

Does God want you sick?

Scriptures and philosophy used to promote this

Many of the believers I come in contact with that may be experiencing physical pain or some form of disease have accredited their condition as some divine purpose by God. I have learned that much of this confusion is being pulled from scripture and has kept many believers sick, when God wants them well (3 John 2). Let's take a look at some of the scriptures that have been pulled out of context to support the false doctrine that God wants us sick.



Tribulation produces patience (Rom 5:3)

You already are patient (Gal 5:22) and patience is a part of our born-again spirits nature. Read verse 1-2 that says we rejoice because now we are at peace with God not because of how good we are or what we are doing, it is because of what Jesus did (relationship stable and secure) BUT we do not only glory in that, but we can also glory in tribulation because **we know this**, God is on my side and I now have what I need (2 Cor 9:8) and I can draw out what He has already placed within and I can exercise my faith muscles. I rejoice because I already have the victory (1 Cor 15:57). This verse does not say God sends tribulation. If tribulation produces patience the people with most hardships would be the most patience.

“God is trying to teach me something”

Below are what God uses to teach us, sickness is **not** one.

- His Word (2 Tim 3:16)
All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. The word doctrine in Greek is didaskalia and means teaching.
- Grace (Titus 2:12)
- Holy Spirit (John 14:26)
- Old Testament (Rom 15:4)

“God is trying to perfect me through this”

- You are already perfect (Heb 12:23) and are complete in Him (Col 2:10). You must understand you are a three-part being to comprehend this (1 Thes 5:23).

Whom the Lord loves He chastens (Heb 12:6)

- This does not say whom the Lord loves He makes sick. The word chasten in Greek is paideuo and means to instruct, teach, or train up. A parent would never discipline or instruct their child by putting sickness on them.

If we suffer with Him, we will reign with Him (2 Tim 2:12)

- Suffer what? Diabetes, arthritis? What did Jesus suffer? Persecution is what Jesus suffered and if we are living Godly, we too will suffer persecution (2 Tim 3:12).

Count it a joy when we fall into various trails (James 1:3)

- Count it a joy!! This is stating the same thing that Romans 5:3 says. The word “produces” is similar to a mining term and is referring to drawing something out. Trails don’t come to perfect you. They come to kill, steal, and destroy (John 10:10) and to steal the Word (Mark 4:17). If we stand our ground, we can release what we have on the inside, and it will make us stronger for the next battle because we’ve exercised our faith but the purpose of the trail was not to perfect you.

Paul’s Thorn (2 Corinthians 12)

- This is not a situation where God wouldn’t take a mysterious sickness away from Paul. This was a demonic angel sent to buffet or persecute Paul to keep him from spreading the Gospel. A thorn in the flesh was mentioned in Numbers 33:55, Judges 2:3, and Joshua 23:13 all referring to a persistent enemy and was used as a figure of language. Paul list all he went through in the previous chapter (2 Corinthians 11) and never mentions sickness.

Job

- One of oldest books in Bible important to note because Job was before the Abrahamic covenant and he did not have a covenant with God. He was not born again and also did not have authority over the devil and was ignorant of the kingdom of darkness and thought everything that happen to him was from God. I know some reading this will say well God allowed it... God had to allow Satan to have access to him because the enemy became the god of this world (2 Cor 4:4) through Adams transgression and God would have been unjust to protect or continue to bless Job because Satan had legal access him.

Parable of the Persistent widow and Friend coming at midnight**(Luke 18, Luke 11)**

- These are contrast and not comparisons. We do not have to beg or badger God to help us in our time of need, rather we can run boldly to Him so that he can help us (Heb 4:16).