# Causes of Sicknesses, Diseases, Illnesses, Infirmities, etc.
*Matthew 9:1 – 8*
## *Jesus Heals the Paralytic Man*

"So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city.  Then, behold, they brought to Him ***a paralytic lying on a bed***.  When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; ***your sins are forgiven you****."*  And at once some of the scribes said within themselves,  "This Man blasphemes!"  But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts?  For which is easier to say, '***Your sins are forgiven you***,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'?  But that you man know that the Son of Man has power on earth to ***forgive sins***" – then He said to the paralytic, *"**Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house**.*"  And he arose and departed to his house.  Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

Matthew chapters 8 and 9 show us Jesus continuing in His public ministry.  One aspect of His ministry was that of healing the sick.  In these two chapters, we see over and over again, Jesus healing people, and these instances are recorded for our edification.

The case before us today, found in Matthew 9:1- 8, is the story of Jesus Healing the Paralytic Man  In many of the cases recorded for us in the Bible we do not know the direct cause of the illness.  But, such is not the case in this passage of scripture.  Jesus leaves no doubt – the cause of this man's sickness was his own personal sin.  **It was through the forgiveness of his sins that this man was healed**.

Listed below are other causes of sickness, disease, etc., for further reflection.
***Causes of Sickness/Disease/Illness, etc.***

1.  Natural Laws Broken (e.g., not eating healthy foods)
2.  Genetic weaknesses inherited (e.g., diseases that "run in the family")
3.  Disregard of the Lord's Supper (not taking seriously the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus)
4.  Curses (a spiritual cause imposed upon someone through transgression/sin)
5.  Natural causes (e.g., age; "in the cold" with no coat on)
6.  Demonic (a spiritual cause for physical or mental illness)
7.  Chastisement (a result of disobedience … but intended for correction)
8.  Pruning (to result in being more productive in life)
9.  Side effects of medicine
10. Contamination from others (through germs and bacteria)
11. Personal Sin

Personal sin - This is the cause of the paralytic man's infirmity, as found in Matthew 9.  This passage does not identify what particular sin the man committed.  However, we know from scripture that all sin(s) gives ground for sickness and disease; although, many, many times, through the grace and mercies of God we are spared.

***Look up the following scriptures to see the correlation between sin and sickness:***

**Deuteronomy 28:15, 22, 27, 28, 35, 45      Psalm 103:3               Numbers 9:9 - 13**
**James 5:15                                              2 Samuel 6:6 – 9          2 Chronicles 26:18 - 21**
**1 Corinthians 11:27 – 30                           2 Kings 15:3 – 5**

***Contrast:  John 9:1 - 3***