

SALVATION BY GRACE, THROUGH FAITH

John 4:46-5:17

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these ARE written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.’ John 20:30-31

I-The Miracle from a Distance- John 4:46-54

A-There was an official in Capernaum whose son was sick.

Likely a Jew serving in the royal court

B-Why would he go to Jesus?

Knew he did miracles and healed.

This was his last hope. No one wants to lose a child!

C-Jesus’ response to the people-

‘Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe...’v.48

The official abandoned all dignity and was begging Jesus.

D-The official was to the place that what he had and who he was, meant nothing.

E-When Jesus told the official his son would live, the man left in ‘faith believing’.

II-The Miracle at the Pool- 5:1-17

A-A pool in Jerusalem-

Bethesda means ‘house of grace’ or ‘house of outpouring’.

B-One man is identified though many were waiting for healing at the pool.

C-The greatest sickness is sin.

There is nothing definitive about this man truly believing in the Savior.

The religious leaders in Jerusalem would not point him to the truth. They were too worried about whether he obeyed their laws.

Two men; one trusting God by faith, the other experiencing God’s grace.

Two more signs, miracles, demonstrating that, ‘Jesus is the Christ, and that by believing you may have life in His name.’

Thoughts for further study:

The official from Capernaum was not a believer. Why might God use other things to draw a person to examine his own soul?

Have you ever dismissed someone who asked you about 'spiritual' things, and later regretted your actions? What did you do?

What lessons can we gain from the parable of the persistent widow in Luke 18?

The official had great faith even though he had not believed. Can such great faith also be a deterrent to trusting in Christ for salvation?

The Jewish leaders could defeat a person's faith by their emphasis on the law. Are there rules, laws, or customs that we (you) practice which could defeat someone's desire to know the Savior?