

=MIRACLES OF CHRIST=

Lesson 3

The Miracle of the Impotent Man at Bethesda

John 5:1-15. Tradition says that this particular pool in Jerusalem had an angel who came at a certain season each year and troubled the waters of the pool. The first sick person to step into the water after it was troubled by the angel was supposed to have been healed from his disease. The man that is to be healed in the lesson today is at the edge of the pool with many, many other sick and crippled people, hoping that he can be the first one in the water after the angel troubles the water the next time.

THE HELPLESS CONDITION OF THE MAN.

1. This man _____ every lost sinner.
2. There is no doubt about this _____.

He certainly proved this. Day after day someone would take him and carry his body to the Pool of Bethesda. Here he would wait, hoping that someday God would heal him.

This teaches us that just simple belief in God does not save.

3. This teaches that _____ does not save.

If a person had to carry the man to the side of the pool, why not put the man in the pool if baptism saves? No.

4. The man was a hard case. For _____ he had been in that condition.

This does not mean that he was 38 years old necessarily or that necessarily he had stayed by this pool for 38 years. It does mean that he had been in his physical condition for 38 years.

5. This man was _____ to save himself. (John 5:7)

It must be done by God.

6. No other man could _____ him. What a sad picture!

Even though there was a feast going on in Jerusalem and the most religious people in the world were present, there was no one to help this man.

7. There were others _____ him from being saved or healed.

John 5:7b “...but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.”

THE HEALING AND THE SALVATION.

1. Only _____ could do it. (John 5:8, 9)
2. (John 5:9) The man was healed instantly. Our salvation is an _____ salvation.
3. There was an obvious change in the man. He did not say, “I think I am _____,” and then stayed in bed.

He got up, took up his bed and walked.

THE RESULTS OF THE HEALING AND SALVATION.

1. Immediately _____ came. (John 5:10)
2. This persecution came from _____ people.
3. The Devil next attacks by _____ of the leader.
4. The man _____ immediately. (John 5:11, 15)
5. He went to the _____ of God immediately. (John 5:14)

It certainly speaks well of this fellow that Jesus found him in the temple. The temple is really not very far from the Pool of Bethesda in Jerusalem, and this man immediately went to the temple. As soon as a person is saved, he should align himself with God’s people and the House of God.

6. “ _____ “ (John 5:14b)

Even though a Christian cannot live without sin, God’s command is that we do not practice sin.

We should do our best to live above sin and certainly should live separated, consecrated lives.