

“The Great Physician At His Best” Matthew 8:1-13

Faith-rest is the normal function of a believer in Jesus Christ in which he uses biblical truth, Bible promises and complex Bible principles; everything he’s ever learned about the Word of God.

The desires of the heart are based upon reaching spiritual adulthood when we will not only have the capacity for life and all of the blessings necessary in the spiritual realm but we’ll also have many of our desires that are compatible with our station in life.

Most of the people of the world don’t even know it but they are hungry for answers found only in the Word of God.

In this case, Jesus is going to cure this leper for one specific reason:

To send him to the priesthood for their examination.

No one can legitimately call Jesus Lord unless he’s born again and as we noted last time, Jesus becomes Lord at the moment of salvation, not 20 years later after we’ve agonized and worked to make Him Lord!

Miracles are the sole decision of the sovereignty of God and they are performed when all the facts from His omniscience demand it.

All miracles in the Hypostatic Union of Jesus Christ were performed by the sovereignty of God apart from our Lord’s prototype spiritual life which was under the custodianship of His human nature.

Agent related miracles were performed by the omnipotence of God the Holy Spirit; the humanity of Christ could not perform miracles because they had to be accomplished by the Holy Spirit.

Miracles are actually a distraction to our spiritual life; so never forget that we’ve been given the filling of the Holy Spirit as an equivalent power to miracles!

Jesus refused to solve a problem apart from His unique spiritual life and in doing that, He demonstrated the only viable solutions we have to solve our problems.

Why pray for a miracle when we have a day-to-day spiritual life that is far greater and far more powerful in our moment-by-moment existence?

This was tempting Jesus to perform a lawful thing in an unlawful manner but Satan underestimated the power of the prototype spiritual life in which our Lord defeated him with the power of the Word of God stored in His soul!

The point is that whenever someone was healed by Jesus Christ, it had a purpose behind it.

So, the purpose of healing WAS NOT to alleviate suffering but to focus attention on the Lord Jesus Christ.

If we do things God’s way, we’re going to have results and we’re going to have divine good production because God has a purpose in directing us and a reason for each of us remaining on this earth to fulfill His plan.

This is great faith and great faith always springs from orientation to God’s grace and this centurion understands that everything depends on Who God is and what He does, not who and what he is.

This Roman soldier did not get Jesus to heal his servant simply because he used his faith-rest; Jesus healed the centurion’s servant because of His own matchless grace but Jesus recognized this Gentile’s faith-rest and He does it in front of a large crowd of religious Jews along with some born-again Jews who do not have his level of faith.