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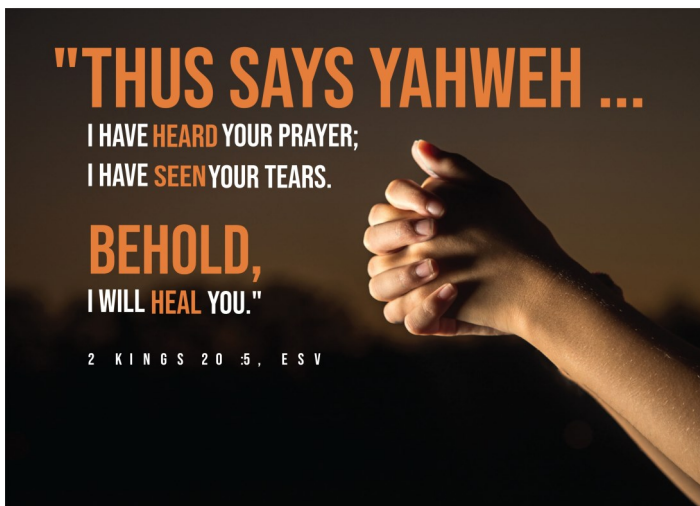


A joyful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit dries up the bones.

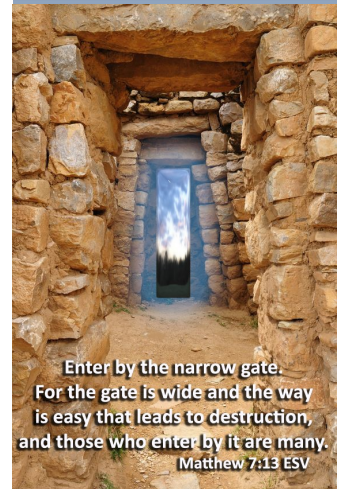
Proverbs 17:22 NASB

Was Paul Wrong to Suggest Taking Medicine?

After we seek Yahweh's help with prayer (at times, with fasting (Dan. 19:3-5) and anointing (James 5:13), is it wrong to go to a regular physician? We do follow Scripture and seek Yahweh's healing in our lives, to not do so would be a lack of faith. An example is King Asa: *In the thirty-ninth year of his reign Asa became diseased in his feet. His disease was severe, yet even in his disease he did not seek Yahweh, but the physicians [only],* 2 Chronicles 16:12. Our admonition is to seek Yahweh first, King Asa most likely would have lived if he had done so. An example, of such years being added, is King Hezekiah who received an extra 15 years of life when he turned to Yahweh with tears (Isa 38:3-5).



Was Paul wrong to suggest a medicinal intervention? Paul, hard to understand at times, was very clear when he told Timothy that he should take a little wine as a type of medicine for his stomach, and other occasional sicknesses. *No longer drink water exclusively, but use a little wine for the*



sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments, 1 Timothy 5:23.

Medicine is described as follows by the *Concise Oxford English Dictionary*. Medicine: 1 the science or practice of the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of disease (in technical use often taken to exclude surgery). 2 a drug or other preparation for the treatment or prevention of disease.

What examples did Yahshua give? Yahshua described in a parable that wine was used as a topical antiseptic for the Samaritan. *and came to him and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them; and he put him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn and took care of him,* Luke 10:34. Oil is also mentioned here.

Other medical type salves were evidently common enough for Yahshua to say: *I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself, and that the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes so*

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that you may see, Revelation 3:18.

In one place, Yahshua asserted the sick need a physician: *And hearing this, Yahshua said to them, "It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick; I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners,"* Mark 2:17.

Luke was not a despised physician — indicating his trade — and was not rejected, but rather accepted. *Luke, the beloved physician, sends you his greetings, and also Demas,* Colossians 4:14. This was spoken by Paul, the same Paul that advised Timothy to take some wine, as a medicine, for his ailing stomach.

What does prophecy tell us? The prophecy for the kingdom indicates there will be trees which will provide leaves that can be used for healing. *By the river on its bank, on one side and on the other, will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither and their fruit will not fail. They will bear every month because their water flows from the sanctuary, and their fruit will be for food and their leaves for healing,* Ezekiel 47:12 (See also Rev 22:1).

It appears there is no command in Scripture forbidding one from taking medicine for therapeutic purposes. Aspirin is an over the counter medicine, which has been proven helpful in saving lives, as well as helping take the pain away from the common headache people sometimes get.

If I have a heart attack, and I'm lucid enough to think, I'll pray first, take an aspirin and then get to the hospital. I'll do so, knowing that Yahweh provides.

Elder David Brett

Yahweh Doesn't Play With YO-YOs

Up, then Down; Above, then Below;
In, then Out; On, then Off;
Over, then Under.

Yahweh Doesn't Play With YO-YOs

I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot: I would you were cold or hot. So then because you are neither nor hot ... and know not that you are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked ... I will vomit you out of My mouth, Revelation 3:15-17.



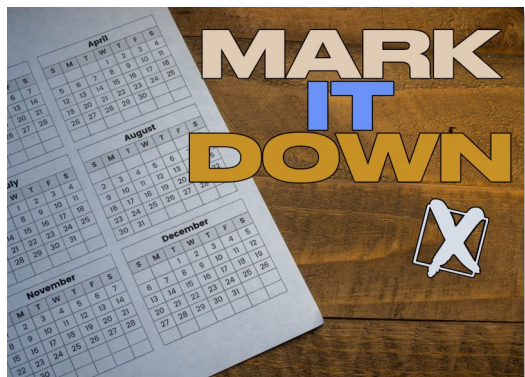
Fair Weather Believers, chase the Son but then, permit Their Calling to become dampened by the rain of sundry cares and affairs that distract, draw Them away and beset Them so that they cannot find how to perform the thing that is good and acceptable.

