

## Living A Blessed Life

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### The Kingdom Of God Brings Healing

- This year, we have seen Satan's forces attacking the world but specifically the **Church**.

But, God has a plan and will heal our nations – remove sickness and a **virus** among us!

Why do I know that?

Answer is found: John 5 through 9.

Turn to John 5:1

#### **John 5:1a**

<sup>1</sup> After this there was a feast of the Jews...

- This is **Passover** by the way

#### **John 5:1-6**

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. <sup>3</sup> In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. <sup>6</sup> 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?"

Notice: Jesus asks, "Do you want to be made well?"

## **John 5:7-12**

<sup>7</sup>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." <sup>8</sup> Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." <sup>9</sup> And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath. <sup>10</sup> The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed." <sup>11</sup> He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.'" <sup>12</sup> Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?"

Verse 13 – very important you hear what is said:

## **John 5:13-15**

<sup>13</sup> But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in *that* place. <sup>14</sup> 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." <sup>15</sup> The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

\* Now, there are some parallels in this story that remind me of the Church:

- Some **good**
- Some in a **bad** way

Let's get a background of the story:

Story took place in Bethesda.

- Bethesda means: house of **mercy**

That is the Church – we should be a house of mercy. We should be the most **merciful** people on earth and show it. But – in a bad way – the Church can be the most **critical** and **judgmental**.

Question: Why should we be merciful?

Answer: Because all of us received mercy from **God**.

- This is where the pool was: in the house of mercy – Bethesda.

The pool reminds me of the **Church**.

- There was a Sheep Gate there being close to the temple.
- In the natural – bring the sheep for the **sacrifices**.

Why: The Church has a gate where you enter (you are the **sheep** of God)

The Bible says:

- My sheep hear My **voice**.
- The Lord said, I am the **Shepherd**.

By the way – if you're a goat, all you have to do is **accept** Jesus Christ as Lord – then you are a sheep

- The pool had **five** porches
  - \* The Church has a five-fold pulpit offices
    - **Apostle**
    - **Prophet**
    - **Evangelist**
    - **Pastor**
    - **Teacher**

Again – these are just **symbols**.

The next symbol is not in a good way:

- It says they were **waiting** on the moving of the water.
  1. Sometimes the Church is waiting for the move of God. In case you don't know, God has **already moved**.
    - \* Jesus Christ went to the Cross and your salvation, forgiveness, and healing is **already done**.

2. God in His Son Jesus Christ has already moved or done all He needs to; you must **receive** it.
3. Church, let's not wait on the next move of God, let's **start** it.

In other words:

- \* **We** are the move of God.

John 5:4 says: an angel came down at a certain time.

Let me explain:

Some manuscripts when translating, didn't have this scripture, but some did, watch what it said

- \* Instead of saying an angel, the writing said "the Angel went down"

In the Old Testament when it says, the Angel of the Lord → talking about **Jesus**

So, if the Angel of the Lord (**Jesus**) who heals – came at a certain time → He came around the Feasts → Passover

Regarding the Church:

4. There are some of more than some, who have been in the Church a long time and have never changed, **same** condition.

Blind, lame, and paralyzed.

How many people are paralyzed by:

- Fear
  - Worry
  - Insecurity
- emotionally overwhelmed**

How many people are lame?

- Not walking in the **Spirit**, but the lust of the flesh.

How many blind people are in the Church?

- Many, many scriptures tell us Jesus healed all our diseases. Many, many – just don't **see** it.
5. Sometimes people's **religious** system won't allow them to believe the Bible – it's spiritual blindness.
  6. The Bible says, we have eyes and cannot see, so spiritual blindness is caused by **pride**.

Think about this story:

Jesus walks up to a man – He has been there 38 years. He is waiting for a miracle.

Jesus says – do you want to be made well?

- That was unnecessary = He has been waiting 38 years.
- Or: Was that question necessary and was exactly what Jesus wanted to say?

What's so amazing is the man didn't say **yes**.

That's why Jesus asked the question.

Here is my question: Do you want to be healed?

This isn't condemnation – we live in a **fallen** world.

- Do you want to be healed?
- Do you want your life to change?
- Do you want your finances to change?

Here is the question: How much effort are you willing to put into that part of your life to change?

Understand this – Jesus will never be whipped, beaten, and ridiculed for your healing **again**.

I believe if Jesus asked the Church today the same question – many would not say yes.

Here are 3 reasons why if Jesus asked the question – do you want to be made well? Many couldn't say yes.

#### A. **Excuses**

##### **John 5:7**

<sup>7</sup>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."

- He said it wouldn't work and gave a reason why.
- No one helps me – no one cares or the Church doesn't care.

Stop being offended – or stop looking for a **reason** to be offended.

- We say: I believe Jesus heals marriages, but let me tell you why it won't work for me.
- I believe God changes finances, but let me tell you why it doesn't work for me.

It works **always** with the power of God.

Second reason we don't say yes to do you want to be made well:

B. **Effort**

It's going to take **effort** to get better.

- This man was going to have to change his **life**.
- 7. Saying yes means he was going to change the environment, change friends, change his schedule, and get a **job**.

How much effort are you willing to put in to change your life?

Self-pity is a familiar spirit that it becomes so **familiar** you think it's God talking to you.

Give great effort – even going against your spiritual **upbringing**.

Rise – take up your bed, and walk. **You** have a part.

The third:

C. **Ignorance**

This is when you do not **know** who is talking to you.

**John 5:12-13**

<sup>12</sup>Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?" <sup>13</sup>But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in *that* place.

- Know the **heart** of God.
- What does the Bible say is **truth**