



Go for God!

CORONA vs. CHRIST VIRUS vs. VICTORY

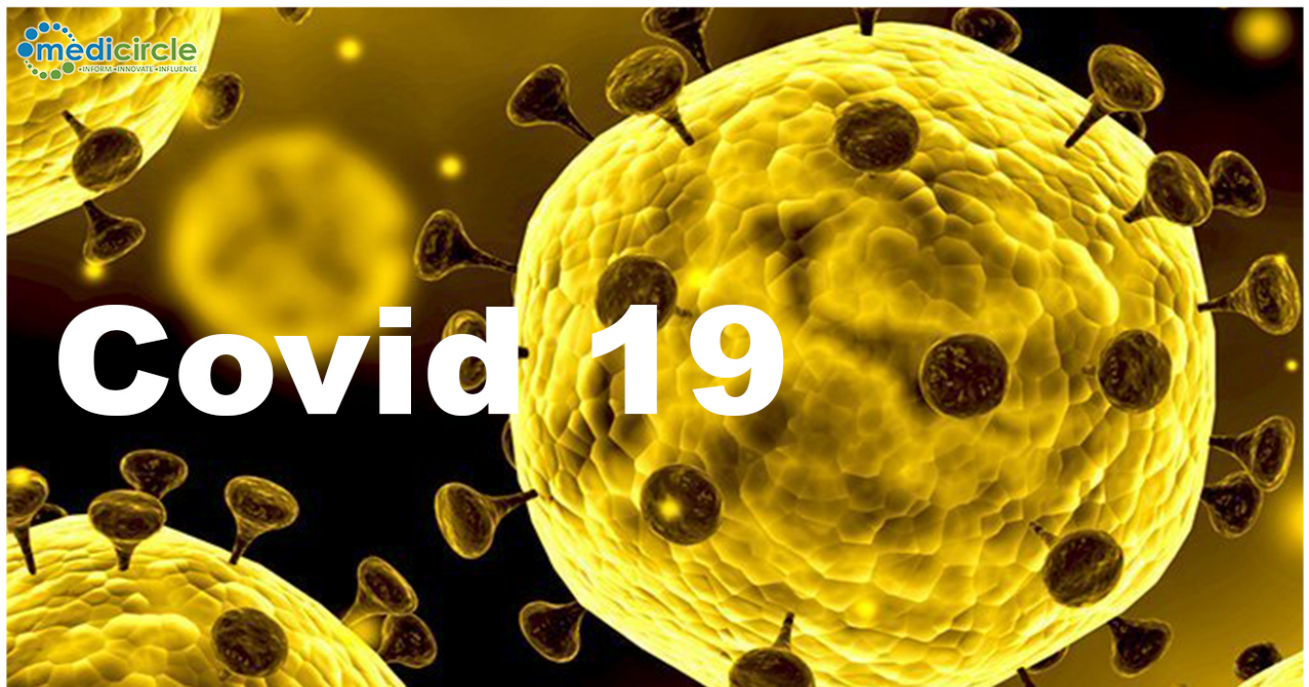
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> INSIGHT #1 – What is CORONAVIRUS-19?

Article: *There's a Large Family of Viruses*

Why is it called the coronavirus? What does "corona" mean, anyway? The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, or CDC, said that coronaviruses are a huge family of viruses that cause flu-like symptoms. Such symptoms can range from cough, fever, sore throat, or runny nose. In some instances, however, the symptoms can escalate to a serious illness like pneumonia.

The word "corona" is Latin for a crown. The series of crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus is the reason why it was given this name. Aside from the COVID-19, which is a new strain of coronavirus and is the cause of today's global pandemic, there are also other types of coronaviruses. Among these is the coronavirus that causes Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome or the SARS, and the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome or the MERS-CoV. Like COVID-19, the first outbreak of SARS also happened in China back in November of 2002 to July of 2003. It caused 8,098 people to get infected and also led 774 people to die. Records indicate that SARS spread to 17 countries. In the case of MERS, it was first detected in Saudi Arabia back in 2012, and since then, has spread to other countries, including the US. Patients who got infected with the disease developed severe respiratory ailments. Many of them died. (International Business Times, by Snow Digon)



> DISEASES OF THE BIBLE:

The Bible contains many general references to illness and disease without naming a specific malady. For example, the words *affliction* (Ps 25:18) and *infirmity* (Jer 10:19) often refer to an overwhelming sense of pain or sorrow that may be caused by either illness or spiritual despair.

