jesus knew *it*, He withdrew from there. And great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them all. ¹⁶ Yet **He warned them not to make Him known,**

Mark 8:25-26 – Jesus told the healed man not to tell anyone

²⁵ Then He put *His* hands on his eyes again and made him look up. And he was restored and saw everyone clearly. ²⁶ Then He sent him away to his house, **saying, “Neither go into the town, nor tell anyone in the town.”**

Mark 1:23-25 – Jesus told the unclean spirits to keep quiet

²³ Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴ saying, “Let *us* alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!” ²⁵ **But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be quiet, and come out of him!”**

Mark 3:11-12 – Jesus told the unclean spirits to keep quiet

¹¹ And the unclean spirits, whenever they saw Him, fell down before Him and cried out, saying, “You are the Son of God.” ¹² But **He sternly warned them that they should not make Him known.**

Luke 9:20-21 – Jesus told the disciples not to tell His identity

²⁰ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered and said, “The Christ of God.” ²¹ And **He strictly warned and commanded them to tell this to no one,**

Matthew 17:5-9 – Jesus did not want the vision told

⁵ While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!” ⁶ And when the disciples heard *it*, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them and said, “Arise, and do not be afraid.” ⁸ When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. ⁹ Now as they came down from the mountain, **Jesus commanded them, saying, “Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead.”**

Colossians 1:27

²⁷ To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of **this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:**

Luke 9:1-6 – Jesus gave the twelve power and authority

¹ Then **He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases.** ² **He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.** ³ And He said to them, “Take nothing for the journey, neither staffs nor bag nor bread nor money; and do not have two tunics apiece. ⁴ “Whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. ⁵ And whoever will not receive you, when you go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet as a testimony against them.” ⁶ **So they departed and went through the towns, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.**

Jesus Only Gave The “Gift Of Healing” To The Twelve Disciples

Argument(s):

1. Jesus only gave the 'gift of healing' to the 12 disciples so that they could establish the church.
2. Once the church was established, the 'gift of healing' passed away."

Matthew 10:1, 7-8 – The twelve were commanded to heal

¹ And when **He had called His twelve disciples** to Him, **He gave them power** over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and **to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.**

⁷ And **as you go**, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' ⁸ **Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers**, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

Luke 10:1,9 – The 70 were sent to heal

¹ After these things **the Lord appointed seventy others** also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go.

⁹ And **heal the sick there**, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

Mark 16:15-18 – All believers are commanded to heal

¹⁵ And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶ He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ And **these signs will follow those who believe**: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; ¹⁸ they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; **they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.**"

Matt 28:19-20 - All believers are commanded to heal

¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples... ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you...

Act 6:8- Stephen work great wonders and signs

⁸ And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people.

Act 8:6-7- Philip cast out unclean spirit and heal many

⁶ And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. ⁸ For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed.

1 Corinthians 12:28 – Healing given to the Church

²⁸ And **God has appointed these in the church**: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then **gifts of healings**, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.

Paul's Thorn: God Gives Us Thorns To Keep Us Humble

Argument(s):

1. Paul was given a thorn in the flesh to keep him humble.
2. God is using this sickness to keep me humble and help me rely on Him
3. People should learn to be content and accept this sickness because God is using it to make me better (or as an example for others).

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 – Paul's thorn in the flesh

⁷ And lest I should be exalted above measure by the **abundance of the revelations**, a **thorn in the flesh** was given to me, **a messenger of Satan to buffet me**, lest I be exalted above measure. ⁸ Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. ⁹ And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Timothy 3:10-12 – Those who live godly suffer persecution

¹⁰ But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, ¹¹ persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra—what persecutions I endured. And out of *them* all the Lord delivered me. ¹² **Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.**

Numbers 33:55 – People likened to thorns

⁵⁵ But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then it shall be that those whom you let remain *shall be* irritants in your eyes and **thorns in your sides**, and they shall harass you in the land where you dwell.

Joshua 23:12-13 – People likened to thorns

¹² Or else, if indeed you do go back, and cling to the remnant of these nations—these that remain among you—and make marriages with them, and go in to them and they to you, ¹³ know for certain that the Lord your God will no longer drive out these nations from before you. But they shall be snares and traps to you, and scourges on your sides and **thorns in your eyes**, until you perish from this good land which the Lord your God has given you.

Judges 2:2-3 – People likened to thorns

² And you shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; you shall tear down their altars.’ But you have not obeyed My voice. Why have you done this? ³ Therefore I also said, ‘I will not drive them out before you; but they shall be **thorns in your side**, and their gods shall be a snare to you.’”

Ezekiel 28:24 – People likened to thorns

²⁴ “And there **shall no longer be a pricking brier or a painful thorn** for the house of Israel **from among all who are around them**, who despise them. Then they shall know that I *am* the Lord God.”

Acts 13:50 – People incited persecution against Paul

⁵⁰ But the Jews stirred up the devout and prominent women and the chief men of the city, raised up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region.

Acts 17:5 – Envious people persecuted Paul

⁵ But the Jews who were not persuaded, becoming envious, took some of the evil men from the marketplace, and gathering a mob, set all the city in an uproar and attacked the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people.

Acts 21:27 – People incited the crowd against Paul

²⁷ Now when the seven days were almost ended, the Jews from Asia, seeing him in the temple, stirred up the whole crowd and laid hands on him,

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (KJV) – Paul took pleasure in infirmities

⁹ And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my **infirmities(un-firmness; weakness)**, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ Therefore I take pleasure in **infirmities(un-firmness; weakness)**, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

We have focused on the wrong aspect of this scripture. If we go back and read slowly it says God’s grace was enough to answer Paul’s issue. God has already done and accomplished it already!

