

CHAPTER 5

AFTER this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

2 Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep *market* a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.

3 In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.

4 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.

5 And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.

6 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?

7 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.

8 Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.

9 And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.

10 ¶ The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry *thy* bed.

11 He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk.

12 Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk?

13 And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in *that* place.

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.

15 The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole.

16 And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day.

17 ¶ But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.

18 Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.

19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

20 For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.

21 For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth *them*; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.

22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

23 That all *men* should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the

Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

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.

26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;

27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

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.

31. If I bear witness of myself,

my witness is not true.

32 ¶ There is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true.

33 Ye sent unto John, and he bare witness unto the truth.

34 But I receive not testimony from man: but these things I say, that ye might be saved.

35 He was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light.

36 ¶ But I have greater witness than *that* of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.

37 And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.

38 And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not.

39 ¶ Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

40 And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.

41 I receive not honour from men.

42 But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you.

43 I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

44 How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that *cometh* from God only?

45 Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is *one* that accuseth you, *even* Moses, in whom ye trust.

46 For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me.

47 But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?

CHAPTER 6

AFTER these things Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is *the sea* of Tiberias.

2 And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased.

3 And Jesus went up into a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples.

4 And the passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh.

5 ¶ When Jesus then lifted up

his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?

6 And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do.

7 Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little.

8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him,

9 There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?

10 And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

11 And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would.

12 When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.

13 Therefore they gathered *them* together, and filled twelve

baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten.

14 Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.

15 ¶ When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone.

16 And when even was *now* come, his disciples went down unto the sea,

17 And entered into a ship, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was now dark, and Jesus was not come to them.

18 And the sea arose by reason of a great wind that blew.

19 So when they had rowed about five and twenty or thirty furlongs, they see Jesus walking on the sea, and drawing nigh unto the ship: and they were afraid.

20 But he saith unto them, It is I; be not afraid.

21 Then they willingly received him into the ship: and immediately the ship was at the land whither they went.

22 ¶ The day following, when the people which stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was none other boat there, save that one whereinto his disciples were entered, and that Jesus went not with his disciples into the boat, but *that* his disciples were gone away alone;

23 (Howbeit there came other boats from Tiberias nigh unto the place where they did eat bread, after that the Lord had given thanks:)

24 When the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, neither his disciples, they also took shipping, and came to Capernaum, seeking for Jesus.

25 And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rabbi, when camest thou hither?

26 Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.

27 Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

28. Then said they unto him,

What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?

29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

30 They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work?

31 Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.

32 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.

33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

34 Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.

35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

36 But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not.

37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

41 The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven.

42 And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven?

43 Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves.

44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

46 Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father.

47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

48 I am that bread of life.

49 Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

50 This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.

51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

52 The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us *his* flesh to eat?

53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

56 He that eateth my flesh, and

drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

58 This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

59 These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.

60. Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard *this*, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it?

61 When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you?

62 *What* and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?

63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you,

they are spirit, and *they* are life.

64 But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.

65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

66 ¶ From that *time* many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.

67 Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?

68 Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

69 And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.

70 Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?

71 He spake of Judas Iscariot *the son* of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Chapter 5 contains the miracle of the healing of the man at the pool of Bethesda. We again see the Saviour's compassion in these verses. We also see the grace of God at work, as Jesus healed this man who had suffered for 38 years with an infirmity. "Bethesda" means "house of grace," and this is what it became for that man. What does "grace" mean? It means unmerited favor; kindness to those who are undeserving. This man was no more deserving than the others, but God chose him. This is a beautiful picture of salvation. How it should humble us to know that we are also chosen by Him; not because of our own merit (Ephesians 1:4), but because He loved us. We should also note that Christ became the Lord, as well as the Saviour, of the man He healed. Christ is Lord because His Word is obeyed. The healed man obeyed Christ in every respect.

Christ not only wants to save us; He also wants to direct our lives. Too many Christians recognize Christ as Saviour, but not as Lord of their lives. The confession of our lips is so important after we have been saved (Romans 10:9). We must surrender our lives completely to Him and make Him Lord of all, in order for us to have a successful and happy Christian life.

Chapter 6 records the feeding of the 5,000. This miracle illustrates the cooperation between man and God in bringing salvation to lost people. Christ took the bread, blessed it, and gave it to His disciples. They, in turn, gave it to the crowd. While salvation is all of the Lord and all of grace, He still uses human instruments to take the Gospel message to men. Romans 10:14 asks the question, "...and how shall they hear without a preacher?" In a very real sense, Christ has no hands but our hands to feed the Bread of Life to hungry souls. If we will give Him our all, as the little lad did, He will take it, break it, bless it, and use it to bless others.

