

Deliverance Ministry: Follow up

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There is no such thing as a quick fix. Many Christians believe they can fix anything by just saying the magic words, “In the Name of Jesus!” I am not denying the power and authority that is in Messiah, but what I am saying is, “In the Name of Jesus (BLANK)!” is not a solution, it is a start. You may be delivered from a demon, fear, depression, even a sickness, “In the Name of Yeshua Messiah.” But if you don’t, “Go and sin no more. (John 8:11).” In other words: 1.) Refrain from the sin that got you in bondage in the first place. 2.) Keep the Torah; you will find yourself 7x’s worse off (Matt. 12:45).

Now in regards to physical ailments such as maladies from birth; clearly these are not caused by sin by any particular person (John 9), it’s just what happens something because we live in a fallen world. But I am talking about possibly cancer, even acne **MAY** be, (not always) the result of sin. Namely what the Rabbi’s and Sages call, “LaShone Hara” literally the evil tongue which could range from gossip, slander, hate in the heart, etc. Because Miriam (Moses’ sister) contracted leprosy (a skin disorder) because she spoke bad of her brother, the Rabbi’s concluded that leprosy was a physical manifestation of a spiritual malady that Torah commanded needed to be exiled from the camp because it was extremely contagious. This is not so far fetched. Some maladies can be psychosomatic; it is proven that worry and stress can cause ulcers. Anger and guilt can affect blood pressure and sometimes be linked to heart attacks and the like. Proverbs warns of hanging around people like that for the possibility of acting like them (Prov. 22:24-25).

Deliverance must be followed up by realization, correction and lasting habitual change from the interior of the mind to the outer world of action (Rom. 12:2). Counseling and lifestyle changes may be needed to bring about a permanent lasting deliverance and change. Just as a prison inmate who spent years in prison must adjust to the life of a free man again. Old habits, thought patterns and ways need to be changed and rerouted. Same is true for a soldier of war; he must adjust to civilian life again.