Paul's Thorn Was An Eye Problem

Argument(s):

1. "Paul's thorn in the flesh was an eye problem. As stated in Galatians 4:15.
2. Paul could not heal his own eye problem.
3. Galatians 6:11: Paul needed to write really large just to see the words."

Galatians 4:13-15 – Galatians would have “plucked out their eyes”

¹³ You know that **because of physical infirmity I preached the gospel to you at the first.** ¹⁴ **And my trial which was in my flesh** you did not despise or reject, but you received me as an angel of God, *even* as Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ What then was the blessing you *enjoyed*? For I bear you witness that, if possible, **you would have plucked out your own eyes and given them to me.**

Acts 14:19-21 – Paul is stoned and left for dead

¹⁹ Then Jews from Antioch and Iconium came there; and having persuaded the multitudes, they **stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead.** ²⁰ However, when the disciples gathered around him, **he rose up and went into the city. And the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.** ²¹ **And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples,** they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch,

Galatians 6:9-11 – Paul writes large letters

⁹ And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. ¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith. ¹¹ **See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand!**

Heb 7:1-4 – ‘Large’ in Galatians 6:11 is the same word for ‘Great’ in Hebrews 7:4

¹ For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, ² and to him Abraham apportioned a tenth part of

everything. He is first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, that is, king of peace. 3 He is without father or mother or genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God he continues a priest forever. 4 See **how great** this man was to whom Abraham the patriarch gave a tenth of the spoils!

Examples of the word for 'letters':

John 5:47

47 But if you do not believe his *writings*, how will you believe My words?

John 7:15

15 And the Jews marveled, saying, How does this Man know *letters*, having never studied?

Acts 26:24

24 Now as he thus made his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, Paul, you are beside yourself! Much *learning* is driving you mad!

Acts 28:21

21 Then they said to him, We neither received *letters* from Judea concerning you, nor have any of the brethren who came reported or spoken any evil of you.

Rom 2:27-29

27 And will not the physically uncircumcised, if he fulfills the law, judge you who, even with your *written code* and circumcision, are a transgressor of the law? 28 For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; 29 but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the *letter*; whose praise is not from men but from God.

Rom 7:6

6 But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the *letter*.

Paul Could Not Heal His Friend Epaphroditus

Argument(s):

1. God doesn't heal everyone

Philippians 2:26-27a – Epaphroditus sick

²⁶ since he was longing for you all, and was distressed because you had heard that **he was sick(infirm - feeble or weak)**. ²⁷ For indeed he was **sick(infirm) almost unto death...**

Philippians 2:27-30 – Epaphroditus healed

²⁷ For indeed he was **sick(infirm - weak)** almost unto death; but God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. ²⁸ Therefore **I sent him the more eagerly, that when you see him again you may rejoice**, and I may be less sorrowful. ²⁹ Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness, and hold such men in esteem; ³⁰ because **for the work of Christ he came close to death, not regarding his life**, to supply what was lacking in your service toward me.

Paul Could Not Heal His Friend Trophimus

Argument(s):

1. God doesn't heal everyone

2 Timothy 4:20 - Trophimus

²⁰Erastus stayed in Corinth, but Trophimus I have left in Miletus **sick(infirm - weak)**.

2 Corinthians 11:23-27 – Paul's life as an apostle of Christ

²³ Are they ministers of Christ?—I speak as a fool—I **am more: in labors more abundant**, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often. ²⁴ From the Jews five times I received forty *stripes* minus one. ²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; ²⁶ **in journeys often**, *in* perils of waters, *in* perils of robbers, *in* perils of *my own* countrymen, *in* perils of the Gentiles, *in* perils in the city, *in* perils in the wilderness, *in* perils in the sea, *in* perils among false brethren; ²⁷ **in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness**

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I Am Just Like Job

Argument(s):

1. God gave this sickness to test “me”.
2. God allows sickness/tragedy to come teach us something (or to be a witness to others on how to suffer for God)
3. God even ‘told me’ that He gave “me” this problem because suffering brings strength, humility and reliance on Him.

Job 1:6-12 – The devil’s challenge to God concerning Job

⁶ Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them. ⁷ And the Lord said to Satan, “From where do you come?” So Satan answered the Lord and said, “From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.” ⁸ Then the Lord said 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 shuns evil?**” ⁹ So Satan answered the Lord and said, “Does Job fear God for nothing? ¹⁰ Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. ¹¹ **But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!**” ¹² And the Lord said to Satan, “Behold, all that he has *is* in your power; only do not lay a hand on his *person*.” **So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord.**

Job 1:13-19 – Destruction came upon Job’s family and possessions

Now there was a day when his sons and daughters *were* eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother’s house; ¹⁴ and a messenger came to Job and said, “The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them, ¹⁵ when the Sabeans raided *them* and took them away—indeed they have killed the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell you!” ¹⁶ While he *was* still speaking, another also came and said, “The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants, and consumed them; and I alone have escaped to tell you!” ¹⁷ While he *was* still speaking, another also came and said, “The Chaldeans formed three bands, raided the camels

and took them away, yes, and killed the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell you!”¹⁸ While he *was* still speaking, another also came and said, “Your sons and daughters *were* eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother’s house,¹⁹ and suddenly a great wind came from across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people, and they are dead; and I alone have escaped to tell you!”

Job 2:7 – Satan struck Job

So **Satan went out** from the presence of the Lord, and **struck Job with painful boils** from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.

Job 7:3 – Job’s time of suffering (amount)

So I have been allotted **months** of futility, And wearisome **nights** have been appointed to me.

