

IS SATAN THE CAUSE OF ALL SICKNESS?

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YAHWEH:

I want you to share your heart with Me.

SUSANNA:

Oh, Lord, it is so hard reading John G. Lake's book because the things that I read are so different than what I am used to hearing from You. Part of me can see why he said certain things based on how he preached off of a certain Scripture, yet he seems to ignore Your overall theme, so to speak, how You operate in general. He is saying it is always God's will to heal. And that is Your nature, yet he is also saying that every sickness comes from the enemy, which is not scriptural.

I am thinking right now concerning communion. Your Word says very plainly that if you take communion in an unworthy manner, where there is sin in your life, and your heart is not right, it could lead to sickness or even death itself. That tells me that the acts of a person can also bring sickness upon themselves, not Satan. People seem to casually blame the enemy for every sickness and disease and never want to know what the true cause could be.

I also think about what You said about blessings and curses in the book of Deuteronomy. Those were conditional blessings, and if someone chose to turn away from You, they would receive the curses as mentioned in Scripture. I also think about how Satan approached Your throne, and You told him about Job and how he walked in integrity and served You with his whole heart, and Satan wanted to challenge that; and You allowed him to do so, where You gave Satan permission to take everything from Job but his life, just to show that this was a man who was truly in Your will, where he was innocent before You; for he never cursed You despite of losing

it all but his life.

Oh, Lord, it just seems that people will claim a particular promise, yet they are not willing to look at the conditions concerning that promise. It's like the "name it and claim it" group, or those who choose to pull a Scripture out and say, "Yes, this is for me," yet they don't read the whole context concerning that Scripture; for quite a few Scriptures are indeed conditional, where it would say, "If you did this, you would receive this." Oh, Lord, Your nature, actually thinking about Your nature, puts Your Word in a different light. We must see Your full will and not particularly what we are trained by the world, the church, or our family. We must truly rely on Your Spirit to show us what is taking place at that moment. This requires insight from the Great Holy Spirit. This requires Your wisdom, not pulling out a few Scriptures just to say this is automatically for me because it's in the Word and I am a child of God.



MESSAGE FROM THE LORD

YAHWEH SAYS IT:

Yes, Susanna. Yes. You are speaking with My wisdom even now, for I am revealing so much to you concerning My will concerning healing and My nature. Many think that if they have a Scripture, it's automatically going to "work" for them. Now put "work" in quotes because My Word never fails; it is alive and active; it will come to pass.

Now here is where the problem lies: People will take a Scripture and say, "This is for me," yet they will not allow Me to show what is the root cause of whatever they are experiencing. And this is why. What if I say there is sin or demons involved? What if there's unforgiveness? What if someone has broken their will,

where they made a vow to Me, then they didn't keep that will, that promise?

What if they curse Me by the things they do or say or will in their lives, and yet they expect to receive so much of what I say is available? What if they believe they can live any sort of way and think they can "claim" My will for themselves? Yes, and the word "claim" is also in quotes. I am showing the way the church today operates. I am showing that people, as a whole, think My will is for them when there is more.

There is a true way to view My will as mentioned in Scripture: it is through the leading of My Spirit. It is by seeking My will for that moment. It is seeking My will, where you come before Me and ask Me what the root cause of a sickness, a disease, a church fallout, a dissension is. It is seeking My will for all things and not trying to use human wisdom to figure out what My will truly is.

Only My Spirit knows My true will in all things. Man has, for so long, gathered data from what others are doing or saying in their churches, in their meeting places instead of seeking My will for this moment. Why is that? It's because man chooses to follow the way of what they think works. It is because man wants to please others just like them so that they can gain their following and be like those they try to impress.

Why can't people look to Me to see My will, to see what I am doing for this moment, for this hour? This is what I long for—for those in My Body to come to Me and drink and receive My will from My Spirit, says your God. Stop trying to do things that your will is driving. Allow My will to lead where you seek to know My will for this time, for this season.

Do not assume you know what I am looking for when you have your eyes on your neighbor in this movement. Focus your eyes, your heart, your will on what I am

doing, what I am saying; for this is My will for you. My will is for you to look to Me for wisdom as to how to lead others, how to pray My will, how to minister. Don't go on what you think works.

The Spirit of God searches the hearts of men. And what is His will for this hour? Seek God's will.

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SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

(23) For I pass on to you what I received from the Lord Himself. On the night when He was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread (24) and gave thanks to God for it. Then He broke it in pieces and said, "This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." (25) In the same way, He took the cup of wine after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant between God and His people—an agreement confirmed with My blood. Do this in remembrance of Me as often as you drink it." (26) For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord's death until He comes again.

