

TITLE: Be Whole And Sin No More

Please read the entire chapter of John 5

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This chapter helps us understand how essential it is to listen. Commentaries refer to the impotent man as an invalid, which is a person made weak or disabled by illness or injury. He had been in this condition 38 years. His actions of being at the right place at the right time was evidence of his faith. He heard and obeyed Jesus when he said 'take up thy bed and walk.'

We see his healing made evident as he listened and obeyed Jesus.

Isaiah 55:3 (Easy To Read Version):

Listen closely to what I say. Listen to me so that you will live. I will make an agreement with you that will last forever. It will be an agreement you

can trust, like the one I made with David— a promise to love him and be loyal to him forever.

John 5:24-25, 28-30 (KJV)

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,

29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which

hath sent me.

This man listened to Jesus direction and that delivered him from being an invalid. Jesus, even reassured him of his healing and told him what to do to remain whole.

John 5:14

14 Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.

This illness was chronic. A chronic illness is one that lasts for a long period of time and typically cannot be cured.

Jesus healed this man from a long time (chronic) illness, then told him the key to remaining whole is to 'sin no more.' These words bring us back to the whole point of salvation: deliverance from sin and its consequences, believed by Christians to be brought about by faith in Christ.

Jesus paid the penalty for sin. And when he says

'sin no more', he knows we are attributing to preventing ourselves from being made whole. James 5: 11-16 (NIV), reminds us of his grace and mercy:

11 As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

12 Above all, my brothers and sisters, do not swear--not by heaven or by earth or by anything else. All you need to say is a simple 'Yes' or 'No.' Otherwise you will be condemned.

13 Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise.

14 Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned,

they will be forgiven. 16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

This months challenge:

As we make appointments with earthly Doctors and apply what they say to be well. Let us actively listen to the voice of Jesus, be made whole and sin no more.