Job 29:2 – Job’s time of suffering (amount)

“Oh, that I were as *in months* past, As *in the days when* God watched over me;

Job 30:16 – Job’s time of suffering (amount)

“And now my soul is poured out because of my *plight*; The **days** of affliction take hold of me.

Job 30:27 – Job’s time of suffering (amount)

²⁷ My heart is in turmoil and cannot rest; **Days** of affliction confront me.

Job 42:16 – Job lived a long and healthy life

¹⁶ **After this Job lived one hundred and forty years**, and saw his children and grandchildren *for* four generations. ¹⁷ So Job died, old and full of days.

Job 42:10 – The Lord blessed Job

¹⁰ And the Lord **restored Job’s losses** when he prayed for his friends. Indeed the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before.

Job 1:2-3 – Job’s initial possessions

² And seven sons and three daughters were born to him. ³ Also, his possessions were **seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen, five hundred female donkeys**, and a very large household, so that this man was the greatest of all the people of the East.

Job 42:12-15 – Job’s final possessions

¹² Now the Lord blessed the latter *days* of Job more than his beginning; for he had **fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, one thousand yoke of oxen, and one thousand female donkeys**. ¹³ He also had seven sons and three daughters. ¹⁴ And he called the name of the first Jemimah, the name of the second Keziah, and the name of the third Keren-Happuch. ¹⁵ In all the land were found no women so beautiful as the daughters of Job; and their father gave them an inheritance among their brothers.

Ephesians 6:16 – Shield of faith quenches all fiery darts

¹⁶ above all, taking the shield of faith with which **you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one**.

1 John 5:18 – The Wicked One Does Not Touch You

¹⁸ We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and **the wicked one does not touch him**.

James 4:7 – Resist and the devil will flee

⁷ Therefore submit to God. **Resist the devil and he will flee from you**.

Hebrews 11:35 – Some believers rejected deliverance

³⁵ Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, **not accepting deliverance**, that they might obtain a better resurrection.

1 Peter 1:6-7 – Trials test our faith

⁶ In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, **if need be, you have been grieved by various trials**, ⁷ **that the genuineness of your faith, being** much more precious than gold that

perishes, though **it is tested by fire**, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,

1 Peter 4:12-13 – Trials in your life

¹² Beloved, **do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial** which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; ¹³ but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.

1 Peter 5:8-10 – God helps those who suffer

⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. ⁹ **Resist him, steadfast in the faith**, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. ¹⁰ But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, **after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.**

Hebrews 4:2 – Word mixed with faith profits believers

² For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but **the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith** in those who heard *it*.

James 2:17 – Faith without works is dead

¹⁷ Thus also **faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.**

Ephesians 6:16 – Shield of faith quenches all fiery darts

¹⁶ above all, taking the **shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.**

Luke 10:19 – Nothing shall hurt you

¹⁹ Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and **nothing shall by any means hurt you.**

This Is A Generational Curse, So I Can't Get Healed/Free.

Argument(s):

1. Sins in family history and bloodline for generations.
2. I have a generational curse.
3. God put this curse on "me" because of the sins of my ancestors.

Deuteronomy 5:8-10 – The 2nd commandment and sin to children

⁸ 'You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness *of anything* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth; ⁹ you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, *am* a jealous God, **visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,** ¹⁰ **but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.**

Deuteronomy 7:9 – God merciful for a thousand generations

⁹ "Therefore know that the LORD your God, He *is* God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy **for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments;**

Deuteronomy 24:16 – Fathers and children died for own sins under the Law

¹⁶ "Fathers shall not be put to death because of their children, nor shall children be put to death because of their fathers. Each one shall be put to death for his own sin.

Ezekiel 18:1-4 – All souls are God's

¹ The word of the Lord came to me again, saying, ² "What do you mean when you use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying: 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, And the children's teeth are set on edge'? ³ **"As I live," says the Lord God, "you shall no longer use this proverb in Israel. ⁴ "Behold, all souls are Mine; The soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine; The soul who sins shall die.**

Ezekiel 18:14-17 – The son will not die for the sins of his father

¹⁴ **“If, however, he begets a son Who sees all the sins which his father has done, And considers but does not do likewise;** ¹⁵ *Who* has not eaten on the mountains, Nor lifted his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, Nor defiled his neighbor’s wife; ¹⁶ Has not oppressed anyone, Nor withheld a pledge, Nor robbed by violence, *But* has given his bread to the hungry And covered the naked with clothing; ¹⁷ *Who* has withdrawn his hand from the poor *And* not received usury or increase, But has executed My judgments and walked in My statutes— **He shall not die for the iniquity of his father; He shall surely live!”**

Ezekiel 18:30-31 – God will judge each according to his ways

³⁰ **“Therefore I will judge you,** O house of Israel, **every one according to his ways,”** says the Lord GOD. **“Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin.** ³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O house of Israel?

Galatians 6:7-9 – What a person sows they will reap

⁷ Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for **whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.** ⁸ For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. ⁹ And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

Galatians 3:13 – Become a curse for us

¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”—

Deuteronomy 5:9-10 – God shows mercy to those who obey

⁹ you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth *generations* of those who hate Me, ¹⁰ **but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.**

Leviticus 26:39-42 – God forgives those who turn from evil ways

³⁹ And those of you who are left shall waste away in their iniquity in your enemies' lands; also in their fathers' iniquities, which are with them, they shall waste away. ⁴⁰ **'But if they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their fathers,** with their unfaithfulness in which they were unfaithful to Me, and that they also have walked contrary to Me, ⁴¹ and *that* I also have walked contrary to them and have brought them into the land of their enemies; **if their uncircumcised hearts are humbled, and they accept their guilt—** ⁴² **then I will remember My covenant** with Jacob, and My covenant with Isaac and My covenant with Abraham I will remember; I will remember the land.

