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THE HEALING MIRACLES OF JESUS (III)

*“Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for You are my praise.”
(Jeremiah 17:14)*

Objectives

<i>Knowledge of God’s Will</i>	God works in ways beyond our understanding.
<i>Knowledge of God</i>	God is compassionate and all-powerful.
<i>Good Work</i>	Turn to God first in our time of need.

A. Understanding Miracles

A miracle is an extraordinary event that demonstrates God’s intervention in the lives of men. Jesus performed many, which is evidence that He is God, the Creator of the universe. Examining them helps us develop a better understanding of Christ and of why we can trust Him with our whole heart.

B. The Healing of the Nobleman’s Son (Jn 4:46–54)

Problem: The nobleman’s urgency and anxiety made him blind to the fact that Jesus is God Himself. He believed in Jesus’ power to heal but decided that Jesus had to see his son in person to help.

Miracle: Jesus healed the nobleman’s son by speaking a few words. We may often have our own ideas about how our problems need to be solved. But God’s power is greater than we can ever conceive, and His wisdom far greater than our own. We need to learn to trust in His authority fully as our sovereign God.

C. The Healing of the Man at Bethesda (Jn 5:1–16)

Problem: Unlike other miracles, this man did not request healing from Jesus; Jesus approached the man first. Like the nobleman, this man was so focused on the solution he thought he needed that he failed to recognize Jesus who stood before him, and that Jesus Himself was the solution that he needed.

Miracle: Unlike many others, this man neither gave thanks nor asked His identity. Jesus, however, later found him in the temple and exhorted him to sin no more. Jesus did not limit His healing to the physical; He also wanted the healed man to transform from within and depart from his sinful lifestyle.

D. The Two Miracles Compared

Both of these miracles are examples of how Jesus Christ healed through the power of His words. As God Himself, He holds authority in the words that He speaks. Apart from being demonstrations of Jesus’ power, these miracles are also expressions of His compassion; He shows no partiality when He heals.

Life Application: “Do you want to be made well?”

Like the man in Bethesda, all too often we look to Jesus only when we have run out of options. Jesus becomes our backup plan. How do we remind ourselves to turn to Jesus first?

- 1. Count our blessings:** Note the grace that God has bestowed upon us in our lives. When we remember to give thanks in times of joy, we will remember to turn to Him in times of need.
- 2. Be connected to Him:** We naturally rely on those we trust, but as in any relationship, trust requires time and effort to grow. To trust in the Lord, we must cultivate our connection with Him.

