

## NONE OF THESE DISEASES

### Int.

1. Aim: To show how God promised to free these people from certain diseases if they kept his word !
2. Deut. 7:15 "And the Lord will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee; but will lay them upon all them that hate thee."
  - a. Also like Ex. 15:26 "And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee."
  - b. This was a promise that they would have none of the diseases the Egyptians had.
  - c. The diseases would be put on their enemies
3. The condition was OBEDIENCE
  - a. Deut. 7:17 "Wherefore it shall come to pass, if ye hearken to these judgments, and keep, and do them, that the Lord thy God shall keep unto thee the covenant and the mercy which he sware unto thy fathers:"
  - b. Moses was writing by inspiration
  - c. He was not giving remedies of that Day!
    - i. In a book called Papyrus Ebers a medical book written during this time they had many strange remedies....
    - ii. "To prevent the hair from turning gray, anoint it with the blood of a black calf which has been boiled in oil, or in the fat of a rattlesnake."

- iii. Their drugs included: lizards blood, swines teeth, putrid meat, stinking fat, moisture from pigs ear, milk goose grease, asses hoofs, animals fat, waste or dung from animal and man.
- iv. Remedy prescribed was deadly when the sickness was not!!
- d. Moses did not give instructions like these
- e. His instructions did not hurt in any way but always helped & prevented disease.
- 4. Today we could be spared from many diseases and we are spared from many diseases by obeying God's commands.

## Discussion

### I. SANITATION

- A. For many centuries millions of people died because of unsanitary conditions
  - 1. These things about sanitation have been discovered in recent years
  - 2. But the Word of God had given instructions many hundreds of years ago that would have spared the lives of many
- B. The laws of Leprosy
  - 1. Leviticus 13-15
  - 2. Kept out of camp - pronounced unclean
  - 3. Burn or wash clothing and bed articles and the house
  - 4. Cleansed body after leprosy was gone
    - a. Washed and cleaned body
    - b. Shaved hair
    - c. Washed in running water
  - 5. If touched or came in close contact with a sick person they must wash and be unclean until evening

C. During Dark Ages leprosy and black death swept Europe

1. Leprosy - 13th century reached all Europe
  - a. Millions were dying
  - b. The physicians could not figure out the cause or the cure
2. Black death
  - a. Bubonic plague - called black death for the body turned black after death
  - b. In the 6<sup>th</sup> century over 100 million died
  - c. 14th century bubonic plague covered all Europe & millions were killed
  - d. The dead were lying everywhere!! Over 75 million !!!
3. How were these brought under control????
  - a. They began to practice the laws about leprosy found in Leviticus
  - b. One with disease was separated from the rest of the people
  - c. These rules brought the plague and leprosy under control

D. INFECTION

1. The year was 1840 - in the country of Austria
2. 1 of 6 women died in the maternity wards
3. One doctor demanded washing of hands after examining the dead patients -- result = the death rate dropped to 1 out of 84 deaths.
4. This same doctor also suggested that they wash their hands between the examination of each patient. HE LOST HIS JOB !!
5. The Bible specified that the hands were to be washed in running water with time intervals and they were to change their clothes after contact with a sick patient.

6. Moses wrote by instructions from God for men did not know about this until many years later.
7. Man finally learned what God gave Moses by inspiration about the laws of sanitation !!

## **II. CIRCUMCISION**

### A. Cancer

1. Many women die of die of cancer of the Cervix
2. Several thousand each year
3. About 1/4 of all cancer in women

### B. Discovery of the cause of cancer of the Cervix

1. Jewish hospital in N.Y.
  - a. Early 1900's
  - b. Doctor noticed that Jewish women were free from this type of cancer
2. Mayo Clinic in 1949
  - a. 568 cases of this type cancer among women
  - b. Not one woman was a Jew
  - c. Yet 7% of their admissions were Jews
3. 1954 in Boston
  - a. Study of 86,214 women with this cancer
  - b. Non-Jewish women had this cancer 8 1/2 times more frequent than the Jewish women
4. The studies proved that freedom from this type cancer among the Jews was due to the fact that the men were circumcised

- C. Science arrives 4,000 years later upon the fact that circumcision is a good health practice.
- D. Gen. 17:10-14 "This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised. 11. And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you. 12. And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed. 13. He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. 14. And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant."

### **III. DRUNKENNESS**

- A. Drinking of alcohol has serious effects on the body
1. Brain is destroyed
    - a. Drunkard has weird ideas of what is happening to him
    - b. About 10% of mental patients are in this condition because of the use of alcohol
  2. Lives are destroyed
    - a. Drunk drivers
    - b. Thousands killed each year
    - c. Other types of accidents and murder
  3. Various organs of the body are destroyed by drinking

B. The Bible warns us of this evil liquid

1. Prov. 23:29-35 this describes a drunk
2. The waste of life and money on alcohol could be prevented by obeying the commands of God.
3. Ps. 84:11 "For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly." ---- God will not withhold any thing from us that is good.

#### IV. SEXUAL SINS

A. Epidemic in this country of Sexually transmitted diseases

1. Gonorrhea, Syphilis
2. Aids
3. Causes troubles and problems: infections, operations, heart trouble, insanity, sterility, blindness, deafness, DEATH.
4. Thousands and millions of babies are born with health problems due to the sins of their parents. Blindness, birth defects, aids Etc.
5. I Cor. 10:8 "Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand."

B. This could be prevented. The Bible gives instructions that would stope this epidemic.

It has the cure.

1. Ex. 20:14 "Thou shalt not commit adultery."
2. Free love is condemned:

- a. Deut. 22:22 "If a man be found lying with a woman married to an husband, then they shall both of them die, both the man that lay with the woman, and the woman: so shalt thou put away evil from Israel."
  - b. Leviticus 18
3. God's way is one man for one woman until death
- a. Heb. 13:4
  - b. Mk. 10:4-9
4. Warnings about the sin of adultery:
- a. 1 Cor. 6:18 "Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body."
  - b. Prov. 5:1-12 v. 11 "And thou mourn at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed,"
  - c. I Cor. 10:8
5. Obedience to God's laws is the only way to avoid these sexually transmitted diseases.

## **CONCLUSION**

1. Deut. 28:58-61 "If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY GOD; 59. Then the Lord will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, even great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance. 60. Moreover he will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee. 61. Also every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, them will the Lord bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed."
2. None of these evil diseases is a promise to those who would obey.

3. We can also benefit physically from obeying God's laws even today.
4. If there were no eternal rewards for serving God, it would still be the best way of life on this earth.
5. We are promised release from that second death if we will obey God now on this earth
6. Rev. 2:11 "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death."
7. John 10:10 "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have [it] more abundantly."

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