Jeremiah 31:29-34 - Answer to generational curses is the New Covenant

²⁹ In those days they shall no longer say: "'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge.' ³⁰ But everyone shall die for his own iniquity. Each man who eats sour grapes, his teeth shall be set on edge. ³¹ "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³² not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Divine Healing Has Passed Away, Along With Other Spiritual Gifts

Argument(s):

1. No healings or miracles in the world today.
2. 1 Corinthians 13:8: the gifts and healing have ended

1 Corinthians 13:8-12 – When that which is perfect has come

⁸ Love never fails. But whether *there are* prophecies, they will fail; whether *there are* tongues, they will cease; whether *there is* knowledge, it will vanish away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part. ¹⁰ **But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.** ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. ¹² **For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.**

Ephesians 4:11-13 – Apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers help us to grow up into the fullness of Christ

¹¹ And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the **fullness** of Christ,

Some argue that the perfect Paul talks about in 1 Corinthians 13:10 is the Bible. There is nothing in the passage to provide validity to that argument. The same Greek word translated perfect in 1 Corinthians 13:10 is translated as fullness in Ephesians 4:13. If one is to argue that the gifts have passed away because the perfect has come, then that same person will also have to argue that we have all grown up into the fullness of Christ. If we have grown up into the fullness of Christ, then there is no need for apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers.

1 Corinthians 14:39 – Do NOT forbid speaking in tongues

³⁹ Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, **and do not forbid to speak with tongues.**

Matt 28:19-20 - When did we stop making disciples, teaching them?

¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples... ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you...

God Has Not Given Me The Gift Of Healing.

Argument(s):

1. Gift of healing from God is required, this is obvious from reading 1 Corinthians 12.

1 Corinthians 12:8-11 – Spiritual gifts

⁸ for to one is given the **word of wisdom** through the Spirit, to another the **word of knowledge** through the same Spirit, ⁹ to another **faith** by the same Spirit, to another **gifts of healings** by the same Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the **working of miracles**, to another **prophecy**, to another **discerning of spirits**, to another *different kinds of tongues*, to another the **interpretation of tongues**. ¹¹ But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

Mark 16:17-18 – Believers will lay hands on the sick

¹⁷ And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; ¹⁸ they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

Matthew 10:1, 7-8 – Believers commanded to heal the sick

¹ And when He had called His twelve disciples to *Him*, He gave them power *over* unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.

⁷ And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ ⁸ Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

Matt 28:19-20 - Disciples commanded to observe everything

¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples... ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you...

John 14:12 – Jesus said we will do the works that He did

¹² “Most assuredly, I say to you, **he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do**, because I go to My Father.

Hebrews 6:1-2 – Laying on of hands is a basic teaching of Christ

¹ Therefore, leaving the discussion of the **elementary principles of Christ**, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, ² of the doctrine of baptisms, of **laying on of hands**, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

Ephesians 4:11-15 – Believers are to grow up INTO Christ

¹¹ And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² **for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry**, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³ **till we all come** to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, **to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ**; ¹⁴ that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, ¹⁵ but, speaking the truth in love, may **grow up in all things into Him** who is the head—Christ—

Matthew 7:7-8 – Ask, seek, knock

⁷ “**Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.** ⁸ **For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.**

1 Corinthians 12:31 – Desire the best gifts

³¹ But **earnestly desire the best gifts**. And yet I show you a more excellent way.

1 Corinthians 14:1 – Desire spiritual things

¹ Pursue love, and **desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.**

To Be Healed, The Sick Person Needs To Have Faith.

Argument(s):

1. They weren't healed because of THEIR unbelief.
2. Even Jesus could not heal in His hometown due to unbelief/lack of faith.
3. Jesus told a sick person that their faith had made them well, the sick need to have faith.

Hebrews 11:6 – We cannot please God without faith

⁶ But **without faith it is impossible to please Him**, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

James 2:14-18 – Faith has works

¹⁴ What *does it* profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what *does it* profit? ¹⁷ **Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.** ¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and **I will show you my faith by my works.**

Luke 7:12-16 – Widow son raised from the dead

¹² And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, **a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her.** ¹³ When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." ¹⁴ Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried *him* stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." ¹⁵ So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. ¹⁶ **Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."**

John 11:32-45 – Lazarus raised from the dead

³² Then, when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, **“Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.”** ³³ Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled. ³⁴ And He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to Him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵ Jesus wept. ³⁶ Then the Jews said, “See how He loved him!” ³⁷ And some of them said, **“Could not this Man, who opened the eyes of the blind, also have kept this man from dying?”** ³⁸ Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, **“Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been *dead* four days.”** ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹ Then they took away the stone *from the place* where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up *His* eyes and said, “Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. ⁴² And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said *this*, that they may believe that You sent Me.” ⁴³ Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, **“Lazarus, come forth!”** ⁴⁴ **And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with grave clothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth.** Jesus said to them, “Loose him, and let him go.”

