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Luke 13:10-17



A Miracle in God's House

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Introduction

Fact: Luke is the only one who records this account.

Fact: This miracle takes place under two noticeable characteristics.

#1. It Takes Place In The “Synagogue”

- ◆ Synagogues were established long before Christ’s times.
- ◆ They are believed to have roots back to Ezekiel when he conducted meetings in his house. (8:1; 20:1-3)
- ◆ The word “Synagogue” means...
 - A. “Gathering of people”
 - B. “A congregation”
 - C. “A place of prayer”
- ◆ The synagogues were established so that Israelites could receive instruction in the law.
- ◆ The synagogues had elders to give direction:

(3 Primary Officers)

#1. The ruler of the synagogue:

- ◆ Who was in charge of the order in the service and also appointed the person who would read the Scriptures and pray.

#2. The receiver of alms:

- ◆ Who were at least two people in each service to take up the collection.

#3. The minister

- ◆ Who was responsible to bring forth the Holy Scriptures and apply them to the listeners.

Fact: The congregation sat in an appointed order.

Fact: The most distinguished, sat in the front seats.

Fact: The younger, had to sit further in the back.

Fact: The men and women sat separated from each other.

Fact: The lepers sat in a designated seating area.

#2. It Takes Place On The “Sabbath Day”

Fact: The Sabbath was the 7th day of the week set apart to God (certain work was forbidden).

Fact: It was a day instituted by God to remind us of His rest after creation.

Fact: It was a day to embrace self-denial and consecrate unconditional dedication to God. (Isaiah 56:2 / Ezekiel 20:12,21)

Fact: Jesus was watched more on this day of the week than any other.

Fact: His adversaries wanted to trap Jesus in some breach of the law.

Fact: Jesus was in conflict with a group of legal formalists who valued...

A...outward observances, B...sacred ceremonies, C...religious rites

... more than the needs of hurting human beings.

So #1. Jesus is in the Synagogue in Capernaum, and

#2. Jesus is teaching on the Sabbath Day.

(When The Unexpected Takes Place)

I. The “Groping” Woman (V. 11)

“And behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself”. (v. 1)

(The Woman’s Pitiful Condition)

#1. She was diseased

“A spirit of infirmity that bowed her over” which was:

- A. Some type of nervous disorder, or
- B. Some kind of derangement of the nervous system, or
- C. Some illness that produced a physical curvature, or
- D. Some dislocation of the vertebrae of the spine, or
- E. Some type of arthritis or spinal trouble which bowed her over.

Fact: Her physical condition was affected by her nervous disorder.

Fact: She was “Bowed over” in every way.

#2. She was determined

“Which had a spirit of infirmity 18 years” (v. 11)

Fact: She had exhausted every means of improvement.

Fact: She had sought help and found none.

Fact: She had discovered that no doctor could cure her.

(But Notice This:)

- ◆ She is found this day in the congregation to hear the Word of God.
- ◆ Her crippled condition couldn’t keep her from church.
- ◆ Her terrible illness didn’t keep her home.

(And I Discover Something:)

#1. That even after 18 years of delay, she never got bitter against God.

#2. That 18 years “On hold” didn’t get her mad and absent from church.

#3. That 18 years of “Waiting for an answer” never saw her resent God’s plan.

#4. That she finds herself present in church, the very day that Jesus attends the service.

Question: Are you praying (asking for something you’ve asked for before?)

Question: Has patience been difficult for you?

Question: Has a “delay” caused you to be angry or resentful at God in any way?

#3. She was desperate

“And could in no wise lift up herself” (v. 11)

Fact: She needed help outside of herself.

Fact: She needed help apart from her own resources.

Fact: She had come to the end of help from herself.

Fact: Only God could give the cure she needed.

(And This Is A Great Place To Be)

The Place When We Know If God Doesn’t Do it, It Won’t Get Done!!!

II. The “Glorious” Healer (Vs. 12, 13)

“And when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him, and said unto her, woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity” (v. 12)

“And He laid hands on her and immediately she was made straight” (v. 13)

(Remember This:)

- ◆ The woman never appealed to Jesus for healing in the service (and Jesus never waited to be asked).

