

Jesus the True Doctor

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[Luke 5:30-32] And their scribes and the Pharisees complained against His disciples, saying, "Why do You eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

There are many sick people in the world. We live in a sick world with many sick persons, homes, and societies. Jesus came to such a world, and cured many sick people, both physically and spiritually, thus proving that He is the true Doctor sent from heaven to heal the sick world.

Those who did not concede they were sick, however, did not receive the benefit of healing from Jesus Christ. Only those who were acutely aware of their illnesses and believed that Jesus had the power to heal them came to Him and were healed.

Today many people whose minds and spirits are sick do not concede their sick conditions, nor do they come to Jesus to be healed. I encourage the Christian readers of this message to present the true doctor Jesus Christ to the sick people around you and encourage them to come to Him and be healed of the diseases that are tormenting their spirits and bodies and become renewed as God's wholesome creation.

In verse 32 above, we note that Jesus equated healing sick people with calling them to repentance. You would wonder, what has healing sickness to do with repentance? Although we may not understand fully, Jesus is implying that the sick people are sinners and repentance is a prerequisite to being healed of sicknesses. He said, *"Those who are well do not need doctors but the sick do."* This declaration indicates that He is the true doctor who came to heal the sick. *"I came to call the sinners to repentance,"* tells us that the sinners are the sick people and they need to repent to be healed of their diseases.

Before this dialogue with the Pharisees and scholars, Jesus healed a paralytic who had been lowered through the roof to the room where He was by his friends. He healed this paralytic in the presence of the religious people saying He forgave the sins of this sick person.

[Luke 5:20] When He saw their faith, He said to him, "Man, your sins are forgiven you."

The religious leaders who witnessed this healing scene spoke among themselves, how can this Man forgive the sins of a person, since only God can forgive the sins of people? They thought Jesus was being blasphemous by asserting Himself as God. Having heard this grumbling, Jesus declared that He had the power not only of healing the diseases of sinners but of forgiving their sins.

[Luke 5:24-25] But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—He said to the man who was paralyzed, "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." Immediately he rose up before them, took up what he had been lying on, and departed to his own house, glorifying God.

Today souls of people are dying of various diseases in the world. Many people suffer from the disease of 'self-importance,' that is the disease of putting themselves as a higher priority than God. One of the characteristics of this disease is that they are not aware their souls are dying because of this disease and that they are tormenting not only their inner souls but also those around them through numerous side effects of this disease. When their interests collide with the divine principles, they set aside God's principles and the interests of His kingdom and choose to follow their own goals and interests. The various side effects of such decisions and policies are making their souls, homes, and societies weaken and disintegrate with deathly maladies. Yet these decision-makers do not see the impact of their selfish decisions and have no desire to come to Jesus to be healed. This phenomenon is a decisive characteristic of the present sick world we live in.

They insist that the evolution theory must be taught in schools instead of the creation doctrine, justify the killing of hundreds of thousands of unborn babies in mothers' wombs before their births, rationalize from a totalitarian platform of restricting and suppressing the freedom and rights of individuals, purposefully spread epidemic viruses and germs to throw the entire world into panic and suffering. Their actions and programs are putting the entire world into a sick condition and God abhors their actions. And consequences follow.

Another disease that torments people is the 'disease of greed.' This disease creeps into early childhood and lasts until near or right up to the death of a person. Lord Jesus taught us that we cannot serve God and mammon (money). Our souls have been created by God to feel true happiness and satisfaction by serving God only. Numerous side effects arise when we try to serve both God and money so that individual souls, homes, churches, and societies become sick with the malaise. When people, even Christians and church leaders, love money more than God, disregard and slight God's principles and designs, the world around them becomes sick and suffers from the consequential side effects. They can become whole only by coming to Jesus Christ in the humble spirit of repentance so that they might be renewed as wholesome entities before God.

[Matt 6:24] No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

Jesus is the true Doctor. He shows the cause of your sickness with perfect clarity, issues a sure prescription, and provides the medicine free of charge because He has paid for the remedies. Have you ever come across such a doctor in this world? Your body and soul are closely interconnected. When your soul is sick with a malaise, your body will likely become sick. Therefore, when your soul is healed of its diseases by Jesus Christ, your physical health will also improve. In the case of this paralytic patient, his sins were forgiven by the Lord because he came with a repentant heart and an earnest desire to be healed. Lord Jesus saw his spiritual and physical conditions, forgave his sins, and healed the paralysis of this patient. He practiced His mission of calling the sinners to repentance.

We must come to Jesus Christ with a repentant heart so that we can be healed of the numerous diseases that are corrupting and tormenting us. Jesus Christ, the true Doctor, is waiting for us to come to Him to be cured and renewed. He requires no money for His merciful healing. Only an earnest desire to be healed and a repentant heart are the requirements. I encourage all who are suffering from diseases of souls to go to Jesus Christ today and receive free healing and be renewed. Amen.

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