

Fourth, there are the actions of human beings that cause other human beings harm and pain. Scriptural evidence of this cause may be found in the following places:

Genesis 4:8 – "And Cain told Abel his brother. And it came about when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him." (Note that Cain murdered his brother Abel out of envy and hatred)

Acts 8:3; 9:1-2 – "But Saul began ravaging the church, entering house after house; and dragging off men and women, he would put them in prison. . . . Now Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest, and asked for letters from him to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, both men and women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem." (Note that as a zealous Pharisee, Paul believed that Christianity was a heresy that needed to be rooted out. He wanted authority to imprison Christians in Jerusalem and Damascus, to bring them to trial, and to have some of them put to death!)

II Corinthians 11:23-27 – "Are they servants of Christ? (I speak as if insane) I more so; in far more labors, in far more imprisonments, beaten times without number, often in danger of death. Five times I received from the Jews thirty-nine lashes. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep. I have been on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my countrymen, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers among false brethren; I have been in labor and hardship, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure." (Note that Paul had all kinds of health and life threatening experiences for Christ's sake and the gospel's, and that many of these were caused by other human beings)

Fifth, there are the actions of Satan and his demons that harm, inflict pain upon, and destroy human beings, some of whom are Christians. Evidences of such actions are found in the following places:

I Chronicles 21:1, 7-8 – "Then Satan stood up against Israel and moved David to number Israel. . . . And God was displeased with this thing, so He struck Israel. And David said to God, 'I have sinned greatly, in