Verses 32-40 tell us that Jesus is the Bread of Life. In order to receive this Bread, we must come and take it. It is free, not only to the Jew, but to the entire world, and it gives eternal life.

Note especially John 6:37, "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." God promises that He will not cast out anyone who comes to Him in repentance and faith. Titus 1:2 tells us that God cannot lie. These are great promises of a sinless God, who gave His sinless Son, to save a sinful world. Have you come to partake of the Bread of Life? Have you drunk from the fountain that shall never run dry? If not, then today is the day you should come to Him. God

promises that you will not be turned away.

PROVERB FOR TODAY

"A gracious woman retaineth honour: and strong men retain riches" (Proverbs 11:16).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 35: For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 10.

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1862

THE MACHINE GUN WAS PATENTED.

1842

ABRAHAM LINCOLN MARRIED MARY TODD.

Of course, every true American thanks God for the life and works of Abraham Lincoln, one of our great presidents. Abraham Lincoln said that he would never have liquor in the White House. This was fulfilled as far as we know. No liquor entered the White House during his administration. Let us pray for a return to morality and righteousness on the part of our national leaders.

THE BIRTHDAY OF BILLY BRAY.

Billy Bray, the famous Cornish coal-miner, was one of the great characters in all of history. After he dedicated his life to Christ he shouted much of the time. It is said that when he met a person, if the person didn't say, "*Praise the Lord*," he would ask him if he were saved. If the person implied that he was, Billy Bray asked him why he wasn't praising the Lord.

Somebody suggested to Billy Bray one time that he quit shouting and that he keep his mouth shut. He replied that if he did shut his mouth, his feet would shout. He said that every time his right foot hit the ground it said, "*Amen*," and every time his left foot hit the ground it said, "*Glory!*"

Some pranksters decided to scare Billy Bray. They hid across the railroad tracks from where he was walking one day and played as if one of them were the Devil. A cry came during the night saying, "Billy Bray, this is the Devil."

Billy Bray simply said, "Well praise the Lord, old Devil, I did not know thou wast so far from me."

When Billy Bray was dying he was shouting, "Glory to God, I shall soon be in Heaven."

Someone came and said, "Billy, what if you have been mistaken all these years and end up in Hell?"

Billy Bray replied that he would just shout all the way to Hell and praise the Lord for salvation, where-

upon the Devil would say, "Billy, there is no place for thee here with that shouting."

Billy replied that he would just shout all the way back to Heaven, "Glory to God! Praise the Lord!"

Let us ask God to give us true praise in our hearts and on our lips for our salvation.

ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1872

Three blacks elected to major offices in Louisiana elections: C.C. Antoine, lieutenant governor; P.G. Deslonde, secretary of state; W.B. Brown, Superintendent of public education. P.B.S. Pinchback was elected congressman at large. Fourth black official, Treasurer Antoine Dubuclet, won elections in 1870 and 1874.

1874

Democrats swept off-years elections, winning a majority in the House of Representatives.

1879

T. Elkins patented the refrigerating apparatus.

1884

Grover Cleveland won election and became the first Democratic president of the United States since the Civil War.

1978

William Howard Jr., 32, elected president of the National Council of Churches.

2008

Barack Hussein Obama, 47, U.S. senator from Illinois, becomes the first African-American in history to be elected president of the United States.

The Story of the Psalms

PSALMS 114

AUTHOR: Unknown

THE STORY BEHIND THE PSALM:

It was written concerning the journey back from Jerusalem after the feast. The theme of the Psalm is reminiscing about being delivered from Egypt and how God protected His people through the passover, crossing of the Red Sea, pillar of cloud by day and fire by night, the manna from heaven, the water from the rock, etc.

THE WAY IT WAS USED BY GOD'S PEOPLE:

This Psalm was used when in trial and suffering.

Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:

EVIDENCE OF DIVINE INSPIRATION:

Divine inspiration evident in that the scriptures correct those who are trapped in error.

A. THE ERROR OF BEING SAVED BY CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

(Assignment 35)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see “The Treasure Path to Soul Winning” link back on the DailyKJV page.)

() Titus 1:16

They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

() Acts 4:12

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

() John 10:9

I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

() John 14:6

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me.

() Hebrews 12:14

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: