

# A DAY AT THE POOL

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John 5:1-9

The spiritual significance of this location;

Bethesda; House of mercy, a public infirmary.

Located at the sheep gate, not *market*. The place that that sacrificial lambs were brought in. Located at the northeast area of the temple. One of twelve gates.

The sheep gate was built between two towers, Meah (A hundred) and Hananeel (The grace of God.) Restored by Nehemiah prior to the return from Babylon.

The pool had five porches. vs. 2 Five (Grace), porches (Coverings.)

Jesus is here for the Passover, in which he will, at a later date, be the sacrificial lamb himself.

Sick and diseased people awaited a miracle at this place. Seeking mercy and grace.

This place is a type of the resurrection power and the perfect will of God relative to healing and miracles.

Let's properly discern the message of the story by rightly dividing the Word of truth.

## I. The Angel Of The Pool.

A. What is an angel?

1. Messenger, a deputy dispatched.
2. Name used for God, Christ, mortal men and spirit beings.
3. Spiritual angels.
  - a. Holy angels. Do the will of God.
    - [1.] 104 mentioned visitations in scripture.
    - [2.] Two named; Gabriel (man of God) and Michael (Like God.).
    - [3.] Are large luminous beings with wings.
      - [a.] The angel of Daniel chapter 10 was greenish blue with brass colored arms and feet, an electrified face and a tremendously amplified voice.
  - b. Evil angels. Do the will of Satan.
    - [1.] Equal a complete third of all angels.
    - [2.] Fell with Satan.
    - [3.] Two named directly; Lucifer (Light bearer of God) and Abaddon or Apollyon (Destroyer) Gatekeeper of the bottomless pit. Rev. 9:11
      - [a.] Many more named indirectly through types and comparisons.

Ps. 147:4 *He telleth the number of the stars;  
he calleth them all by their names.*
    - [4.] Are not demons, however they rank and rule over demons.

- c. Are not to be worshipped.
- B. Is this an angel of God?
  - 1. Only the first one in during the troubling of the water was healed.
    - a. Selective and prejudicial. Only the least of the sick could make it.  
*Acts 10:34 Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:*  
*2Pet. 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*  
*Rom. 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*
  - 2. Satan is an imitator of God, a deceiver, and if he has the ability to produce sickness, he would certainly have the ability to remove sickness for the sake of deception.  
*2Cor. 11:14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.*
  - 3. Learning discernment.
    - a. Some believe that any spiritual manifestation comes from God.  
 [1.] Will gather around false doctrine and false prophets having based their faith and allegiance on a manifestation or experience.
    - b. True doctrine, prophets and experiences will stand the discerning test of the Word of God.  
*1John 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.*  
*Gal. 1:8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.*  
*2Cor. 11:4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.*  
*Gal. 1:6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:*

## II. The Multitude Of Impotent Folk.

- A. A great multitude.
  - 1. Many are seeking the power of God in their life, but possibly in the wrong places.

- B. Waiting for the angel to stir the water.
  - 1. Waiting for a special favor at a special time.  
 2Cor. 6:2 *(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)*
    - a. Waiting for victory, revival, deliverance, healing and blessing.
  - 2. The delay is generally of our making.

### III. One From The Multitude.

- A. The impotent man.
  - 1. Afflicted 38 years.
    - a. His affliction was obvious to the eye. vs. 6
    - b. Affected his mobility. vs. 7b.
  - 2. The only one that Jesus goes to.
    - a. He evidently was the one with faith.
- B. Will you be made whole? (Healthy.)
  - 1. Notice he didn't ask if he *wanted* to be made whole. Or even if he *would like* to be made whole, but WILL you be made whole.
  - 2. The man lacked revelation. His handicap affected his thinking. vs.7
  - 3. He obviously believes and obeys the commandment of Jesus.  
 John 2:5 *His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.*
    - a. Does not attempt to rationalize.  
 Prov. 3:5 *Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.*  
 1Cor. 2:14 *But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*
      - b. The angel troubling the water was a flashy manifestation, but this man simply obeyed.
        - [1.] Some need to hear of the miraculous.  
 John 4:39 *And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did.*
        - [2.] Some have to see the miraculous.  
 John 2:23 *Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover, in the feast day, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did.*
        - [3.] A few decide to experience the miraculous.  
 2Cor. 5:7 *(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)*
- C. Rise, take up thy bed and walk! vs.8
  - 1. He does just that. vs.9 He does something that he couldn't do before.
    - a. Faith is an action concept. Acting on your belief system.  
 James 1:22 *But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.*

- b. The results are immediate.
- c. You were made whole at Calvary. Act like it.
  - [1.] Nothing further needs to be done, no angels have to trouble water, simply receive your miracle and victory.

Conclusion;

We, as New Testament believers have access to enough information concerning the Word to;

- Discern the intent and purposes of the will of God.
- Make the proper choices.
- Do something with what we believe.

Will *you* be made whole?

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