Bouncing Up, then Down; Above, then Below; In, then Out; On, then Off; Over, then Under ... 'tis little wonder from His perspective, They are like YO-YOs.

Quite is He, willing instead should They be like He: Changing Not; Sure and Steadfast; the Same, Today and Tomorrow; having neither Variableness nor Shadow of Turning; True and Faithful ~ no matter the circumstance of life: whether full or hungry; whether abounding in prosperity, or suffering infirmity, necessity or distress.

Elder John W. Reece

Calendars for Assemblies Worldwide



2023-2030
 Calendars for all regions worldwide are now available online out to 2030. These include South America, Africa, Europe, Middle East, and Asia, besides North America.

We CAN Overcome!

As Yahweh's Spirit calls us out, we are struggling with our own flesh knowing that we are to heed the Almighty Father's Spirit and truth instead. It prepares us to receive internally, a portion of Yahweh's Spirit and His Son (Act 5:32). As we submit and work out our salvation (Phil. 2:12), it allows us to be chosen trustworthy of the Word revealed. There is nothing easy about making the decision to overcome, it comes with struggles (Luke 14:25-35).

Yahshua, Himself, struggled to the point of sweating drops of blood mixed with sweat. It is scientifically and medically proven that this is possible, as the Word is confirmed by the physician Luke (Luke 22:40). This is the extent of the struggle Yahshua went through to be humbly submissive to His Father (Matt. 26:39). While we may not suffer to that degree, we do find ourselves in anguish at times over the struggles we have in this life. Struggles of mind and heart; struggles to put our lives in Yahweh's hands by being submissive to His will (Rom. 7:14-25). The evil spiritual influences are strong in this world, but we must resist and not succumb to our own flesh being taken away in a spirit of disobedience.

This is why the Word tells us to make our calling and election sure (2 Pet. 1:10) and to grow and add to what has been granted to us (2 Pet. 1:3-7). The warning in verse 8 is one that we also must be aware of when we are immersed in Yahshua's saving Name. Yahshua encourages us, by letting us know that He has overcome the world, and with His help, we can, too! (John 16:33; 1 John 4:4, 5:4-5.)



Elder David Brett

A Modern Saturnalia

The rites of this observance trace back thousands of years before the Messiah Yahshua to a place called Babylon. Springing from that ancient birthplace of paganism are many of the peculiar customs that make Christmas what it is today. A good share of these practices came to us directly through the Roman Saturnalia festival.

"Christmas" is a contraction for "Christ's Mass," a Roman Catholic observance designed as a compromise with the heathen Roman feast of Saturnalia. The Saturnalia was a seven-day festival in honor of the deity Saturn. It began on December 17. At the Saturnalia "all classes exchanged gifts, the commonest being waxed tapers [candles] and clay dolls. These dolls were especially given to children. Varro thought these dolls represented original sacrifices of human beings to the infernal god,"

Encyclopaedia Britannica, 11th Ed., vol. 24, p. 231.

Being that no one knew when the Savior was born, "in [C.E.] 354, Bishop Liberius of Rome ordered the people to celebrate on December 25. He probably chose this date because the people of Rome already observed it as the Feast of Saturn, celebrating the birthday of the sun. Christians honored Christ instead of Saturn, as the Light of the world,"

The World Book Encyclopedia (1962), "Christmas," p. 416.

We learn, then, that Christmas represents a thinly veiled compromise with the profane worship of pagan peoples, which is why we see so many heathen trappings associated with this winter holiday.

Ask yourself, what do evergreen trees, Yule logs, candles, bells, mistletoe, holly wreaths, ham, cookies, tinsel, lights, and wassail bowls have to do with the birth of the Savior? Each of these Christmas customs has a non-Biblical source. Most are rooted in fertility rites or in sun worship from a pagan past.

Excerpted from: *Is Christmas a Biblical Observance*

Prayer List

David & Barbara Creel, Robert Dorchester, Stella Rogers, Sean Rogers and Family, Loretta Reyes and Family, Michael Hutchinson, Chauncey Hargrove, David & Nancy Wilson Family/Friends, Jerry Castle, Mary Giles Family, Kenneth Faulkner, Quinnten Allen, Kat Durban, Isaiah Davis, Dulcena Tessner, Marylyn Patterson Family, David Andrews, Kenya Washington, Elder Lionel Gets Family, Joseph Miller, Adam Galvan Family, Neville & Maryke Stanton, Antionette Swart, Bertha Tidwell, Annette Heyward, Tammy Boucher, Magdalena M. Torres, Angela Bradley, Luann Campbell Family, Dwayne Mariam, Randell Serfess, Sonja Morgan, Dianne E. Wright Family, Victor Kiiru Family, Maria Nelson Family, Hilda Driedger, David Nathaniel Malm, Susana Malm, Mike and Sheila Kemper, Susan Freeman, Paul Ingram, Elder Cornelius Kigen, Ruth Bamba, Charlie Pelton, Eric Perkins Family, Marcy Mallinson, Monica Kleb, James Penn Family, Elder Jerry Healan Family, Sheila Sendeyo, NyHuff/Thompson family, Ronald Tidwell, Eugene and Rockie Family, Robert Creech, Emma Moss, Diane Crocker, Valerie Freeman, Lucas Bentley, Nyakim Gatkuoth, Dustin Mariam, Jacqueline Maribicuro, Ryan Irving, Melissa Taylor, Elder Thomas Musekenya.

Also include in your prayers individuals seeking Yahweh from within prison facilities and for their families, plus overseas brethren and especially for the peace of Jerusalem (Psa. 122:6). The world's leaders could also use our prayers (Jer. 29:7; 1 Tim. 2:2).

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