Acts 3:1-7 – Lame man healed

¹ Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth *hour*. ² And a certain man lame from his mother’s womb was carried, whom they **laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms** from those who entered the temple; ³ who, **seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms.** ⁴ And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, “Look at us.” ⁵ So he gave them his attention, **expecting to receive something from them.** ⁶ Then Peter said, “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.” ⁷ And he took him by the right hand and lifted *him* up, and **immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.**

Luke 13:11-13 – Woman bent over healed

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. ¹² But when Jesus saw her, **He called her to Him and said to her, “Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity.”** ¹³ And He laid *His* hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

John 5:1-8 – Man at the pool of Bethesda was healed

¹ After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ² Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep *Gate* a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. ³ In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, **waiting for the moving of the water.** ⁴ For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. ⁵ Now a certain **man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years.** ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been *in that condition* a long time, He said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” ⁷ The sick man answered Him, “**Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up;** but while I am coming, another steps down before me.” ⁸ Jesus said to him, “Rise, take up your bed and walk.”

Matthew 9:2-6 – Jesus saw their faith and the paralytic was healed

² Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. **When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic,** “Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you. ³ And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, “This Man blasphemes!” ⁴ But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? ⁵ For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise and walk’? ⁶ But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins”—then **He said to the paralytic,** “Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.” ⁷ And he arose and departed to his house.

Luke 7:6-10 – Jesus notes the roman centurion’s great faith

⁶ Then Jesus went with them. And when He was already not far from the house, the **centurion sent friends to Him,** saying to Him, “Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof. ⁷ Therefore I did not even think myself worthy to come to You. **But say the word, and my servant will be healed.** ⁸ For I also am a man placed under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does *it.*” ⁹ When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, “I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!” ¹⁰ And those who were sent, returning to the house, **found the servant well who had been sick.**

Matthew 15:22-28 – Possessed girl healed

²² And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed.” ²³ But He answered

her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, “Send her away, for she cries out after us.” ²⁴ But He answered and said, “I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, “Lord, help me!” ²⁶ But He answered and said, “It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw *it* to the little dogs.” ²⁷ And she said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered and said to her, **“O woman, great *is* your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed from that very hour.**

Mark 10:47-52 – Blind man healed

⁴⁷ And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, **he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”** ⁴⁸ Then many warned him to be quiet; but **he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”** ⁴⁹ So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called. Then they called the blind man, saying to him, “Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you.” ⁵⁰ And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ So Jesus answered and said to him, “What do you want Me to do for you?” The blind man said to Him, “Rabboni, that I may receive my sight.” ⁵² Then Jesus said to him, **“Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.**

Matthew 9:20-22 – Woman with issue of blood healed

²⁰ And suddenly, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came from behind and touched the hem of His garment. ²¹ For she said to herself, **“If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well.”** ²² But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, “Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that hour.

God Is In Control Of Everything

Argument(s):

1. God is sovereign and He is ultimately in control of everything that happens even sickness.

Luke 11:2 – Prayer for the Father’s will to be done on earth

² So He said to them, “**When you pray**, say: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. **Your will be done On earth** as it is in heaven.

Genesis 1:26-28 – God gave man dominion over the earth

²⁶ Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; **let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.**” ²⁷ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; **fill the earth and subdue it**; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

Psalm 115:15-16 – The earth was given to the children of men

¹⁵ May you be blessed by the Lord, Who made heaven and earth. ¹⁶ The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord’s; But **the earth He has given to the children of men.**

Psalm 8:3-6 – Man was to have dominion over all things on earth

³ When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained, ⁴ What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? ⁵ For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor. ⁶ **You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands**; You have put all things under his feet,

Romans 5:12,14,17,19 – Through Adam’s sin death gained access

¹² Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned— ¹⁴ Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.

¹⁷ **For if by the one man’s offense death reigned through the one**, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)

¹⁹ For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man’s obedience many will be made righteous.

Romans 8:19-22 – All creation came under condemnation from sin

¹⁹ For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ **For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope;** ²¹ **because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption** into the glorious liberty of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

John 14:30 – The ruler of this world

³⁰ I will no longer talk much with you, for **the ruler of this world is coming**, and he has nothing in Me.

Ephesians 2:2 – The prince of the power of the air

² in which you once walked according to the course of this world, **according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit** who now works in the sons of disobedience,

Matthew 4:8-10 – The devil tries to tempt Jesus

⁸ Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to Him, “**All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.**” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.’”

Galatians 1:3,4 – The Father’s rescue plan

³ Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ who gave Himself for our sins, **that He might deliver us from this present evil age**, according to the will of our God and Father,

Philippians 2:5-11 – God put Jesus over everything

⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross. ⁹ Therefore **God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹ and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

Hebrews 10:11-14 – Jesus waiting till His enemies are made His footstool

¹¹ And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² **But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool.** ¹⁴ For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

Mark 13:34 – Jesus gave believers His authority

³⁴ It is like a man going to a far country, **who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work**, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch.

Ephesians 6:11-12 – Believers battle against spiritual hosts

¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that **you** may be able to **stand against the wiles of the devil.** ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, **against spiritual hosts of wickedness** in the heavenly places.

Matthew 28:18-20 – The believer’s job description

¹⁸ And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the

Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

Matthew 10:7-8 – The believer’s job description

⁷ And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ ⁸ **Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.**

Matt 28:19-20 - The believer’s job description

¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples... ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you...

John 20:21-23 – The believer’s job description

²¹ So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” ²² And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

Matthew 22:36-40 – The believer’s job description

³⁶ “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” ³⁷ Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the first and great commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

John 13:34-35 – The believer’s job description

³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵ By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Luke 6:35-36 – The believer’s job description

³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. ³⁶ Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

John 5:22, 27 – Jesus judges

²²For the **Father judges no one**, but **has committed all judgment to the Son**,
²⁷and **has given Him authority to execute judgment** also, because He is the Son of Man.

John 12:48 – Jesus' words will judge

⁴⁸He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the **word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day**.