(But This Did Transpire:)

#1. Jesus saw her

- ◆ And He sees you tonight. (Psalm 101:6)
- ◆ He looks upon you with feelings of compassion. (Matthew 9:36)
- ◆ He sees your worry and sickness and plight. (Hebrews 4:15,16)
- ◆ He knows everything you need and hope for. (Philippians 4:19)
- ◆ He sees you as the special object of His attention. (Deuteronomy 32:10)

#2. Jesus called her

- ◆ He called her to come forward during the meeting.
- ◆ The congregation wonders if Jesus knows what He is doing.
- ◆ She leaves her seat and comes forward.
- ◆ And Jesus is doing the same tonight, (calling you to Himself).

#3. Jesus touched her

- ◆ He laid His hands upon her.
- ◆ He wasn't afraid to touch people.
- ◆ And what Jesus did then, Jesus does now!!!

#4. Jesus delivered her

“Woman thou art loosed from thine infirmity” (v. 12)

“And immediately she was made straight” (v. 13)

- ◆ She felt new life course through her body.
- ◆ She heard her vertebrae creek back into place.
- ◆ She began to straighten up after 18 years of waiting,
- ◆ And the congregation witnessed a miracle!!!

III. The “Grumbling” Ruler (Vs. 14-16)

“And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath day” (v. 14)

Fact: The ruler of the synagogue became angry.

Fact: He bellyaches “Not on the Sabbath”.

Fact: And Jesus calls him a “Hypocrite”. (v. 15)

(What Is A Hypocrite?)

- A. The word “Hypocrite” is the Greek word for “Actor”.
- B. It means “Second face”.
- C. Greek actors didn't appear on stage showing their own faces, but put on masks.
- D. Thus, the words, “Second-face” were given to an actor.

Fact: The ruler was a fake.

Fact: But the woman was of “Faith”.

“Ought not this daughter of Abraham be loosed from this bond?” (v. 16)

◆ She is called a “Daughter of Abraham” because...

- 1... she believed in God as Abraham did.
- 2... she was full of faith in God regardless.
- 3... she wasn't deterred by an 18 year wait.
- 4... she didn't pretend, pout or resist Jesus when he said, “Come up front, I want to pray for you”.

IV. The “Grateful” Congregation (V. 17)

“And all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him”. (v. 17)

(In v. 13), The woman glorified God (and) (In v. 17), The people glorified God.

(And This Is The Purpose Of A Miracle)

- #1. To testify of the reality of God.
- #2. To reveal the existence of God.
- #3. To bring glory to the Name above all names.

Question: Why is the congregation praising God!

Answer: Because Jesus has broken the power of satan!!!

(“Whom Satan has Bound”)

Means...

- ... Jesus breaks every fetter, chain, and lock!
- ... Jesus sets free everyone bound by sin and satan!!!

(In Other Words)

- ◆ No sin can hold you when Jesus walks in!
- ◆ Jesus still has the keys that open every door!
- ◆ Jesus breaks the power of cancelled sin and sets the prisoner free!!!

(The Result?)

We will praise and glorify God for “Great Things He Hath Done”.

Life Application

(From The Groping, The Glory, The Grumbling and The Grateful)

#1. The recorded “groping” reveals to us:

- ◆ Pain is real in life and you are no exception.
- ◆ We have a choice to become bitter or better by our response.

#2. The recorded “glory” reveals to us:

- ◆ That Jesus knew (ahead of time) every need we would ever have.
- ◆ That Jesus still works miracles and has no limitations.

#3. The recorded “grumbling” reveals to us:

- ◆ Jesus despises hypocrisy (acting or pretending).
- ◆ Faith in Christ puts His righteousness to our account.

#4. The recorded “gratefulness” reveals to us:

- ◆ That gratitude produces a joyful spirit in the heart, (and)
- ◆ The purpose of a miracle is to move us all closer to the Lord!

