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## Does sickness glorify God?

Of course, you have already heard about such things that there must be “something good” if someone gets sick. Then the speculations on this are like for example that that person has to have more patience, or the person got sick and had to go to the hospital that the bed neighbour can hear about Jesus. Perhaps we know such or similar statements. – Can it really be that God will be glorified through sickness? Can it be that we meet God special in sickness? Is it possible or really wanted from God that sickness can serve the glorifying of God?

It can be that the bed neighbour hears know from God; but he could also hear it in his good health. The person had not to go sick to the hospital to tell other people about Jesus, she could do it also in healthy days. Perhaps someone sax know that we ca hear God better when we are sick. – But also this Statement is not true, then many people harden their hearts through sickness or they get bitter, because they think god will punish them. That someone has to pay for his sins is contradicting to the evangelism, because Jesus has paid for **all** your sins- the ones in the past and in the future- and he has also carried your sickness so that you don't have to carry them! - Of course you can destroy your life, your sickness but then these are the consequences of your lifestyle and not the punishment of God.

But now back to our question: Can sickness glorify God? To get the answer to this, we have to go into the Word of God and not let judge our meanings and experiences.

### *John 11*

*1 Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.*

*2 (It was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.)*

*3 Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick.*

*4 When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.*

Here it's saying also, that sickness serves for the glory of God....-really? – No, then with other words Jesus is saying, this sickness is not for the death, that means it will not get worst and go to death and it will also not so be, but it will move to the glorification of God. But what is now the glorification of God? Is it sickness or healing? Let us read forward from verse 40. (I want to encourage you to read the whole story in your Bible)

Verse 40

*40 Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?*

*41 Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.*

*42 And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.*

*43 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.*

“If you would believe, you should see the glory of God”, the glory of God or the glorification of God was working, as Lazarus was healed and came alive out of the grave. No one gave God the glory as Lazarus died. Or have you ever heard that God was worshiped on a funeral service for the death of the dead person? Normal we didn't do such things, but when one person get healed, then this will glorify God! God is a good God and he gives life and health!

*1. Corinthians 6, 19-20*

*19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?*

*20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*

We are buying for one price; through the salvation, which is in Jesus and our body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, which lives in us. For example, what are you doing with a house that you buy? You look after it, that it looks nice; you don't let it fall into disrepair. When someone walks by a ruined house, he doesn't thing good about its owner, but with a nice house there is good thinking about the owner.

God is interested on your body and he will that you are healthy and you are well, then that gives him glory as for the good and merciful God, that he is.

*John 9,1-4*

*1 And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth.*

*2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?*

*3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.*

*4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.*

What are the works of God? – Healing, Salvation, Setting free; that is what God is doing, he heals, he saves and he sets free out of every plight, restriction and sin. He didn't do the human being blind, that he can heal him afterwards, that will be foolish! God is good and he has nothing common to sickness!

Verse 5

*5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. 6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay,*

*7 And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.*

Healing of the sick doesn't stop with Jesus, but he passed on that assignment.

*Luke 10, 8-9 (also see Luke 9,2)*

*8 And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you:*

*9 And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.*

Preach the kingdom of God and heal. Healing is the visiting card of the kingdom of God. Sickness depends not to the kingdom of God but sickness is in this fallen world, therefore we have in this world the kingdom of God, to preach the evangelism and with it depends also healing. Nowhere in the Bible can we read, that God makes a difference between persons, which have to carry sickness a bit longer and the ones, which are not called to it. He only says: "Heal the sick, preach the kingdom of God, no matter in which city you are." They didn't have to pray first, to get to know about if it is God's will. **You** don't have to pray, to get to know if it is God's will, that you are healed, then it is his irrefutable will on every time, also for you.

Before his ascension, Jesus passed the assignment to heal the sick also on you. Healing has never stopped, but got lost a little time, because healing was no more taught, but healing is still God's will and depends to the evangelism.

*Marc 16, 15-20*

*15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*

*16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.*

*17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;*

*18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.*

*19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.*

*20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.*

When we pray for the sick, then God confirm his Word, his statement through healing. It is his thing to heal, our thing it is to believe him and to act according to it. But, what is, when someone doesn't get healing? – Go on, believe and don't ask yourself why. We don't know all, but one thing we know for sure, because God said it to us in his word: **Healing is always the will of God and gives him glory, and then he is full of mercy for every person.**

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## How will I become a Christian?

Take Jesus as your personal Lord through a prayer

“Father God, I come to you in the name of Jesus Christ. I believe in my heart, that Jesus Christ is the son of God. I believe that he rose from death, for my justification and for forgiveness of my sins. Jesus, come now in my heart. I take you as my Rescuer and Saviour. From now on you are my Lord, and God is my Father. Amen.

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