Matthew 12:36 – The day of judgment

³⁶But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it **in the day of judgment**.

2 Peter 3:7 – The day of judgment

⁷But the heavens and the earth *which* are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until **the day of judgment** and perdition of ungodly men.

1 John 4:17 – The day of judgment

¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in **the day of judgment**; because as He is, so are we in this world.

Jude 1:6 – The day of judgment

⁶And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness **for the judgment of the great day**;

1 Corinthians 4:5 – The day of judgment

⁵Therefore **judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes**, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.

2 Timothy 4:1 – The day of judgment

¹ I charge *you* therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, **who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing** and His kingdom:

Hebrews 9:27 – Mankind is judged after they die

²⁷ And as it is appointed for men to die once, but **after this the judgment**,

Psalms 103:6 – Jesus judges the oppressed

⁶ The **Lord executes** righteousness and **justice for all who are oppressed**.

Matthew 5:45 – God loves the just and unjust

⁴⁵ that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for **He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust**.

Matthew 18:18 – Believers are to execute judgment

¹⁸ “Assuredly, I say to you, **whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven**.

Matthew 21:21 – Believers’ faith makes things happen

²¹ So Jesus answered and said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you, **if you have faith and do not doubt**, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ **it will be done**.

1 Corinthians 5:12-13

What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? ¹³ God will judge those outside. “Expel the wicked person from among you.”

God Chooses Who and When To Heal

Argument(s):

1. The ways of God are mysterious; there's no way that man can understand the ways of God. No one can know who He wants to heal and when it is a person's time to be healed.
2. God has decided to heal others but not to heal me, at least not yet.

Colossians 1:24-27 – God's mystery revealed

²⁴ I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church, ²⁵ of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God, ²⁶ **the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints.** ²⁷ **To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.**

John 16:12-13 – The Holy Spirit guides us into all truth

¹² **"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now.** ¹³ However, **when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth;** for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

Mark 4:11 – Jesus told believers about the mystery of the kingdom

¹¹ And He said to them, **"To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God;** but to those who are outside, all things come in parables,

John 15:15 – Jesus taught believers what God told Him

¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but **I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.**

Matthew 13:15 – Hearts, ears and eyes of unbelievers are closed

¹⁵ For the **hearts of this people have grown dull**. *Their* ears are hard of hearing, And **their eyes they have closed**, Lest they should see with *their* eyes and hear with *their* ears, Lest they should understand with *their* hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.'

1 John 2:26-27 – The Holy Spirit teaches all things

²⁶ These things I have written to you concerning those who *try to* deceive you. ²⁷ But **the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things**, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

1 John 2:20 – The Holy Spirit inside believers knows all things

²⁰ But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and **you know all things**.

Colossians 1:27 – Christ in you, the mystery revealed

²⁷ To them God willed to **make known** what are the riches of the glory of **this mystery** among the Gentiles: which is **Christ in you**, the hope of glory.

Ephesians 1:9 – His will has been made known to us

⁹ **having made known to us the mystery of His will**, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself,

Mark 8:22-25 – Jesus healed the blind man

²² Then He came to Bethsaida; and they brought a blind man to Him, and begged Him to touch him. ²³ So He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town. And when **He had spit on his eyes and put His hands on him**, He asked him if he saw anything. ²⁴ And he looked up and said, "I see men like trees, walking." ²⁵ Then **He put His hands on his eyes again and made him look up. And he was restored and saw everyone clearly.**

Matthew 17:14-20 – Jesus healed the epileptic boy

¹⁴ And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying,
¹⁵ “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. ¹⁶ So **I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him.**” ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered and said, “**O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me.**” ¹⁸ And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and **the child was cured from that very hour.** ¹⁹ Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “**Why could we not cast it out?**” ²⁰ So Jesus said to them, “**Because of your unbelief;** for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.

Matthew 10:7-8 – Jesus commands to His disciples to heal

⁷ And **as you go**, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ ⁸ **Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons.** Freely you have received, freely give.

Matt 28:19-20 - Jesus commands his disciples to teach others to do likewise

¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples... ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you...

Mark 16:15-18 – Believers will get the sick healed

¹⁵ And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶ He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ And **these signs will follow those who believe:** In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; ¹⁸ they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; **they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.**”

James 5:14-16 – Healing through the elders

¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let **him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.** ¹⁵ **And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up.** And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Confess *your* trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

Romans 10:13 – Whoever calls on His name will be saved

¹³ For “**whoever calls** on the name of the Lord **shall be saved.**”

John 3:16-17 – Whoever believes in Him will not perish

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that **whoever believes in Him** should not perish but **have everlasting life.** ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

2 Peter 3:9 – God does not want any to perish

⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, **not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.**

Acts 2:21 – Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved

²¹ And it shall come to pass *That* **whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved.**’

2 Corinthians 6:2b – Today is the day of salvation

² ...Behold, **now is** the accepted time; behold, **now is the day of salvation**

1 Peter 2:24 – Jesus has already paid for our healing

²⁴ who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—**by whose stripes you were healed.**

Psalms 103:2-3 – Forgiveness and Healing

² Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: ³ **Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases,**

Isaiah 53:4-5 – Forgiveness and Healing

⁴ Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But **He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities;** The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, And **by His stripes we are healed.**

Luke 10:8-9 – Healing Then Preaching

⁸ **Whatever city you enter**, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you. ⁹ And **heal the sick there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’**

Mark 2:5, 10-12 – Forgiveness and Healing

⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, **“Son, your sins are forgiven you.”**
¹⁰ But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins”—He said to the paralytic, ¹¹ “I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.” ¹² Immediately **he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all**, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw *anything* like this!”