AMEN!
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BARTIMAEUS IS HEALED

(As Jesus Passes By)

Mark 10:46-52



A Revelation of Divine Compassion:

- The “Crying” of Bartimaeus (v.47)
- The “Charging” of Bartimaeus (v.48)
- The “Calling” of Bartimaeus (v.49)
- The “Casting” of Bartimaeus (v.50)
- The “Curing” of Bartimaeus (v.51,52)

“Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole.” (Mark 10:52)

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“AND JESUS STOOD STILL”

Text: Mark 10:46-52
Subject: The Healing Of Blind Bartimaeus
“Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole” (Mark 10:52)

Introduction

Fact: It was a day just like any other day for the recipient of this miracle.

Fact: It was a day when Jesus would minister to someone less fortunate than those who stood nearby.

Fact: Jesus had just delivered the shocking news. (vs. 32-34)

1. He would be delivered to the Gentiles.
2. He would be mocked, beaten and spit upon.
3. He would be killed.
4. He would rise again the third day.

Fact: Jesus is now seen leaving Jericho, on His way to Jerusalem, to die for you and me:

- A. Jerusalem is 18 miles away from Jericho.
- B. Jesus heads there with Calvary on His mind.
- C. Jesus is surrounded by a great multitude of people.
- D. Jesus encounters a blind beggar in desperate need.

Blind Bartimaeus...

#1...is sitting by the roadside begging because he had no one to care for him.

#2...is desperate, vocal and an outcast.

#3...is looking to receive gifts from those who pass by.

#4...is doing what people still do today in Palestine:

- ◆ Today in Palestine, people who are blind and maimed sit on the roadside and cry, “Bachsheesh, Bachsheesh” (Which means, “A gift, A gift”).

As Jesus Passes By 5 Notable Events Take Place (All In A Matter Of Seconds)

I. The “Crying” Of Bartimaeus

“And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me” (v. 47)

Question: Why did Bartimaeus cry out to Jesus?

Answer: #1. Because Bartimaeus had heard the reports of Jesus’ miracles of mercy:

- ◆ Lepers cleansed
- ◆ Deaf ears opened
- ◆ The dead raised to life
- ◆ Demoniacs cured
- ◆ Dumb tongues loosed

#2. Because Bartimaeus was never able to walk and go see this Miracle Worker.

- ◆ Jesus is passing his way!
- ◆ Jesus is close at hand!
- ◆ Jesus is near and opportunity is now!

(And Notice)

- ◆ Bartimaeus doesn’t dwell on “How long” he has been blind. (Dwelling on the past).
- ◆ Bartimaeus doesn’t focus on those around him. (And get distracted by public opinion).
- ◆ Bartimaeus doesn’t dwell on the severity of his illness. (Which would limit his faith).

(Instead He Says:)

- ◆ “I can’t afford to miss this one opportunity”.
- ◆ “I can’t afford to lose a moment’s time”.
- ◆ “I can’t afford to forfeit my chance to touch Jesus”.

II. The “Charging” Of Bartimaeus

“And many charged him that he should hold his peace; but he cried the more a great deal, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me”. (v. 8)

Question: Why did the crowd tell Bartimaeus to keep quiet?

Answer: Because they thought that Jesus was too important to be disturbed by an outcast.

Question: How did Bartimaeus respond?

Answer: The more they said keep quiet, the more he cried out for mercy.

Question: What would you do if you could touch Jesus?

Question: How would you respond if friends pressured you to “Keep quiet”?

Question: What will you do...

◆ ...on the job tomorrow? ◆ ...with friends tomorrow ◆ ...in church tonight?

◆ Will you allow someone to put a wet blanket over your appeal to Jesus?

(Bartimaeus Was Prompt In His Inquiry)

III. The “Calling” Of Bartimaeus

“And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they called the blind man, saying unto him, be of good comfort, rise; He calleth thee”. (v. 49)

Question: How did Jesus respond to the cry of Bartimaeus?

(3 Noticeables)

#1. Jesus Stopped

Fact: Jesus is busy (but not too busy).

Fact: Jesus hears the voice from the crowd.

Fact: Jesus reveals that prayer really works.

Fact: Jesus displays His compassion to those in need.

#2. Jesus Saw

Jesus could see Bartimaeus was in need (and Jesus sees you and exactly what you are needing).