The words *pestilence* (Jer 21:6) and *plague* (Num 11:33) seem to refer to contagious diseases of epidemic proportions which God sent occasionally as instruments of judgment upon His people, as well as the pagan nations of the ancient world. In the NKJV the word *pestilence* is used of the mysterious disease that struck the livestock of the Egyptians (Ex 9:3; murrain, KJV). (from Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary)

- Jesus forewarned of pestilence when He described the end times Luke 21:10-11 - *Then He said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.*

- Jesus said in Matthew 24:8 - *All these are the beginning of sorrows. Sorrows is odin (o-deen'); in Greek; which is a pang or throe, especially of childbirth.*

> INSIGHT #2 - What is the origin of the DISEASE EPICENTER?

- Let's look at creation without disease – Genesis Chapters 1 and 2

- Notice what man is to do with God's creation in Genesis 1:27-28 - *So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."*

- **Key words:**

SUBDUE in Hebrew is *kabash (kaw-bash')*; to tread down, to conquer, subjugate.

DOMINION in Hebrew is *radah (raw-daw')*; to tread down, i.e. subjugate.

- Bible teacher Warren Wiersbe gives spiritual, physical, and eternal insight into the origin of humans:

First, we were created by God. We are not the products of some galactic accident nor are we the occupants of the top rung of an evolutionary ladder. God made us, which means we are creatures and wholly dependent on Him. *"For in Him we live, and move, and have our being" (Acts 17:28). Luke 3:38 calls Adam "the son of God."*

Second, we were created in God's image (Gen 2:26-27). Unlike the angels and the animals, humans can have a very special relationship with God. He not only gave us personality minds to think with, emotions to feel with, and wills for making decisions — but He also gave us an inner spiritual nature that enables us to know Him and worship Him. The image of God in men and women has been marred by sin (Eph 4:18-19), but through faith in Christ and submission to the work of the Holy Spirit, believers can have the divine nature renewed within them (2 Peter 1:4; Eph 4:20-24; Col 3:9-10; Rom 12:2; 2 Cor 3:18). One day when we see Jesus, all of God's children will share in the glorious image of Christ (1 John 3:1-3; Rom 8:29; 1 Cor 15:49).

Third, we were created to have dominion over the earth (Gen 2:26, 28). Adam and Eve were the first regents over God's creation (Ps 8:6-8). "The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's; but the earth He has given to the children of men" (Ps 115:16, NKJV). But when Adam believed Satan's lie and ate of the forbidden fruit, he lost his kingship; **and now sin and death reign over the earth** (Rom 5:12-21).

When Jesus Christ, the last Adam (1 Cor 15:45), came to earth, He exercised the dominion that the first Adam had lost. He demonstrated that He had authority over the fish (Luke 5:1-7; John 21:1-6; Matt 17:24-27), the fowl (26:69-75), and the animals (Mark 1:13; 11:3-7). **When He died on the cross, He conquered sin and death,** so that now grace can reign (Rom 5:21) and God's people can "reign in life" through Jesus Christ (v. 17). One day, when He returns, Jesus will restore to His own the dominion that was lost because of Adam (Heb 2:5ff).

- Let's look at the origin of DISEASE and DEATH! – Genesis Chapter 3
(Satan wears the corona (crown) of disease and death.)

> INSIGHT #3 – So How do we SUBDUE and have DOMINION over disease, death, and Satan?

- 1st – Let's LOOK to JESUS! - Hebrews 12:1-2 - *Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

- 2nd – Let's LOVE ONE ANOTHER like JESUS! - Luke 17:11-19 - *Ten Lepers Cleansed: Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."*

- 3rd – Let's get RIGHT with GOD! - 2 Chronicles 7:12-15 - *Then the LORD APPEARED to Solomon by night, and said to him: "I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice. When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in this place.*

- Right now, it has been requested all humanity to practice “social distancing,” whereas, God is calling all humanity to “SIN DISTANCING!”

- 4th – Let's PRAY! - 1 Timothy 2:1-4 - *Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

- 5th – **Let's not WORRY, our HEAVENLY FATHER KNOWS! - Matthew 6:25-34**
Jesus said, "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? "So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

- 6th – **Let's STAND on the PROMISES!**

1 John 4:18-19 - *There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. We love Him because He first loved us.*

Philippians 4:13 - *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*

Philippians 4:19-20 - *And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

Romans 8:28 - *And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.*

- 7th – **Let's have VICTORY through CHRIST over this VIRUS!**

– **Romans 8:37-39 - Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.** *For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

- 1 Corinthians 15:50-58 - *Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed — in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written:*

"Death is swallowed up in victory."

"O Death, where is your sting?

O Hades, where is your victory?"

The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Let's STAY JESUS STRONG!

LET'S STAY ALOHA STRONG!
LET'S CONQUER COVID-19 WITH JESUS 2020!