



Let us go to the book of John. John 5:5-9 *Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath.*

Let us pray: Heavenly Father, by your Spirit may we have ears to hear what you are saying to us today. May our hearts and minds be open to see this passage of text through your eyes of love. We thank you in Jesus mighty name amen.

Jesus is the Son of God. He knows all things. During His time on earth as a man, Jesus the Son of God, the Son of man, walked amongst the people, going about doing good. He came to the temple, the temple where the devotees of God and those who were sick or needy came to the temple for help.

There were so many people, the sick and the well, the rich and the poor, all doing life as best they can. In amongst the crowd of many people Jesus sees one person, a man, an outcaste who is sick and all alone.

Day after day people walk past this man and ignore him, give him no respect, do not even see him, yet Jesus, the Son of God, the Son of Man, gave the man respect.

Jesus sees the man's need and gives the man respect by acknowledging his existence.

The first thing we learn about Jesus is, Jesus sees.

We read in the text, '*When Jesus saw him lying there ...*' Jesus sees the man, sees his need, and sees his situation.

Jesus knows the man has been in this condition for such a long time. Jesus knows the man is alone, an outcast and all hope gone. Jesus knows that when a person loses hope through the circumstances of this life darkness overwhelms the mind.



The darkness of the mind is a darkness that is so dark it can be felt. When all hope is gone, the thoughts of self-harm, thoughts of unworthiness, thoughts of such sorrow, thoughts of not wanting another day enter the mind.

The darkness of the mind can be so dark, yet Jesus speaks light and life into his dark mind. Jesus asked the man a question. First he gives him respect and acknowledges his existence. Second He acknowledges his condition and his need. Thirdly He then asks a question. 'Do you want to get well?' Jesus is not condemning the man. Jesus in fact is speaking hope into his hopeless situation. Jesus is opening this man's mind to receive the possibility that he could be made well.

Jesus is giving the man hope, speaking light into the man's darkness. Remember the darkness is so dark it can be felt.

By Jesus asking this man the question, '*Do you want to be made well?*' Jesus is opening up the man's thoughts to the possibility of becoming well, ready to receive from Jesus.

Jesus knows and understands the man's physical condition, mental condition and spiritual condition.

Jesus knows.

So we learn that Jesus sees and then we learn Jesus knows.

It is not about the man's relationship with Jesus, as he did not even know who Jesus was.

It is not about the man's weaknesses, as Jesus is stronger.

It is not about the man's desire to get well, because Jesus' desire to heal is greater.

It is not about the man's lack of faith, because God gives each one a measure of faith.

It is all about Jesus. Seeing the man's condition, knowing the man's thinking, Jesus heals.



Let us read on in verses 10-15 *The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed." He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.'"* Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?" But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place. Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you." The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

Physically the man had been sick so many years. Mentally the hope of getting well had been taken from his life by those around him. Spiritually he did not know that his Creator loves him and wants to bring hope and healing in this life and the next.

After the man had received his healing he came to know the one who spoke hope and healing into his situation of darkness was Jesus.

The man as a result of his healing then testifies Jesus heals.

Jesus heals physically, mentally, and spiritually. Jesus is greater.

Jesus, God the Son has revealed the heart of God the Father in heaven, to give hope to the hopeless, healing to the broken, love to the rejected, light in the darkness, life in the dead - physically, mentally, spiritually - in this life in this world damaged by evil and yes in the next.

Jesus, God the Son has revealed all power and authority belongs to Him. His kingdom is a kingdom of hope, healing, love, light, and life everlasting.

Sadly there are those who choose the darkness, knowingly choose the darkness.

The kingdom of God causes confrontation to those who refuse to receive Jesus as the Son of God. The religious leaders of the day did not want to give up their power and control over people, did not want to enter into the light and chose to reject Jesus. Chose to reject His power and authority and His kingdom.



There can be many things in this life that can block us from receiving healing from Jesus. Just as if there is a blockage in a hose that is connected to a tank, the tank is full and forever pouring out yet the tree or the plant does not receive the water.

The good news is Jesus is greater. Jesus is greater than any blockage mentally. Jesus is greater than any blockage physically. Jesus is greater than any blockage spiritually.

We learn from this passage of text Jesus sees. Jesus sees our situation, He sees our needs, He sees our sorrow and our pain. In amongst the multitudes Jesus sees the one.

Jesus knows. Jesus knows our situation. He knows our need. He knows all things. He Himself subjected Himself to the human condition. Jesus knows those who will come to Him and those who will eternally reject Him. Jesus knows.

Thirdly Jesus heals, physically, mentally and spiritually.

To those who know Him and receive Him and yes to those who will never receive Him Jesus heals. God relentlessly pursues in love for such is the heart of God the Father.

Let us remove all barriers and tear down our religious thinking that is blocking people receiving from Jesus, from experiencing the living God.

I had an encounter with a man. He said my sister has cursed my body. She has put a curse on my body because she wants my property. Can Jesus take away that curse? I said absolutely! On the cross Jesus defeated all the curses. Jesus took away all the curses. We simply receive and be willing. He said all right. Will you pray for me? I said ok, I will be praying in the power and authority of Jesus, He is the only one who can take away the curse on your body. So I prayed. I opened my eyes and there he was standing there wide-eyed and motionless. I felt God prompt me to ask him what he experienced. So I asked him what did you experience? He said in amazement I felt this peace flow through my entire body. I said that's Jesus. He said so the curse is gone? I said yes. Jesus has declared peace over your body. He received it with great joy and went about telling everybody, 'power of God, power of God.'



Jesus sees. Jesus knows. Jesus heals. Hallelujah!

Let us now be still and surrender all blockages, surrender all thoughts, surrender the situation that appears hopeless, the sickness that appears to be winning, the negative thoughts that appear to be overwhelming.

Let us just surrender all to the will of the Father, as it is His will that we receive, it is His will that we experience Jesus sees, Jesus knows and Jesus heals.

We thank you Father. We thank you Jesus. The tank of heaven is continually full and as we surrender all blockages we drink freely afresh your Living Waters as Jesus sees, Jesus knows and Jesus heals. We thank you Jesus in your mighty name amen.