Mat 121

Stretch out your hand

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THANKSGIVING NEXT WEEK
MALACHI THURSDAY

Mat 12:9 Departing from there, He went into their synagogue.

[Mat 12:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/12/10/s_941010) And a man *was there* whose hand was withered. And they questioned Jesus, asking, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”—so that they might accuse Him.

[Mat 12:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/12/11/s_941011) And He said to them, “What man is there among you who has a sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will he not take hold of it and lift it out?

[Mat 12:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/12/12/s_941012) “How much more valuable then is a man than a sheep! So then, it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.”

/[Mat 12:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/12/13/s_941013) Then He said to the man, **“Stretch out your hand!”** He stretched it out, and **it was restored** (*apokathistēmi*) to normal, like the other.\

[Mat 12:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/12/14/s_941014) But the Pharisees went out and conspired against Him, *as to* how they might destroy Him.

[Mat 12:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/12/15/s_941015) But Jesus, aware of *this,* withdrew from there. Many followed Him, and He healed them all,

[Mat 12:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/12/16/s_941016) and warned them not to tell who He was.

[Mat 12:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/12/17/s_941017) *This was* to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet:

Looking at verse 13 we see that once TLJC had taught a principle on the sabbath and grace He then does something out in the open while the crowd inside the synagogue is already at a peak of interest and tension has built up.

TLJC didn’t do this in such a public manner to show off…He didn’t operate out of arrogance or pride because He was perfect even in His humanity.

This quite simply put is another way to show that He is the unique one of the universe the divine God-man sent to save this lost and dying world.

TLJC didn’t do healings and miracles for the sake of showing off nor did He ever intend to heal the whole world or give social justice to those who were oppressed. If that were the case…He failed.

The Roman military and Jewish leadership continued to abuse and oppress the Jews and not everyone in the world was healed when TLJC walked the earth.

Perfection doesn’t come into full fruition until the 2nd Advent of Christ.

Christ did these types of things for the same reason He empowered His disciples to do them….as a wake-up call that GOD is here…walking among us!

Notice TLJC restores the man’s hand.

APOK-OH-THEESE-TA-MAY - to restore something… bring something back to full health.

In fact, the two root words that make up that big Greek verb means to pull away or remove something and then to place it in a position of authority or give it a new standing. REPEAT

/Only God can restore mankind back to original perfection (Garden/fellowship). We must accept the grace gift;

Mat 12:13 - *He stretched it out, and it was restored\* ELABORATE free will!

God has a visual of the finished product…mankind perfected with His Son’s precious righteousness shining thru us…this is the restoration I am speaking of.

It is a brand new creature for us… perfection… but God was aware of it in eternity past.

What we receive when we are born again and saved is the grace gift of salvation and with it comes several dozen grace gifts….40 or more grace gifts.

It will probably be a lesson for another day as it takes several lessons to cover the grace gifts of God but the HS is leading me to highlight the interaction between TLJC and the paralyzed man.

It is very subtle but TLJC commands the man to stretch out his hand….Jesus did not just heal without the permission from the paralyzed man.

This was often the case…not always but many times we see the person who needs healing has to come to the Lord or at least be willing to accept the healing.

/Each and every documentation of Jesus healing or performing a miracle was deeply rooted in doctrinal principles that were meant to be teaching tools for thousands of years to come!\

Turn to Genesis chapter 3 with me.

FREE WILL COUNTS!

 You can never fill your hand if it is a tight fist…closed up.

/Heb 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please *Him,* for **he who comes to God must believe** that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.\ Effort!!!!

Coming to God takes humility, washing oneself clean and opening up the floodgates of fellowship first.

Look what happen immediately after the fall of mankind…once guilt and shame entered the soul.

The birth of sin was a choice to be independent from God…similar to Satan’s original sin.

It wasn’t a sin of violence or perversion or drunkenness… it was thumbing their nose at God, seeking independence from God’s will.

The action is a bold statement that Satan made…I WILL be my own little God.

Gen 3:6 When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make *one* wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.

[Gen 3:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/gen/3/7/s_3007) Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings.

[Gen 3:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/gen/3/8/s_3008) They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

/[Gen 3:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/gen/3/9/s_3009) Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, “**Where are you?”**

This was shown to be an opportunity for fallen man and woman to present themselves to God…HE knows everything, including where they were!\

[Gen 3:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/gen/3/10/s_3010) He said, “I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.”

We hide from God…He doesn’t hide from us.

Our negative behaviors…choices and decisions put distance between us and God.

When we make choices against the plan of God and neglect our relationship with God it is a sign that we are striving to be little gods on our own…we know better than our Creator.

Look at the Five I WILL’S of Satan!

/Isa 14:12 How you have fallen from heaven, **O star of the morning, son of the dawn**! You have been cut down to the earth, You who have weakened the nations!\

These were divine titles Satan held as the most superior of all angels.

Satan had possessed the King of Babylon and that is who is being addressed here Satan himself, not this human king!

**/**[Isa 14:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/isa/14/13/s_693013) “But you said in your heart,
**‘I will** ascend to heaven; **I will** raise my throne above the stars of God, And **I will** sit on the mount of assembly In the recesses of the north. 14‘**I will** ascend above the heights of the clouds; **I will** make myself like the Most High.’\

I will ascend...meaning I will cause myself to rise above others …I will do this on my own in my own power.

