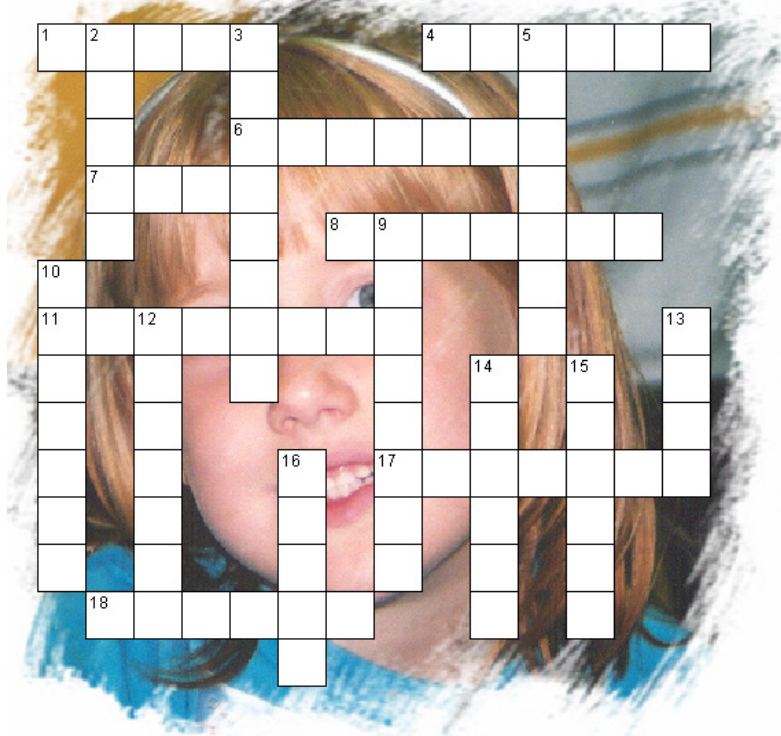


Crossword Puzzle



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| 1. He healed the impotent man. | 2. He was weak for thirty-_____ years. |
| 4. The impotent man became well from that _____. | 3. Impotent means "without _____." |
| 6. We need to meet Jesus and _____ His strengthening word. | 5. It was simply a matter of _____ the Lord Jesus and receiving His word. |
| 7. His only _____ was in a miracle. | 9. The Pool of _____. |
| 8. Man does not have the _____ to live a proper life before God. | 10. The impotent man hoped in a _____. |
| 11. The _____ man. | 12. The impotent man being able to walk is a _____ of how man is enabled and empowered... |
| 17. The first person who got into the water after the angel _____ it... | 13. The _____ Jesus. |
| 18. The first person who got into the water after the angel stirred it was believed to get _____. | 14. He was weak for _____-eight years. |
| | 15. The Lord Jesus _____. |
| | 16. An _____ was believed to have stirred the waters. |



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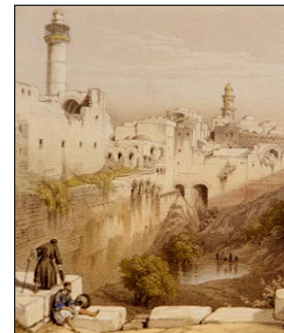
The Ministry of the Lord Jesus

- Lesson Eleven -

The Ministry of Healing (6) Healing the Impotent Man

I. Overview.

Mankind is in a condition of being utterly weak and unable to keep God's law. Furthermore, man cannot save himself from this condition through working up his own strength. Neither is there any hope that an angel will come and heal man by some miracle. The only way for man to be recovered from such a pitiful and impotent (without strength) condition is to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, who has come to save us.



The impotent man waiting for a miraculous healing at the Pool of Bethesda.

In John chapter five, there is a story of an impotent man. He had lain in his condition for thirty-eight years. His hope was that an angel would come and cause his healing in a miraculous way. However, the Lord Jesus came to him. He asked him if he wanted to get well. Jesus simply spoke to him "Rise, take up your mat and walk." Immediately the impotent man was healed. All he needed was to receive the word of the Lord Jesus.

II. Memory Verse.

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this not of yourselves; it is the gift of God; not of works that no one should boast."

(Eph. 2:8-9)

III. Lesson.

Because of the fall, man is in a condition of utter weakness. He does not have the ability or the strength to live a proper life before God. He cannot keep God's law. Man often looks to his own strength. When his own strength fails, he often looks for miracles. What man needs, however, is not more natural strength or miracles. He needs a direct touch with Jesus Christ through the word of God.

Healing the Impotent Man at the Pool of Bethesda

In chapter five of John is a story of a man who was impotent – without any strength. The law required that he do certain things, but he was utterly unable. This is a picture of the condition of fallen man. He was in this condition for thirty-eight years. His only hope was to lie beside the Pool of Bethesda in hope that an angel would come and stir the waters. The belief was that the first person to get in the water, after it was stirred by the angel, would be healed from their condition.

Jesus came to the impotent man. He asked him “Do you want to get well?” The man told the Lord that he did want to get well, but he needed someone to help him get to the pool after the angel stirs the water. His hope was still in a miracle. But Jesus spoke to him “Rise, take up your mat and walk.” The impotent man became well from that moment. He picked up his mat and walked away. The man who was without strength for thirty-eight years was suddenly completely well. It was simply a matter of meeting the Lord Jesus receiving His empowering words.



Only by receiving the Lord's word can we have the strength to live the proper life.

The Lord Jesus is Our Strength

Just like the impotent man, we do not have the strength to fulfill God's requirements. We are fallen and weak. Our hope is not in something miraculous happening to cure our fallen humanity. Rather our hope should be in the Lord Jesus and His word. When we receive the Lord's word, we are strengthened and empowered to have the proper kind of walk. The impotent man being able to walk is just a picture of how man is enabled by receiving Christ through His word. We don't need to remain so long in our condition. What we need is to meet Jesus and to receive His strengthening word.

--- Questions for Discussion

1. What condition of man is shown by the impotent man?

2. What was it that the impotent man hoped would heal him?

3. How did the Lord heal the impotent man?

4. How can we be strengthened to have a proper walk?

