

# Coronavirus

By the time we engage in this study, everyone may be in coronavirus fatigue, but there are principles in sickness that God addresses in His Word that I don't want to miss just because the world has moved on. From what I've read, sickness is not mentioned in scripture without some sort of meaning around it, as if it is used to communicate a Kingdom principle. What Kingdom principles we can learn through the attention on the coronavirus? Let's find out together.

1. Leviticus 13 describes what to do when someone has leprosy. In Luke 17, Jesus responds to the 10 lepers who stood at a distance and cried out to Jesus to heal them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests" and Jesus healed them on the way there. What is similar about treatment of lepers and treatment of those with the coronavirus?
2. In Deuteronomy, 28:21-22, one of the curses for the Israelite's disobedience to God is disease. In Psalm 106:13-15, David recalls that they forgot what God had done, didn't wait for His counsel, craved something else and in testing God, received what they wanted but contracted a disease. King Asa does not seek the Lord, even when he gets a severe foot disease (2 Chronicles 16:12). Is the coronavirus a curse on us?
3. Job was righteous, yet Satan was allowed by God to inflict painful sores from head to toe on him. Eliphaz says that he has never seen someone perish (like what appears to be happening to Job) who was innocent, implying that Job has some sin in his life (Job 4:7-9) Job questions if this is happening because of his sin but does not know what that sin is (Job 7:20). At the end of the book of Job, Job's last comment to God starts "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted." (Job 42:2). Was there purpose in Job's affliction? Is there purpose in the coronavirus?
4. In 1 Corinthians 11:27-32, many became sick because they ate and drank the Lord's supper in an unworthy manner. This sickness and death became discipline from the Lord so that they are not condemned. Is the coronavirus a judgment from the Lord as discipline for us? Could the coronavirus be a means the body of Christ is awakened so we are not condemned?
5. In Luke 13:1-5, Jesus is asked if those that died under Pilate and under the pillar of Siloam were worse sinners than others. What was Jesus' answer? Can the principle Jesus is explaining be applied to the coronavirus?
6. A large number of miracles were from Jesus healing the sick (Luke 4:40, Matthew 4:23-24). He even gave the power to heal to the disciples (Luke 9:1-2). Jesus clearly prioritizes healing of diseases. But then Paul pleads with God to remove a "thorn" which may or may not be a disease and God doesn't (2 Corinthians 12:8-9). Paul indicates that there is purpose in suffering (2 Corinthians 1:3-6). What possibilities exist to reason from scripture why God does not wipe out the coronavirus before the world is exposed and many more die?
7. Read Psalm 119:71, Psalm 34:19, 2 Corinthians 1:3-6, John 9:1-3, James 1:2-4, Psalm 73:26, 2 Corinthians 4:16, Psalm 23:4, Revelation 21:4-5. What are some promises found in these verses that could be applied to dealing with the coronavirus? What verses are precious to you when combating fear of the coronavirus that challenges your trust in the goodness of God?

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<sup>15</sup> However, if you do not obey the LORD your God and do not carefully follow all his commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come on you and overtake you...<sup>21</sup> The LORD will plague you with diseases until he has destroyed you from the land you are entering to possess. <sup>22</sup> The LORD will strike you with wasting disease, with fever and inflammation, with scorching heat and drought, with blight and mildew, which will plague you until you perish."

– **Deuteronomy 28:15, 21-22**

<sup>13</sup> But they soon forgot his works; they did not wait for his counsel. <sup>14</sup> But they had a wanton craving in the wilderness, and put God to the test in the desert; <sup>15</sup> he gave them what they asked, but sent a wasting disease among them." – **Psalms 106:13-15**

"In the thirty-ninth year of his reign Asa was diseased in his feet, and his disease became severe. Yet even in his disease he did not seek the LORD, but sought help from physicians." – **2 Chronicles 16:12**

<sup>7</sup> Remember: who that was innocent ever perished? Or where were the upright cut off? <sup>8</sup> As I have seen, those who plow iniquity and sow trouble reap the same. <sup>9</sup> By the breath of God they perish, and by the blast of his anger they are consumed." – **Job 4:7-9**

"If I have sinned, what have I done to you, you who see everything we do? Why have you made me your target? Have I become a burden to you?" – **Job 7:20**

<sup>27</sup> Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup> Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. <sup>29</sup> For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. <sup>30</sup> That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. <sup>31</sup> But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. <sup>32</sup> But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world." – **1 Corinthians 11:27-32**

<sup>1</sup> There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup> And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? <sup>3</sup> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. <sup>4</sup> Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." – **Luke 13:1-5**

<sup>38</sup> 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. <sup>39</sup> And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them. <sup>40</sup> 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." – **Luke 4:40**

<sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> 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." – **Matthew 4:23-24**

<sup>1</sup> And he called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, <sup>2</sup> and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal." – **Luke 9:1-2**

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<sup>8</sup> Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. <sup>9</sup> But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me." – **2 Corinthians 12:8-9**

"It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes." – **Psalms 119:71**

"Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all." – **Psalms 34:19**

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, <sup>4</sup> who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. <sup>5</sup> For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. <sup>6</sup> If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. " – **2 Corinthians 1:3-6**

"As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' <sup>3</sup> 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned,' said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him." – **John 9:1-3**

"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, <sup>3</sup> for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. <sup>4</sup> And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing." – **James 1:2-4**

<sup>26</sup> My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."  
– **Psalms 73:26**

<sup>16</sup> So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, <sup>18</sup> as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal." – **2 Corinthians 4:16-18**

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me." – **Psalms 23:4**

<sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."" – **Revelation 21:4-5**

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