(27) So anyone who eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord unworthily is guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. (28) That is why you should examine yourself before eating the bread and drinking the cup. (29) For if you eat the bread or drink the cup without honoring the body of Christ, you are eating and drinking God's judgment upon yourself. (30) That is why many of you are weak and sick and some have even died.

(31) But if we would examine ourselves, we would not be judged by God in this way. (32) Yet when we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned along with the world.

—1 Corinthians 11:23-32 NLT

SATAN CAUSED JOB'S PAIN, BUT YAHWEH GAVE PERMISSION.

(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) The Lord said to Satan, "From where do you come?" Satan answered the Lord and said, "From roaming about on the earth and walking around on it." (8) The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil." (9) Then Satan answered the Lord, "Does Job fear God for nothing? (10) Have You not made a fence around him and his house and 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 reach out with Your hand now and touch all that he has; he will certainly curse You to Your face." (12) Then the Lord said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not reach out and put your hand on him." So Satan departed from the presence of the Lord.

—Job 1:6-12 NASB

JOB'S HEALTH IS DEALT WITH.

(1) Again, there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. (2) The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Then Satan answered the Lord and said, "From roaming about on the earth and walking around on it." (3) The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man fearing God and turning away from evil. And he still holds firm to his integrity, although you incited Me against him to ruin him without cause." (4) Satan answered the Lord and said, "Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has, he will give for his life. (5)

However, reach out with Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh; he will curse You to Your face!" (6) So the Lord said to Satan, "Behold, he is in your power, only spare his life."

(7) Then Satan went out from the presence of the Lord and struck Job with severe boils from the sole of his foot to the top of his head. (8) And Job took a piece of pottery to scrape himself while he was sitting in the ashes.

—Job 2:1-8 NASB

JOB RESTORED

(10) The Lord also restored the fortunes of Job when he prayed for his friends, and the Lord increased double all that Job had. (11) Then all his brothers, all his sisters, and all who had known him before came to him, and they ate bread with him in his house; and they sympathized with him and comforted him for all the adversities that the Lord had brought on him. And each one gave him a piece of money, and each a ring of gold. (12) The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand female donkeys. (13) He also had seven sons and three daughters. (14) He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. (15) In all the land no women were found as beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them inheritances among their brothers. (16) After this, Job lived 140 years, and saw his sons and his grandsons, four generations. (17) And Job died, an old man and full of days.

—Job 42:10-17 NASB

OTHER EXAMPLES

(6) Now Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn, and her name was Tamar. (7) But Er, Judah's firstborn, was evil in the sight of the Lord, so the Lord took his life.

(15) Then he returned to the man of God with all his company, and came and stood before him. And he said, "Behold now, I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel; so please accept a gift from your servant now." (16) But he said, "As surely as the Lord lives, before whom I stand, I will accept nothing." And he urged him to accept it, but he refused. (17) Then Naaman said, "If not, please let your servant be given two mules' load of earth; for your servant will no longer offer a burnt offering nor a sacrifice to other gods, but to the Lord. (18) Regarding this matter may the Lord forgive your servant: when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, and he leans on my hand and I bow down in the house of Rimmon, when I bow down in the house of Rimmon, may the Lord please forgive your servant in this matter." (19) He said to him, "Go in peace." So he went some distance from him.

(20) But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, thought, "Behold, my master has spared this Naaman the Aramean, by not accepting from his hand what he brought. As the Lord lives, I will run after him and take something from him." (21) So Gehazi pursued Naaman. When Naaman saw someone running after him, he came down from the chariot to meet him and said, "Is everything well?" (22) And he said, "Everything is well. My master has sent me, saying, 'Behold, just now two young men of the sons of the prophets have come to me from the hill country of Ephraim. Please give them a talent of silver and two changes of clothes.'" (23) Naaman said, "Be sure to take two talents." And he urged him, and tied up two talents of silver in two bags with two changes of clothes, and gave them to two of his servants; and they carried them before him. (24) When he came to the hill, he took them from their hand and deposited them in the house, and he sent the men away, and they departed. (25) But he went in and stood before his master. And Elisha said to him, "Where have you been, Gehazi?" And he said, "Your servant went nowhere." (26) Then he said to him, "Did my heart not go with you, when

the man turned from his chariot to meet you? Is it a time to accept money and to accept clothes, olive groves, vineyards, sheep, oxen, and male and female slaves? (27) Therefore, the leprosy of Naaman shall cling to you and to your descendants forever." So he went out from his presence afflicted with leprosy, as white as snow.

—2 Kings 5:15-27 NASB