

DO YOU WANT TO BE HEALED?

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 5:1-9

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I. INTRODUCTION

The most important thing about making a change in one's situation or circumstance in life is what you bring to the table. You cannot just stand idly by and expect things to just change. You definitely can keep doing the same things and get new results. In today's lesson Jesus shows how one must do his part in order to receive his desired healing.

II. THE LESSON: John 5:1-9. "DO YOU WANT TO BE HEALED?"**1. Verse 1: AFTER THIS**

The Feast of Unleavened Bread followed immediately after Passover and lasted one week, during which time the Israelites ate no bread with yeast in remembrance of their haste in preparing for their exodus from Egypt. **After this:** Due to harassment from the Pharisees Jesus left Judea and headed back to Galilee. He chose to go through Samaria. On his journey He met the woman at the well and she was converted. Once He got to Galilee He healed a centurion's son. It is now time for possibly the Feast of Unleavened Bread so he heads back to Jerusalem.

2. Verses 2-5: THE POOL AT THE SHEEP GATE CALLED BETHESDA (JOHN 5:2-5)

This pool located in Jerusalem, meaning Pool of Mercy was believed to have healing powers. It was a rectangular, 5 sided pool, each with a porch and columns. It was believed that at certain times, an angel stirred the waters and if you were able to dip in the water after the stirring you would be healed of your infirmities (Vs 2). Many disabled people waited daily by the pool in an effort to catch the stirring (Vs 3-4). There was one man there who had been waiting for 38 years. Can you imagine lying around for 38 years? Can you imagine what he might have been doing? Was he being productive or doing anything to make a change or was he just waiting for a hand out? (Vs 5).

3. Verse 6: TIME TO MAKE A CHANGE

For some reason, Jesus selected this man among the great multitude of sick people (John 5:3). Jesus was not about to conduct a healing crusade at the Pool of Bethesda, but He was about to miraculously meet this one man's need. Possibly while everyone else's eyes were fixed on the water this man fixed his eyes on this stranger walking up. He may have thought that maybe this kind sir will help me get to the pool. Jesus walks up to the man and asks, "**Do you want to get well?**" Can you imagine the thoughts going through the man's head?

4. **Verse 7**: MAKING EXCUSES

Such is human nature. When confronted as to why we did or did not already have what we need, we immediately go on the defensive.

5. **Verse 8**: A BLESSING WITH YOUR NAME ON IT

Trust and Obey! For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.

6. **Verse 9**: AND HE DID IT SUDDENLY

After having been on his back for 38 years, the man now takes UP his bed and walks immediately!

III. CONCLUSION

Without faith it is impossible to please God ! This man obviously believed that this stranger before him was one of authority. He stood on the word spoken to him and was healed. Are you standing on the promises of God???