

John 4:49 – A Nobleman’s Son Healed

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Joh 4:46-54 *So Jesus came again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at Capernaum. [47] When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and implored Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. [48] Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe." [49] The nobleman said to Him, "**Sir, come down before my child dies!**" [50] Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your son lives." So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way. [51] And as he was now going down, his servants met him and told him, saying, "Your son lives!" [52] Then he inquired of them the hour when he got better. And they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." [53] So the father knew that it was at the same hour in which Jesus said to him, "Your son lives." And he himself believed, and his whole household. [54] This again is the second sign Jesus did when He had come out of Judea into Galilee.*

Context/Biblical Background –Our Lord continued His journey to Galilee and came again to Cana. Jesus was met at Cana by a nobleman from Capernaum, some twenty miles away. The man had heard about His miracles and came all that distance to intercede for his son who was dying. The first miracle at Cana came at the request of His mother (Joh 2:1-5), and this second miracle at Cana at the request of a father (Joh 4:47). **Jesus’ first miracle at the wedding revealed His power over time.** The Father is always making water into wine, but He takes a season or two to finish the work. Jesus made the wine instantly. **In the second recorded miracle, Jesus showed His power over space.** He was not limited simply because He was in Cana and the sick boy was in Capernaum.

THE SECOND MIRACLE OF JESUS AT CANA – HEALING THE NOBLEMAN’S SON FROM A DISTANCE!

1 - (Vs. 46b-48) *And there was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and implored Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. Then Jesus said to him, Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe.*

CRISIS FAITH - The nobleman and his sick son. - This man began with crisis faith. He was about to lose his son and he had no other recourse but the Lord Jesus Christ. Many people came to Jesus with their crises, and He did not turn them away.

- **Whose son was sick at Capernaum:** By this time Jesus had made His home in Capernaum (Matthew 4:13 and John 2:12). Though Jesus was at Cana (John 4:46a), the nobleman travelled the 20 or so miles (32 kilometers) from **Capernaum** to Cana.
- **Implored Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death:** This **certain nobleman** was one of many parents who came to Jesus on behalf of an afflicted child. He obviously came with passion and urgency of a father of a sick child - and **at the point of death**.
- **Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe:** Jesus rebuked those who depended on signs and wonders before they would believe. It might seem that Jesus was harsh towards this man who wanted his son healed, but He encountered many in Galilee who were interested only in His miracles - He therefore questioned this man accordingly.
- God’s word is the sure foundation upon which to build your house of faith. You cannot build a strong house on experience. Many people are endeavoring to do so. But the foundation is weak; when the storm comes, it crumbles.

2 - (Vs. 49-50) *The nobleman said to Him, Sir, come down before my child dies! Jesus said to him, Go your way; your son lives. So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way.*

CONFIDENT FAITH - Jesus declares the nobleman’s son healed, and the nobleman believes the declaration. - The nobleman’s crisis faith became confident faith: he believed the Word and had peace in his heart. He may have even able to delay his trip home, knowing that the boy was out of danger.

- **The nobleman said to Him:** This man was a **nobleman**, a man of high standing and stature. All of his standing and stature seemed to matter nothing in light of his great need. He experienced the leveling effect of affliction.
- **Sir, come down before my child dies!** In His previous words, it *seemed* that Jesus discouraged the nobleman from asking for a miracle. Yet this request shows that the nobleman properly understood that Jesus did not intend to discourage asking Jesus for miraculous help, only to discourage a faith that seeks only the miraculous.
- The nobleman did not appeal to Jesus on the basis of his noble status, but on the basis of his son’s great need. Coming to Jesus as a great and important man would gain him nothing before Jesus.
- **Go your way; your son lives:** Jesus severely tested this man’s faith, forcing him to believe in Jesus word alone and not in any outward demonstration of the miraculous. Despite the test, *So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way.* The nobleman demonstrated that true faith is simply taking Jesus at His word.
- **Your son lives:** Jesus did not use any dramatic effects in this healing. Many people want to see dramatic effects in Gods work; and sometimes God provides them. Real faith may perceive and accept the outward demonstration of the miraculous, but does not require it.