I will make myself powerful….I will achieve great heights of authority or wealth.

/The cosmic system is full of self-help programs and positive movements that are actually incentive programs to become great through human power and effort which places no emphasis on a relationship or reliance upon God.\

REPEAT

/Phil 4:13 **I can do all things through Him** who strengthens me.\

Turn to Job chapter 42.

This section in Job is when God had just given Job some insight on how powerful HE truly is in chapter 41. In fact between chapter 40 & 41 God is allowing Job a glimpse at how powerful He is and telling Job - gird up your loins and stand up like a man. Do not question who I am or believe the nonsense of what people say or a situation may look like on the surface.

Job had his wife and friends putting doubt into his mind concerning the trials and suffering he was enduring.

Job 42:1 Then Job answered the LORD and said,

**/**[Job 42:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/job/42/2/s_478002)“I know that You can do all things, And that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted.\

Job is now saying whoa! Wait a minute the God of universe just reprimanded me and now I am getting the truth as to what is going on…first and foremost don’t get arrogant and question God especially when God is still in the process of working out all of His plan for your life.

/[Job 42:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/job/42/3/s_478003)‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’ “**Therefore I have declared that which I did not understand**, Things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.”\

Sometimes this is the best attitude letting the humility of our own humanity come forth and living in your trust and faith in God. REPEAT

[Job 42:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/job/42/4/s_478004) ‘Hear, now, and I will speak;
I will ask You, and You instruct me.’

[Job 42:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/job/42/5/s_478005) “I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear; But now my eye sees You;

Job had heard the voice of God through a whirlwind of a storm. Not that God had stood in front of Job so he could see him. God uses nature often times to speak to His men in the OT….dreams and nature were very common themes of God speaking to His chosen people.

Job has had his spiritual eyes opened up to God completely…whatever knowledge he lacked of God before he now realizes …truly how God can work.

/[Job 42:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/job/42/6/s_478006) Therefore **I retract** (*ma'ac*),
And **I repent** (*nacham*) in dust and ashes.”

*ma'ac-* reject or cast off or move away from.

*nacham* - to find comfort from regret or consultation from something or someone.\

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Job is saying in essence that I reject or move away from my own thinking…I am now accepting God’s counsel and God’s comfort. REPEAT

Job is stretching his hand out to God now where just before this he was clenching his fist.

From verse 10 to verse 17 God completely blesses Job and everything he lost is doubled and blessed for years and years to come…Job lives to 140 years old.

I often say that God will come through in His way in His timing and sometimes it seems to us like it is the last second of the last minute of the last hour of the last day.

/*If we know God, we do not need to know why He allows us to experience what we do. He is not only in control of the universe and all its facets but also of our loves, and He loves us. Though His ways are sometimes beyond our comprehension, we should not criticize Him for His dealings with us or others. God is always in control of all things, even when He appears not to be.*

 *Dr. Charles C. Ryrie*\

Do you trust in God enough to seek Him out?…stretch out your hand…open your heart up toward Him.

There is a decision we make to accept the plan of God for our lives. And I know we take it back every other week because we think we have to get involved and that worrying about it will help….but guess what, it doesn’t.

We like to grab the steering wheel away from God and say no…no…no I’ll drive for awhile. Until we crash or get a ticket then we hand the driver seat back to Him for awhile. WE ALL DO IT!

You know Joshua was a tough guy…he probably had some military or physical training while he was a teenager in Egypt. He still need to lean on God before battle.

/Jos 1:9 “Have I not commanded you? **Be strong and courageous**! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD **your God is with you wherever you go**.”\

Wherever you go….God reassured Joshua that just like your mentor Moses…I’ll be there for you too!

God does not change Royal family - He is the same yesterday… today and tomorrow.

/Isa 41:10 ‘**Do not fear**, for **I am with you**; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. **I will strengthen you**, surely **I will help you**, surely **I will uphold you** with My righteous right hand.’\

But we do need to make choices.

We do need to take responsibility to accept the plan of God…name and cite our sins and do our best to get back into fellowship. Free will matters!

/Jam 4:8 **Draw near to God** and He will draw near to you. **Cleanse your hands**, you sinners; and **purify your hearts**, you double-minded.\

Draw near…open up that heart… put out that hand.

Wash yourself clean from the OSN and cosmic system. Get your thinking right…BD circulating in your soul structure.

God has a plan for your life.

In fact He has angels set in place to watch over us.

/Heb 1:14 (elect angels) Are they not all ministering spirits, **sent out to render service** for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?\

That paralyzed man in the temple we noted in Matthew chapter 12 could have withdrawn his hand because he lacked faith and he would have remained in that same broken state he was in.

He stretched out his hand because he heard and obeyed the command of TLJC.

Nothing happens until we reach out.

Until we make a serious decision and commitment to do our best to get inside the plan of God and develop a love relationship…. very little will happen spiritually speaking for the Bel.

REPEAT

Job probably went through about 10 months of attacks physically and mentally and came out on the other side double blessed. The 10 months or a year or whatever some scholars claim it to be must have seemed like a lifetime yet it passed and God came thru.