



THE PERFECT HEALER

John 5:1-9

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When you come to the walls of Jerusalem and go to the Northeastern section, you will find a gate once called the Sheep Gate. This entrance into the city was very populated with travelers, shepherds, merchants, and the outcast. Jesus decides to heal the paralyzed man who sits by the pool of Bethesda on the Sabbath & during a pilgrimage feast that is commonly observed in Jerusalem.

John 5:1-9

*"After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. **2** Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. **3** In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. **5** One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. **6** When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" **7** The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me." **8** Jesus said to him, "Get up, take up your bed, and walk." **9** And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath."*

1. God MINISTERS to BROKEN People. (v 3-5)

- God uses AVAILABILITY, not ability to ACCOMPLISH His will.

2. God Gives an OPPORTUNITY to RESPOND. (v 6-8)

- God's divine KNOWLEDGE is only a side thought of His CHOOSING.

*"Thus says the Lord: Take care for the sake of your lives, and do not bear a burden on the Sabbath day or bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem. **22** And do not carry a burden out of your houses on the Sabbath or do any work, but keep the Sabbath day holy, as I commanded your fathers.*

Jeremiah 17:21-22

3. God is **MASTER** over **TIME**. (v 9)

- God is FREE from all succession of time and contains the CAUSE of time.

"He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

***2** I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."*

Psalm 91:1-2

Salvation through Jesus Christ

*The single most important decision a person could ever make in their lifetime is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory" and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death". Yet through God's love, only "Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith"... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead **YOU WILL BE SAVED. The Bible says to REPENT of your sins. BELIEVE in Jesus receiving His forgiveness.** Then, identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.*