

WILT THOU BE MADE WHOLE?

MMT 9/27/26

TEXT: John 5: 1-16

“This is The Third Miracle” that our Lord did, might we see the instruction our Lord has for us.

Remember also the two purposes of the Miracles:
John 2:11 This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

They ***“Manifested forth His Glory”***
And that ***“His disciples believed on Him”***
(To Increase Our Faith)

We know from the context of this passage that Jesus traveled from Galilee to Jerusalem at the time of a feast.

(This was one of the three mandatory feasts that a Jewish Male was to be in Jerusalem for; we are not quite certain which one)

He arrived in Jerusalem near the sheep market where there was a pool – **v.2 “a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue ‘Bethesda’, having five porches. (Bethesda means “Mercy”)**

The sheep gate is significant because the lambs used for the sacrifice in the temple were brought into the city through this gate.

Now we find ***“The Lamb of God”*** standing here, ready to meet the needs of His people.

The Bible says in **v.3** – *“In these (the five porches) lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.”*

Notice how God describes them.

This is a perfect picture of people without Christ. Everyone without Christ is helpless, sin-sick, impotent, blind, halt, and withered.

The scene describes our world without a Saviour!

Look @ **vs. 4** – *“For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.”*

But, Jesus singles out one man, the Bible says in **v.5** *“a certain man was there,”*

The Bible goes on to tell us that the man – *“had an infirmity thirty and eight years”*

God takes the emphasis from a *“a great multitude”* in **v.3** to a *“certain man”* in **v.5**.

Think of the billions of people in the world – *“a great multitude”* – yet God is still interested in a *“certain man”*

He is interested in you and He is interested in me.

Verse 6 – “When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, He saith unto him,

‘Wilt thou be made whole?’”

He **did not** ask **“Do you what to be healed?”**

He asked; **‘Wilt thou be made whole?’**

The Lord was speaking of more than physical healing. He wanted to make this man whole – not just healed, but whole.

Someone who is only healed physically, will one day die and end up in hell.

Did you ever notice how much emphasis is placed on the physical and not on the spiritual?

Did you ever notice how emphasis is placed on praying for the sick and how little attention is placed on praying and winning the lost.

We need to notice where God places the emphasis!

Problems in our lives and with other people will never be solved until we resolve the forgiveness issue in each of our lives.

Forgiveness from God and with each other.

Being made whole by the precious blood of Jesus Christ is the only answer.

I. HIS WEAKNESS

A. HE IS HELPLESS

Notice in **vs. 5-7 Joh 5:5** **And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?**

7 The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.

There is a picture here of a greater weakness and helplessness. This is the condition of every man apart from Jesus Christ.

Millions of people are trying to help themselves through some religious ritual or self-help program.

But we are all without strength, and there is nothing we can do to help ourselves.

Romans 5:6 “For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.”

A. HE IS HELPLESS

B. HE IS HOPELESS 7 The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool:

There is nothing we can do to save ourselves.

We are lost in our weakness, and our helplessness makes us aware of our need for the Saviour.

We have no power within ourselves to be made whole.

I.HIS WEAKNESS

II. HIS WILL

This man who had suffered for thirty-eight years had a decision to make.

A. NOTICE THE SAVIOR'S APPROACH

Christ asked in **v. 6** – *“Wilt thou be made whole?”*

This man had to exercise his will.

Do you want your life to be changed?

The Lord does not charge in and say, **“I demand that you trust Me.”**

He tenderly speaks to us.

He asks, *“Wilt thou...?”* We must willingly respond to Him.

Our SAVIOR is a Gentleman, He knocks on the door, but you and I must answer it.

Remember that this Miracle takes place at the Pool of Bethesda, a place with 5 porches.

“Bethesda means ‘Mercy’” and in the Bible the number **“5” is the number of ‘Grace’.**

We are saved only by God's Mercy and Grace.

Ephesians 2:8-9 – *“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:”* *“Not of works, lest any man should boast.”*

It is all the Gift of God.

A. NOTICE THE SAVIOR'S APPROACH

B. NOTICE THE SINNER'S ANSWER

He offers salvation and gives us faith to respond,

“Yes, I will!”

Joh 5:7 The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.

Revelation 22:17 says – *“whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.”*

When we say, ***“I will”*** to the Lord Jesus, we know that He will come into our lives and make us whole.

There is a Sovereign God who works in the lives of His Creation.

I.HIS WEAKNESS

II.HIS WILL

III. HIS WALK

Look with me at **vs. 7-9 Joh 5:7 The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. 8 Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. 9 And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.**

A. SALVATION IS INSTANT AND COMPLETE.

Did he walk in order to be made whole?

Or was he made whole in order to walk?

We know the answer.

This man got up and walked because God had made him whole.

Colossians 2:6 says – “As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him:”

You receive Him, so walk.

You don't walk to receive Him; but after you receive Him, you walk.

You are saved by grace through faith.

It is by the “Grace of God” at “The Pool of Mercy”, at “The Sheep gate” where “The Lamb of God” does the sacrificing of Himself for others.

A. SALVATION IS INSTANT AND COMPLETE.

B. SALVATION IS INSTANT IN CHANGE

We trust Him. We exercise our wills. We thank God that He gives us faith to trust Him.

The Bible says in **Ephesians 2:10 – “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”**

The man or woman who by grace through faith trust Christ should be living –

“unto good works.”

The Lord Jesus said – *“Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.”*

Joh 5:9 And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.

How many of us have done what He said to do?

This is what we need to do.

The cause of Christ is suffering today because so many people are talking about having been made whole - But they are not walking LIKE THEY HAVE BEEN MADE WHOLE.

The cause of Christ is suffering, not from lack of people saying they know the Lord - But for lack of people living as if they know the Lord.

Our walk should talk louder then our talk.

Notice **v.14** – *“Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.”*

- 1. NOTICE WHEN HE FOUND HIM** *“Afterward*
- 2. NOTICE WHERE HE FOUND HIM** *in the temple,*
- 3. NOTICE WHY HE FOUND HIM** *Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more,*

The Great Physician not only healed this man, but also saved his soul.

If you are walking as you should be walking, you are giving evidence that God has made you whole.

