



Gospel of John 1-12

The No Faith Healing

The emphasis in the Gospel of John is the 'sovereignty' of God: Doing His work in the world.

In this amazing account of healing—there is no mention of 'faith' or even an indication of 'faith' in the miracle healing of a man with a life long infirmity.

A. The Man who Needs Healing vv. 1-9

1. The pool: vv. 1-4 Bethesda means 'house of mercy.' Many would gather at this pool in the hope of a miraculous healing. Myth or truth—many believed that an angel would stir up the water which would cause a healing for the first person to get into the water.

2. The man: vv. 5-6 We do not know exactly what the man's condition was—but it did result in his inability to walk. He had been this way for 38 years. Because of the Sabbath the man had been at the pool overnight—as had many others. (*Jer. 17:21-27*)

3. Do you want to be made well? v. 6 So why does Jesus ask this question? Had the man become comfortable with his illness? And why does Jesus ask ONLY this man?

4. No one to help: v. 7 The man does not really answer Jesus' question. Instead he blames his lack of healing on the fact that no one will help him get in the pool when the water is stirred.

5. Jesus issues a command: v. 8-9 With no further discussion or explanation—Jesus simply issues the command to get up. There are three parts to the command: 1) Rise, 2) take up your bed and 3) walk.

6. Immediately” the man was made well. Some have taught that he was not made well until he took up his bed—which would imply faith on the man's part. Instead he was 'immediately' made well as soon as Jesus issued the command.

The sovereignty of God: The power of this 'sign' is that it is done with no regard to faith on the man's part. It is the Word and Power. God can heal anyone at anytime.

B. The Man Who Heals vv. 10-15

1. The unknown healer: vv. 10-13 Not only did the man not exercise faith—he did not know who healed him.

2. Sin no more: v. 14 This does not mean that sin was the cause of the man's infirmity. The 'worse' thing would not be losing his healing it would be missing a future 'raising'—that at the last day the dead in Christ would be raised with Him.

3. The Man revealed: v. 15 Wow—the first thing the healed man does is run to the religious leaders and tell them it was Jesus!

C. Do You Know The Man?

The Man of God, Jesus comes to each of us and asks, "Do you want to be saved—do you want to be healed." What is our answer? Yes Lord—come and save me and heal me.

Anything God has ever done, He can do now.

Anything God has ever done anywhere, He can do here.

Anything God has ever done for anyone, He can do for you." A.W. Tozer

John 5:1-15 (NKJV)

1 After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

2 Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches.

3 In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water.

4 For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had.

5 Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years.

6 When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?"

7 The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me."

8 Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk."

9 And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath.

10 The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed."

11 He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.'"

12 Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk?'"

13 But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place.

14 Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you."

15 The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.