

**Reason for Religious Exemption from an
Orthodox Old Testament and New Testament Exegesis
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There are many reasons why a human being made and created by God should be protected under Religious Exemption status from being forced to take the vaccine, the PCR test or from wearing the mask.

I will state at least six reasons based on Old Testament and New Testament scripture.

Old Testament Reference

1. Exodus 15:26 - 26and 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.
 - a. God gives us the commandment of life. He is the source of all life. Disease is not of God, therefore He is the source of Life. As Lord, God becomes the ultimate caregiver and guardian of our health. No earthly organization can mandate a derivative treatment to replace our faith and obligation to the one who has given us life and provision for disease or sickness through the agency of healing.
 - b. God promises if we give ear (obey) His commandments and keep His way no diseases will be able to overtake us. He will do what is right for His people. No organization can make such a promise to heal or give percentages or estimations of healing. With God healing is guaranteed.

2. Leviticus 14:3 - 3and the priest shall go forth out of the camp; and the priest shall look, and, behold, *if* the plague of leprosy be healed in the leper; (see also Leviticus 14:48)
 - a. God's promise to heal the leper is a supernatural intervention of an internal interruption of man's immune system. God used the intermediary role of holy priests to verify not cure that God's promise of healing was accomplished in the leper. This is of utmost significance in that man's medicine or treatment for a deadly disease such as leprosy can not be conceived only viewed from the outside. Our faith allows and gives permission for God to heal from the inside out and not from the outside in. Proof and sign of healing comes from God not from Man. We as a people of faith reserve the right to believe God for all internal disfunctions revealed or concealed from our site.

- b. If is a conditional word that is reserved for the viewer but not for God. God already knows what He will do and does not need council in that respect. We trust all the more the council of God over the council of Man.
- 3. Numbers 12:3 - 13And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, Heal her now, O God, I beseech thee.
 - a. One of my favorite scriptures in the Old Testament that reflect the direct authority of God but the compassion of Man. Moses cries out to God not man to heal his sister. Moses understood that the total life of humans rests upon God choice to heal us and not Man's choice. We reserve the right as believers to use that same compassion as Moses to cry out to our Maker, Creator and Healer of all diseases, even the deadliest of these.
 - b. Our justification of healing fully rests on our faith that God will hear us. That is a high benefit and a privilege amongst people of the Book.
- 4. Promises to Heal His People - Psalms 103:3 - 3Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; Who healeth all thy diseases; Psalms 107:20 - 20He sent his word, and healed them, And delivered *them* from their destructions; Isaiah 53:5 – 5 But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

New Testament Reference

- 5. Matthew 4:23-24 - 23And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. 24And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them
 - a. This is the entrance of our Lord's ministry which began by a pronouncement: "Repent for the Kingdom of God is arrived". This was followed by demonstration of that power through healing his people of all manner of disease and sickness. Believers in Jesus Christ have that right to believe in divine and supernatural healing today. To deny that right and be forced upon by a cure (vaccine) that has not been proven or tested thoroughly is to diminish their faith in God.
 - b. How much does Jesus heal? For the believer, He heals all sick people.
- 6. Luke 5:15 - 15But so much the more went there a fame abroad of him: and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by him of their infirmities.
 - a. This scripture gives me goosebumps when I think about how many needs healing and how Jesus did not refuse not a one of them. The compassion of Jesus is what makes believers run to Him for their healing and deliverances. It's only by faith in Him that this can be explain and must not be interfered with and meddled with by

science alone. The vaccine creates a dilemma for the believer in that the promise to heal is not guaranteed by science alone, leaving gaps that must be identified and if not, the choice is simply, "Jesus will heal us."

- b. Religious exemption is not only a right but consequential to a believer who fully has put his or her trust in the Lord Jesus Christ to heal them. Listening to the Holy Spirit is key to giving life to the word of God. That gives the true inner strength and heart of the believer to remain steadfast and unmovable.