

“The Pool of Bethesda”

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John 5:1-14

1-2 After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches.

3-4 In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had.

5-6 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?”

7-8 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.”

9-10 And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath. The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, “It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed.”

11-12 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?’”

13-14 But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place.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.”

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Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches.

- Jerusalem is geographically higher
- Jesus was probably visiting great grandmother
- 5 *Stoah* = *G4745 – a colonnade or interior piazza—porch*
- Originally very expensive property
- When it went to ruin the rich people left and the sick moved into that space

In these lay a great multitude of “impotent folks” (KJV) sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water.

- The House of Mercy and Kindness, Grace and Favor because of the miraculous and supernatural things that took place there.
- Great multitude = G4183 *Poloos* G4128 *play'thos* = massive amount of sick people

For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had.

- Stirred a circular movement of water – turbulent

Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years.

- How many times had he come but lacked the strength to get in the pool.
- Some problems are beyond our ability to solve and help has to come from beyond us.

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?”

- We may think Jesus doesn't notice our troubles, but He does.
- Jesus asked do you want to be made well? Do you want to be made whole? Do you want your life back again?
- Not Everyone Wants a Real Solution

John 5:7 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.”

- Sir = G2962 = Supreme in authority, Master (as a respectful title) God, Lord, master
- Jesus asked the man a simple question and he started telling his story.

John 5:8-9 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.

- Jesus interrupted his story and gave him a command.

John 5:10 The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, “It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed.”

- This was the Sabbath day and it was considered work to carry his bed.
- A Religious spirit and wanted to put the man back into bondage.

John 5:11 He answered them, “He who made me well said to me, ‘Take up your bed and walk.’”

- Literally in the Greek pick up your bed and get moving

John 5:12-13 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.

- Healed in Greek therapeutic healing – he was getting stronger as he walked

John 5:14 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.”

- Found him = Jesus was searching for him in the temple
- Something may have opened that created an access point for the enemy to move into his life.

The Church is a House of Bethesda

- God will do the supernatural work, but we have to do the natural work.
- God sees your heart and if he sees your desire to change.

Word of the Lord (from 2001)

I hear the Lord say that it is not an accident that this church was named the River of Life for out of this building flows my love and my joy and my peace and my spirit and it flows out of the door into the streets, into the neighborhoods, into the community and as the tide goes out and it comes back in, it brings in things. And as my spirit goes out of this place into the neighborhood, it brings back with it people into the church. People that are seeking.

I hear the Lord say this River is going to become the pool of Bethesda. I am not going to just trouble the waters once a year, but I am going to be in it all the time. I am going to trouble this river all the time and just like the pool of Bethesda whoever stepped in first got healed. I am going to be in this river, a constant flow of my miracle working power, it will draw those who have been skeptical and it will show that I am real, that I am God, I am the healer, I am the redeemer, because this river is going to flow and it will bring healing.