
The Healing Of A Nobleman's Son

John 4:46-54

The *miracles* of healing that **Jesus** performed are varied, and serve as a picture of the **salvation of sinners**, the **spiritual healing of God's** people, and **the great and many needs of mankind**. These *miracles* of healing also are a reminder of the ability and sufficiency of **Christ** to meet and exceed the varied and desperate needs of man. THESE HEALING MIRACLES ARE PICTURES OF GRACE! They are performed on particular and specific individuals. Notice; "a certain nobleman" (**verse 46**), "a certain ruler" (**Matthew 9:18**), "a certain man" (**Matthew 7:14**), "a certain woman" (**Mark 5:25**), "a certain woman" (**Mark 7:25**), "a certain centurion's servant" (**Luke 7:2**), "a certain man" (**Luke 8:27**), and "a certain man" (**Luke 14:2**).

This *miracle* of the **healing of the nobleman's son** is recorded only by **John**, and took place after **Jesus** arrived in **Cana of Galilee**. After two days at **Sychar** (**verse 43**), He "came again into Cana of Galilee" (**verse 46**). This is the second time that **Jesus** came to **Cana**, and it is specifically mentioned that this is "where He made the water wine" (*His first miracle*). It was after arriving in **Cana**, a **nobleman** from **Capernaum** seeks **Christ's** intervention on behalf of his sick and dying son.

I. THE MIRACLE ITSELF

① **There Was A Great And Desperate Need:**

This **nobleman's** son "was sick at Capernaum" (**verse 46**). The extent of his sickness is stated in **verse 47** "for he was at the point of death" HE WAS ABOUT TO DIE! This was an urgent and very serious situation! This **nobleman** had prestige, power, and probably wealth, but none of these things could prevent his son from being sick, or prevent his son from dying. In spite of this man's prestige and power, sadness and trouble came to this man's household! This was a grave and dire situation, a very critical situation, a situation that the prestige, power, and wealth of man could not fix!

② **Jesus Healed The Nobleman's Son At A Distance Without Ever Coming Into Personal Contact With Him:**

The **nobleman** pleaded with **Christ** "that He would come down, and heal his son" (**verse 47**), and in **verse 49** "Sir, come down ere (before) my child die" There is a sense of urgency and desperation in the father's request, and even a sense of agony! The **nobleman's** son was in **Capernaum** (18-20 miles away), and **Jesus** without going to the **nobleman's** son, very calmly said "thy son liveth" (**verse 50**). THIS WAS MORE

THAN A PROMISE, IT WAS THE ACTUAL WORKING OF A HEALING AND RESTORING MIRACLE!

③ **Jesus Brought Immediate Healing:**

As the **nobleman** is headed back home to **Capernaum** he sees some of his servants hurrying toward him, and they brought the wonderful news “*thy son liveth*” (**verse 51**). The **nobleman** asked “*the hour he began to amend*” (**verse 52**). His question reveals that he was expecting a gradual healing. The servants answered “*Yesterday (a day has passed), at the seventh hour the fever left him*” (**verse 52**). **THE HEALING WAS REAL AND INSTANTANEOUS!** **Jesus** did instantly and with ease what the **nobleman’s** prestige, power, and wealth could not do!

④ **The Nobleman Was Assured That His Son Was healed And Spared As A Result Of Christ’s Power:**

When the **nobleman** heard that “*at the seventh hour the fever left him*” (**verse 52**), he was absolutely convinced, without any doubt whatsoever that this was the work of **Christ** (**verse 53**).

⑤ **The Result Of This Miracle Upon The Nobleman And His House:**

it is stated in **verse 53** “*and himself believed, and his whole house*” When the **nobleman** came home, he no doubt related to his family how he had gone to **Christ**, pleading with Him to heal, and how that at the very hour that **Jesus** said “*thy son liveth*” that “*the fever left him*” The **nobleman** and his household now believed that **Jesus** was the **Messiah**, and became His **disciples!** **THIS IS A GREATER MIRACLE THAN THE HEALING OF THE SON!**

II. THERE IS A LESSON ABOUT HOW WE ARE TO APPROACH THE LORD WITH OUR NEEDS

The **nobleman’s** son is sick, so much so, that he is dying, and this of course was a tremendous burden, a heavy weight pressing down upon this **nobleman**. He no doubt was troubled, worried, distressed, and afflicted! He was under a tremendous strain, and was experiencing overwhelming heartache and sorrow! From his plea “*Sir, come down ere my child die*” he no doubt felt the urgency of the situation!

① **He Made Effort To Come To Jesus:**

“*When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judea into Galilee, he went unto Him*” (**verse 47**). **HE OVERCAME ALL OBSTACLES, HINDRANCES, AND INCONVENIENCES AND CAME TO JESUS!** He realized that **Jesus** was his only hope, **AND HE CAME!**

② He Came In Humility:

Though he was a man of **prestige, power,** and probably **wealth,** he came *“and besought Him” (verse 47).* **HE CAME PLEADING AND BEGGING!** He did so with a **reverent** and **humble** spirit, and with a spirit of **brokenness,** and **submission!** **HE TOOK HIS PROPER PLACE BEFORE THE LORD!**

③ He Came With His Need:

His plea was that **Christ** *“would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death” (verse 47).* Though the **nobleman** limited **Christ’s** ability, and put **Christ** in a box in his own reasoning, believing that He must come to **Capernaum** in order to heal his son, **HE DID COME WITH HIS NEED, BELIEVING THAT CHRIST COULD HEAL HIM!**

④ He Was Persistent In His Pleading:

Following **Christ’s** rebuke (verse 48), it is stated *“The nobleman saith unto Him, Sir, come down ere my child die” (verse 49).* His pleading became more **passionate** and **intense!** In spite of an apparent obstacle he became more **determined!**

⑤ He Took Jesus At His Word:

Jesus, in response to the **nobleman’s** request, told him that he could go home, for his son had been healed, and the **nobleman** without insisting on evidence or proof that his son had indeed been healed, went his way (verse 50). He believed that what **Jesus** had said, had come to pass, and as a result of his belief, **he acted!** He had seen no supernatural sign as of yet to confirm his faith. There would be no confirmation until the next day. But he believed anyway. **HE CAME TO JESUS WITH HIS NEED, AND HE TOOK JESUS AT HIS WORD!**

Jesus was sufficient to meet the **nobleman’s** need, and the need of his son, and his household! **Jesus** did beyond what the **nobleman** expected, and He is still *“able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think” (Ephesians 3:20).*
