

BIBLICAL REFERENCES TO DISABLING CONDITIONS

GENERAL REFERENCES

Men with disabilities may not enter Temple

LEVITICUS 21:16-23

DEUTERONOMY 23:1

Blemished animals may not be offered as sacrifice

LEVITICUS 22:21-25

DEUTERONOMY 15:21

2 SAMUEL 5:6-8

MALACHI 1:8-14

Job in his righteousness is eyes to those who are blind, feet to those who cannot walk

JOB 29:14-15

Bad shepherds punished for not caring for those who are injured, who live with a disability, who live in poverty

EZEKIEL 34:1-16

Jesus' healing is a sign of his identity and mission

MATTHEW 11:2-6

LUKE 4:16-21

LUKE 7:18-23

JOHN 9:1-41

JOHN 10:19-21

Jesus give disciples power to heal

MATTHEW 10:1-8

MARK 3:13-15

MARK 6:7-13

LUKE 9:1-2

LUKE 10:17-20

Can those who are blind lead those who are blind?

MATTHEW 15:12-14

Invite not those who are wealthy but those who are poor and those who are disabled to your feast

LUKE 14:12-24

Paul's "thorn in the flesh" shows God's strength in Paul's weakness

2 CORINTHIANS 12:7-10

Regulations and treatments of various skin diseases

LEVITICUS 13:1-59

LEVITICUS 14:1-57

BLINDNESS

Discrimination against blindness is forbidden

LEVITICUS 19:14

DEUTERONOMY 27:18

Job in his righteousness is eyes to those who are blind

JOB 29:14-15

God will restore sight of

PSALM 146:8
ISAIAH 29:18-21
ISAIAH 35:4-6
ISAIAH 42:6-7
ISAIAH 43:5-8
JEREMIAH 31:8-9

Healing by Jesus

MATTHEW 9:27-31
MATTHEW 12:22-32
MATTHEW 15:30-31
MATTHEW 20:30-34
MATTHEW 21:14
MARK 8:22-26
MARK 10:46-52
LUKE 18:35-43
JOHN 9:1-41

Inflicted on persons as punishment

GENESIS 19:1-11
DEUTERONOMY 28:20-29
2 KINGS 6:17-18
ISAIAH 29:9-12
LAMENTATIONS 4:12-14
ZEPHANIAH 1:17-18
ACTS 13:6-12

Saul blinded temporarily by Jesus' presence

ACTS 9:1-9

DEAFNESS

Discrimination against forbidden

LEVITICUS 19:14

God will restore hearing

ISAIAH 29:18-21
ISAIAH 35:4-6
ISAIAH 43:5-8

Healing by Jesus

MARK 7:31-36
MARK 9:20-29

EPILEPSY

Healed by Jesus

MATTHEW 4:23-25
MATTHEW 17:14-20
MARK 9:14-29
LUKE 9:34-42

LAMENESS, PARALYSIS

Discrimination against punished

EZEKIEL 34:1-10

David kind to Mephibosheth, son of Jonathan with a mobility impairment

2 SAMUEL 9:3-13

2 SAMUEL 19:24-30

Job in his righteousness is feet to those who cannot walk

JOB 29:14-15

Those who cannot walk slander psalmist as uncaring of them

PSALMS 35:11-18

God will heal

PSALM 146:7-10

ISAIAH 33:20-24

ISAIAH 35:4-6

JEREMIAH 31:8-9

EZEKIEL 34:1-16

MICAH 4:6-7

ZEPHANIAH 3:19-20

HEBREWS 12:12-13

Healing by Jesus

MATTHEW 4:23-25

MATTHEW 8:5-13

MATTHEW 9:2-9

MATTHEW 15:30-31

MATTHEW 21:14

MARK 2:3-12

LUKE 5:18-26

LUKE 13:10-19

JOHN 5:3-15

Healing by Peter

ACTS 3:2-12

ACTS 4:8-10

ACTS 9:32-35

Healing by Philip

ACTS 8:5-8

Healing by Paul

ACTS 14:8-11

LEPROSY

Regulation and treatment

LEVITICUS 13:1- 59

LEVITICUS 14:1-57

DEUTERONOMY 24:8-9

Naaman suffers from, healed

2 KINGS 5:1-19

Inflicted on persons as punishment

NUMBERS 12:9-16

2 KINGS 5:20-27

2 CHRONICLES 26:16-23

Healing by Jesus

MATTHEW 8:1-4

MARK 1:40-45

LUKE 5:12-16

SPEECH, LACK OF

Moses slow of speech and tongue

EXODUS 4:10-16

Defend those who cannot speak

PROVERBS 31:8-9

God will restore speech

ISAIAH 35:4-6

Ezekiel struck dumb, healed as sign of people's sin and punishment

EZEKIEL 3:22-27

EZEKIEL 24:25-27

EZEKIEL 33:21-22

Zechariah struck dumb for doubting John (the Baptist's) birth

LUKE 1:5-25, 59-66

Healing by Jesus

MATTHEW 9:32-34

MATTHEW 12:22-28

MATTHEW 15:30-31

MARK 7:31-37

MARK 9:14-29

LUKE 11:14-20

WITHERED HAND

Jesus cures man with withered hand

MATTHEW 12:9-14

MARK 3:1-6

LUKE 6:6-11

DEMONIC POSSESSION

(Note: Many of the conditions we know today as physical or mental conditions were thought in biblical times to be possession by demons, including most of those conditions listed above.)

Jesus gives disciples authority over unclean spirits

MATTHEW 10:1-8

MARK 3:13-15

MARK 6:7-13

LUKE 9:1-2

LUKE 10:17

Jesus heals

MATTHEW 4:24

MATTHEW 8:16-17

MATTHEW 8:23-34

MATTHEW 9:32-34

MATTHEW 12:22-28

MATTHEW 15:22-28

MATTHEW 17:14-20

MARK 1:23-27

MARK 1:32-34
MARK 1:39
MARK 3:9-12
MARK 5:2-20
MARK 7:24-29
LUKE 4:33-36
LUKE 4:40-41
LUKE 6:17-19
LUKE 8:1-3
LUKE 8:26-39
LUKE 9:38-45
LUKE 11:14-20
LUKE 13:31-32

Disciples heal

ACTS 5:12-16

Philip heals

ACTS 8:5-8

Paul heals

ACTS 16:16-24

ACTS 19:11-12

Others cast out demons

MARK 9:38-40

LUKE 9:49-50

MARK 16:15-20

ACTS 19:13-17