James 5:14-15 – Healing and Forgiveness

¹⁴ **Is anyone among you sick?** Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And **the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.**

Mark 4:11 – We are given the privilege of knowing the mystery

¹¹ And He said to them, “To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables,

Colossians 1:26-27 – What the mystery of Jesus is

²⁶ the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. ²⁷ To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Colossians 2:2 – God wants us to know the mystery

² that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and *attaining* to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ,

Ephesians 3:9-10 – God wants us to know the mystery

⁹ and to make all see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; ¹⁰ to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly *places*,

1 Corinthians 2:9-10 – The things of God are revealed by the Spirit

⁹ But as it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” ¹⁰ But God has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

If a Sick Person Has Sin In His or Her Life, It Will Stop Healing.

Argument(s):

1. Sin blocks God's healing power

John 5:14 – Jesus healed the man then told him to stop sinning

¹⁴ Afterward Jesus *found him in the temple and said to him, “Behold, you have become well; do not sin anymore, so that nothing worse happens to you.”

Matthew 8:2-3 – Jesus healed the leper

² And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, “Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.” ³ Then **Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, “I am willing; be cleansed.”** Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

Matthew 8:13 – Jesus healed the centurion's servant

¹³ Then Jesus said to the centurion, “**Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you.**” And his servant was healed that same hour.

Matthew 8:14-15 – Jesus healed Peter's wife's mother

¹⁴ Now when Jesus had come into Peter's house, He saw his wife's mother lying sick with a fever. ¹⁵ **So He touched her hand,** and the fever left her. And she arose and served them.

Matthew 9:6-7 – Jesus healed the paralytic

⁶ But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins”—then **He said to the paralytic, “Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.”** ⁷ And he arose and departed to his house.

Matthew 9:25 – Jesus raised the girl from the dead

²⁵ But when the crowd was put outside, **He went in and took her by the hand**, and the girl arose.

Matthew 9:29-30 – Jesus healed 2 blind men

²⁹ Then **He touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith let it be to you.”** ³⁰ And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, “See *that* no one knows *it*.”

Matthew 12:13 – Jesus healed the man’s withered hand

¹³ Then **He said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.”** And he stretched *it* out, and it was restored as whole as the other.

Matthew 15:28 – Jesus healed the demon possessed girl

²⁸ Then **Jesus answered and said to her, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.”** And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

Matthew 17:18 – Jesus healed the epileptic boy

¹⁸ And **Jesus rebuked the demon**, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour.

Matthew 20:34 – Jesus healed two blind men

³⁴ So **Jesus had compassion and touched their eyes**. And immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him.

Matthew 10:5-8 - Jesus sent out the twelve

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: “Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. ⁶ But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ And as you go, **preach**, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ ⁸ **Heal** the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

Luke 10:9 – Jesus sent out the seventy

⁹ And **heal** the sick there, and **say** to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’

Romans 2:4 – Goodness of God leads to repentance

⁴ Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that **the goodness of God leads you to repentance?**

Mark 6:12,13 – Preach repentance from sin

¹² **So they went out and preached that *people* should repent.** ¹³ And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, **and healed *them*.**

Romans 3:22-24 – All have sinned

²² even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; ²³ **for all have sinned** and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

Romans 5:20-21 – Where sin abounded, grace abounded more

²⁰ Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But **where sin abounded, grace abounded much more**, ²¹ so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

James 5:14-15 – Forgiveness after healing

¹⁴ **Is anyone among you sick?** Let him call for the elders of the church, and **let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.** ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. **And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.**

Matthew 11:5 – healing and the dead being raised

⁵ *The* blind see and *the* lame walk; *the* lepers are cleansed and *the* deaf hear; ***the* dead are raised up** and *the* poor have the gospel preached to them.

John 9:1-5 – Did sin cause blindness?

¹ Now as *Jesus* passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. ² And His disciples asked Him, saying, “**Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?**” ³ **Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,** but that the works of God should be revealed in him. ⁴ I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; *the* night is coming when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

How it actually should read?

³ Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned. But, that the works of God should be revealed in him, I must work the works of Him who sent me

The Devil Made Me Sick Because Of My Work For God

Argument(s):

1. Devil afflicts with sickness because of God's work.

Ephesians 6:14-18 – Our shield of faith stops ALL fiery darts

¹⁴Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶above all, taking the **shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.** ¹⁷And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; ¹⁸praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints

God Hasn't Healed Me Because He Knows If I Was Healed, I Would Sin

Argument(s):

1. If God heals “me”, I will return to sin.

Matthew 5:44-45 – Sun rises on the evil and the good

⁴⁴ But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; **for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.**

Psalms 84:11 – God does not withhold good from the upright

¹¹ For the Lord God *is* a sun and shield; The Lord will give grace and glory; **No good *thing* will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.**

Do Not Lay Hands On People Suddenly

Argument(s):

1. There must be a leading before laying hands on the sick because the Bible says, "Do not lay hands on anyone suddenly.'
2. Always ask God first.

1 Timothy 5:22

²² **Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands**, nor take part in the sins of others; keep yourself pure.

1 Timothy 5:17-25

¹⁷ Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching. ¹⁸ For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain," and, "The laborer deserves his wages."

¹⁹ Do not admit a **charge against** an elder except on the evidence of two or three witnesses. ²⁰ As for those who persist in **sin**, rebuke them in the presence of all, so that the rest may stand in fear. ²¹ In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of the elect angels I charge you to keep these rules without prejudging, doing nothing from partiality. ²² Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands, nor take part in the **sins** of others; **keep yourself pure**. ²³ (No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments.) ²⁴ The **sins** of some people are conspicuous, going before them to judgment, but the **sins** of others appear later. ²⁵ So also good works are conspicuous, and even those that are not cannot remain hidden.

