

MEDITATIONS ON THE TRUE CHRISTIAN LIFE

*...."This book of the law [the Word of God] shall not depart from [always be in] your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful [take heed] to do according to all that is written in it; for THEN you will make your way prosperous, and THEN you will have success"....
Joshua 1:8 NASB*

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THREE TYPES OF HEALING

[part 1 of 7]

* It is always pleasant to hear new teachings on an old subject, especially one about which many feel that they know the last word. However, I think we have discovered the reason why many have arrived at a place where they no longer have their prayers for healing answered, while others have received healing many times over.

Remember that in Jesus' teaching, He based healing entirely on the grounds of faith. In almost every case, He demanded faith, but the man beside the pool of Bethesda was healed without any faith on his part. John 5 relates that man's story:

Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.

When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole? The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked. (John 5:2–9)

But one of the most striking examples in the entire ministry of the Master is the case of the centurion, as recorded in Matthew 8:5–13. A centurion came to

Jesus, beseeching Him to heal his servant, who was home sick with palsy. Jesus offered to go to his home and heal him, but the centurion answered, "Speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed" (verse 8). Jesus turned to the centurion and said, "Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee" (verse 13). "And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour" (verse 13).