3 – (Vs. 51-53a) *And as he was now going down, his servants met him and told him, saying, Your son lives! Then he inquired of them the hour when he got better. And they said to him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him. So the father knew that it was at the same hour in which Jesus said to him, Your son lives.*

CONFIRMED FAITH - The nobleman discovers that his son is healed and when it happened. His confident faith became confirmed faith. Indeed, the boy had been completely healed! And the healing took place at the very time when Jesus spoke the Word. It was this fact that made a believer out of the nobleman and his household.

- **Your son lives!** The nobleman *believed* it before the evidence, but the evidence was clearly welcome. One may only imagine how beautiful this news was to the nobleman and to know, *it was at the same hour in which Jesus said to him, "Your son lives."*
- The proof of this miracle was plain. When Jesus proclaimed the boy healed, he was in fact healed - and in a demonstrated way.
- According to his servants, this happened "*Yesterday at the seventh hour.*" This means that the nobleman took his time to return from his meeting with Jesus in Cana back to his home in Capernaum. His leisurely pace was a demonstration of faith. In fear, the nobleman *ran* from Capernaum to Cana; in faith he *walked* from Cana back to Capernaum.

4 – (V. 53b) *And he himself believed, and his whole household. This again is the second sign Jesus did when He had come out of Judea into Galilee.*

CONTAGIOUS FAITH - He believed that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of God; and he shared this faith with his family. He had contagious faith and shared his experience with others.

- **And he himself believed, and his whole household:** The miraculous power of Jesus developed greater faith in both the nobleman and his household. He believed before, but now he believed more. His faith was deepened by his personal experience of God's power.
- The relation between belief and signs is clear in John chapter 2 and chapter 4.
- The first sign persuaded His disciples; The second sign persuaded a Jewish nobleman and his household
- The Samaritans believed without a sign

SUMMARY: Do you ever give the Lord "direction" prayers? How are you impacted by signs and wonders? How are unbelievers impacted? What was the most important aspect of the miracle of the healing of the son? Notice the importance of the nobleman's belief with respect to his whole household? Woman at the well to those in the city? Your witness is powerful and important!

PRAY TODAY FOR: (Name persons, name things, take direct aim at the objective of your supplications)

- **Our Church, Nationally and locally; Our Nation: Our leaders; for kings and those in authority**
- **For fruitfulness Scotland CreationFest – illumination; a message; an open door; effectiveness; clarity; boldness; deliverance**
- **Our Current Pres/VP Candidates: Donald Trump; Hillary Clinton; Mike Pence; Tim Kaine**
- **Police officers/military & all those upholding law & order**
- **When in small groups - Personal Prayers:**

MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE – Ray Palmer

1. *My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, O let me from this day be wholly thine!*

2. *May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire! As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!*

3. *While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.*

4. *When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll; blest Savior, then in love, fear and distrust remove; O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!*

10,000 REASONS – BLESS THE LORD! - Redman

Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul, Worship His Holy name. Sing like never before, Oh my soul. I'll worship Your Holy name. The sun comes up. It's a new day dawning. It's time to sing Your song again. Whatever may pass And whatever lies before me, Let me be singing When the evening comes

Refrain: Bless the Lord oh my soul Oh my soul, Worship His Holy name. Sing like never before, Oh my soul. I'll worship Your Holy name You're rich in love And You're slow to anger. Your name is great And Your heart is kind. For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, Ten thousand reasons For my heart to find (Refrain)

And on that day, When my strength is failing, The end draws near And my time has come. Still my soul will Sing Your praise unending, Ten thousand years And then forevermore. Forevermore - Refrain (2X)

I'll worship Your Holy name Jesus I will worship Your Holy name, Sing like never before Oh my soul I'll worship your holy name

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