

## John 5:1 – 20

We have been reviewing the manifestations of the spirit on these Sunday mornings; specifically, the revelation and impartation manifestations. We are now ready to begin a review of the manifestation of gifts of healing. As we do that, I thought a little review of our review might be in order.

You will remember that all information comes to the mind by way of the five senses: touch, taste, smell, sight and hearing. The sensation is communicated to the brain via the system of nerves in our bodies. There, our brains will process, evaluate and decide things about the information. Instructions will be sent out to the body for action and reaction.

The new birth spirit that we have received is all through our bodies. It is an “inner man” as the scriptures call it. The spirit is “eyes behind our eyes, ears behind our ears” and so forth. God, who is Spirit, communicates information to us via that spirit and our spirit uses that same nervous system to get information to our minds. That is how the revelation manifestations, information and instructions from God, work.

We have seen that the manifestation of believing is spiritual believing; allowing us to receive and accept information that otherwise our minds would find impossible and reject. As we believe and accept that information and act upon it, that is when miracles are produced. We will be seeing that gifts of healing are imparted in this same way.

By the way, this is the only one of the nine manifestations of the spirit listed in I Corinthians 12:8 – 10 that is called a gift, because healing is a gift to the person receiving it.

We are going to be reading a record from the Gospel of John this morning, but before we get there, I would like to read something else to start. Not much is known from the Word of God about Jesus' early years, so what is written about those years is of some significance.

### **Luke 1:41 – 52**

Verse 49 contains the first recorded words of Jesus Christ and I think you will find that his words are of particular interest as we get into this record from John.

### **John 5:1 – 4**

Rev. Walter Cummins, in his work "The Acceptable Year of the Lord", shows that this record in John takes place after the baptism of Jesus by John, which is when holy spirit came upon Jesus, but before the opening of his public ministry as recorded in Luke 4. At this point, Jesus did not yet have the fame or notoriety that he would be getting soon.

At this pool of Bethesda, there was a great multitude of people with various ailments and afflictions. We now know that the last phrase of verse 3 and all of verse 4 do not have enough textual support to be considered valid. Certainly, what we read there is not in any way like any other incident in the Bible. It may have been added by someone to explain why the multitude of people were there. But it is not a valid section of God's Word.

### **John 5:5,6**

With that multitude of people there with the various ailments and afflictions, there was this one "certain man". When we read v.6 with spiritual perception and awareness, we read that Jesus "saw him lie" and we understand that it was more than just physical sight. There was a great multitude there, but Jesus saw this certain one. It is worth noting that there was a multitude there with needs but only one is

going to be delivered. Without an understanding of the manifestations of the spirit, there is no way to explain that.

### **John 5:7**

The man is not answering Jesus' question. He is giving his excuse about why he has not been healed. That is not what Jesus asked.

### **John 5:8, 9**

With the manifestation of believing, we “believe to bring to pass the impossible at your command”. Jesus did not pray for the man. He did not lay hands on him. He simply commanded the impossible and the man was made whole and responded. And all of this took place on the sabbath day.

### **John 5:10 – 13, 14 – 18**

In verse 13, the man did not know it was Jesus because Jesus was not yet a famous person. And Jesus did not promote himself.

### **John 5:19, 20**

The son can do nothing by himself. What a phrase. Jesus knew that he needed his Father to be successful. Why in the world do we think that we must accomplish things by ourselves.

Read excerpt from “Gospel Light” by George Lamsa.

In John 5, Jesus goes on to explain many other items that do not have a direct bearing on what we are discussing. But verse 36 has something interesting for us.

### **John 5:36**

### **Ephesians 2:8 – 10**