In verse 17 of 1 Timothy 5, Paul begins to address the issues concerning elders in the church. He talks about them teaching and being worthy of their wages. He goes on to address accusations towards elders in the church and how to handle those elders who persist in sin. Paul then makes an interesting statement in verse 21 where he tells Timothy to handle all these situations without prejudging (forming a preconceived idea or opinion) or showing partiality. From there he tells Timothy not be hasty in the laying on of hands. Some have used this verse to try and support the idea that we should not pray for everyone who is sick. That is not the context of this verse. Paul is continuing his thought from the previous verse where he addressed prejudging and partiality when dealing with accusations

made toward elders and elders who persist in sin. He is telling Timothy not to entertain any preconceived or hold any partiality that would cause him to join sides with someone bringing an accusation against an elder, or possibly immediately join sides with the elder being accused. The charge not to lay hands hastily may also be addressing restoring an elder to position too quickly when there has been no repentance from the sin in which he persisted. If Timothy were to join sides with the accuser or the accusee through prejudging or partiality he could become a partaker of the sin of false accusation or a partaker of the sin of the accusee. This is the reason for Paul's charge of, "keep yourself pure."

In verse 23 Paul speaks of the issues regarding Timothy's stomach. We will deal with this sacred cow below. In verses 24-25, Paul then speaks of sin again. It would stand to reason that Paul did not leave this topic in verses 22 and 23, but rather, they are part of the topic at hand.

Timothy's Stomach

1 Timothy 5:23 – Timothy's stomach

23 No longer drink only water, but use a little **wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments**.

The phrase “frequent ailments” is key when looking at this verse. The word “frequent” contains that idea that Timothy did not suffer from these ailments day in and day out. He likely suffered from these ailments on a regular, recurring basis. It is therefore unfair to draw the conclusion that Paul was unable to heal Timothy each time he was ill. Let's take a look at a couple possible explanations for this.

Some people believe that Timothy struggled with anxiety. Anxiety can produce an uneasy stomach and other symptoms in the body. These people say that Paul prescribed the wine to help Timothy relax, and this would ultimately help to relieve the symptoms Timothy was experiencing in his stomach and other parts of his body.

Paul addressed some of the issues that Timothy faced in the Ephesus churches throughout his first letter to Timothy. These issues included anger and quarrelling (1 Timothy 2:8), drunkenness, violence, greed, children being disobedient to parents, slander, gossip, pride (1 Timothy 3:1-11), prevalence of false doctrines (1 Timothy 1:3; 4:7), Timothy being despised because of his youth (1 Timothy 4:12) and others.

Timothy had to wrestle with these issues within the churches and Paul wrote this letter to help provide some guidelines within which both he and the churches should operate (1 Timothy 3:15). The discord within the churches must have been weighing heavily on Timothy, as Paul thought it necessary to encourage Timothy in his faith in both of his letters.

1 Timothy 1:17-19

17 To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. 18 This charge I entrust to you, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies previously made about you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, 19 holding faith and a good conscience. By rejecting this, some have made shipwreck of their faith,

1 Timothy 4:14

14 Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you.

1 Timothy 6:11-14

11 But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 13 I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, 14 to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

2 Timothy 1:4-7

4 As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. 5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. 6 For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, 7 for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

2 Timothy 2:1

1 You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus,

As one can see, Paul regularly provided encouragement to Timothy in his letters. The stress on Timothy must have reached a point that brought him to tears (2Tim 1:4). The answer Paul provided for that stress was to encourage Timothy in his faith. It may be that the prescription of wine was a temporary solution to help Timothy deal with the physical symptoms of a soul issue while he grew in faith.

3 John 1:2

2 Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul.

The above verse tells us that there is a connection between the health of body and the health of the soul. Paul would have likely prayed for Timothy, possibly on multiple occasions. If the ailments

manifesting in Timothy's body were originating from an issue in the soul (such as stress and anxiety) the ailments would have kept returning to Timothy's body even if they left during Paul's prayers.

Another idea people have proposed is that Timothy's stomach was not accustomed to the water in Ephesus. The water in Ephesus may have contained microorganisms that contributed to the problems in Timothy's stomach. If the problem was the water, then this would explain the phrase "frequent ailments," as each time he drank water he would have been adding the cause of the sickness to his body. Since adding a little wine to some water was a common medical practice of the day, Paul may have told Timothy to add the wine to his water as a means of purifying the water. Timothy may have experienced sickness and been healed on a regular basis. Rather than see Timothy get sick and pray for healing each time this happened, Paul may have suggested the wine as a means to prevent these frequent ailments. Paul may have needed to tell Timothy to drink wine because he had Timothy follow certain practices so as to not offend the Jews. We know that this included circumcision (see Acts 16:1-4), and may have included other practices such as abstaining from wine (Leviticus 10:8-11).

All Things Work For The Good

Argument(s):

1. God wanted me to be sick for my good and His glory
2. God reaches more people through death than He ever would have through life.
3. He will use this sickness (or someone's death) for something big.
4. His ways are above our ways.

Romans 8:28 – All things work together for good

²⁸ And we know that **all things work together for good** to those **who love God**, to those who are the **called according to His purpose**.

Romans 8:26-29 – The Spirit intercedes for us

²⁶ Likewise **the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses**. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but **the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered**. ²⁷ Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit *is*, because He makes intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*. ²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His purpose*. ²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also **predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son**, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.