

Abstract

Sickness unto Death or for the Glory of God? A Biblical View of Sickness.

The thesis deals with the theme of sickness in Biblical texts. It examines the causes presupposed by the Biblical author and studies various approaches to sickness present in Biblical texts. While being devoted especially to the Old Testament, the thesis also includes some examples from the New Testament which have common points with the Old Testament understanding or develop further the Old Testament mind. Part One of the thesis defines the extent of area under research. It defines the notion of sickness as well as presenting the description of various kinds of sickness and terminological analysis. Part Two deals with sickness in the life of the people of God, making research into the causes of sickness and its existence on the sacred as well as profane levels. Part Three discusses sickness as it takes shape in human life. It does not avoid themes like: response to sickness, the question of healing, and the relation of sickness to death.