“For His eyes are upon the ways of man, and He seeth all his goings” (Job 34:21)

“For the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, and He pondereth all his goings”.
(Proverbs 5:21)

#3. Jesus Spoke

“Rise up Bartimaeus, I want to see you”

“Step up over your criticizers”

“I have something in mind for you”

“What wilt thou that I should do unto thee?” (v. 51)

IV. The “Casting” Of Bartimaeus

“And he casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus”. (v. 50)

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Question: Why did Bartimaeus throw off his garment?

Answer: Because it would trip him up if he allowed it to remain.

Fact: Bartimaeus wanted to disengage himself from everything and anything that would impede his progress.

Question: What needs “Casting off” so that you can come to Jesus with a clear conscience and full of faith?

- A. Any secret sins (unknown to the crowd)?
- B. Any fears of what others will say?
- C. Any doubt that Jesus really cares?
- D. Any unbelief that doesn't believe Jesus still heals the sick today?
- E. Any attitudes, unforgiveness, or inferiority that keeps you at a distance?

(Cast It All Away)

Question: Why is it so very important to “Cast off” every sin that would hinder you from intimacy with Jesus?

(Because Of What Sin Is And Does)

#1. Sin never satisfies the one who sins.

- ◆ “The eyes of man are never satisfied”. (Proverbs 27:20)
- ◆ Sin is powerful and addictive because it is pleasurable and stimulating to the flesh.

#2. Sin always leads to more sin.

“The evil deeds of the unsaved ensnare them, the cords of sin hold him fast”. (Proverbs 5:22)

- ◆ The very nature of sin is to strengthen its grip the longer it is entertained.
- ◆ Sin enslaves the one who feeds its cravings.

#3. Sin robs you of all joy and confidence.

- ◆ Sin bursts the bubble of joy because it breaks communion with the Father (our source of all joy).
- ◆ Sin humiliates the sinner because it steals your respect, reputation and good name.

#4. Sin hurts Jesus, family, and friends more than you know.

- ◆ The consequences of sin go far beyond the sinner.
- ◆ Willful sin also disgraces the very One who calls us to be Holy like Him.

#5. Sin robs you of God's anointing.

- ◆ It gradually drives away the Holy Spirit.
- ◆ It dulls the heart and makes you callous and insensitive (which leads to backsliding).

#6. Sin offends the weaker conscience.

“But when you sin against the brethren and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ” (I Corinthians 8:12)

- ◆ Sin damages the trust that people have in Christ's church.
- ◆ Sin causes the immature believer to stumble and fall.

#7. Sin may cost you your salvation.

- ◆ Unrepented sinful lifestyles lead further into bondage.

- ◆ Hell will be full of people who failed to stop the train of sin in its early stages.

(Remember Beloved)

- ◆ Sin that is destroyed in our mind, will not become a part of our history!!!

V. The “Curing” Of Bartimaeus

“The blind man said, Lord, that I might receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, go thy way, thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way”. (vs. 51, 52)

#1. The Question:

“What wilt thou that I should do unto thee?”

- ◆ Jesus asks this so Bartimaeus will acknowledge his need and throw down his pride.
- ◆ Jesus wants to hear from you individually:

1. Be specific 2. Be definite 3. Be honest 4. Be humble 5. Be expectant

#2. The Qualification

“Thy faith hath made thee whole” (v. 52)

Question: What is faith?

Answer: Faith is believing that what you are praying for, will come about because of Divine intervention. (Repeat)

“With men it is impossible, but not with God: For with God all things are possible” (Mark 10:27)

Results

#1. Bartimaeus received his healing. #2. Bartimaeus became a follower of Jesus.

(Why?)

- ◆ Because Jesus has all power over all diseases, and can heal anyone, in anyplace at anytime!!!

Life Application

- #1. Dwelling on the past will rob you of what God wants to do in your present and future!
- #2. Everyone has obstacles and hurdles to press – through to become all that God intends you to become!
- #3. Jesus knows ahead of time exactly where you are going and what you need beforehand!
- #4. Casting off every sin will accelerate spiritual progress that God is wanting to give.
- #5. Faith still moves mountains because we have a miracle working God!

AMEN!
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