

SPIRITUALLY PARALYZED

JOHN 5:1-8

Introduction

A. The World Is Becoming A Spiritual Desert

Psalm 14:2-3

2 The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God.

3 They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one.



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B. Signs Of Being Spiritually Dry

1. When there is no desire for Bible study and prayer
2. When spiritual conversation embarrasses you
3. When you rationalize sin
4. When you quote scripture and attend services, but it doesn't make a difference in your life
5. When money dominates your life

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B. Signs Of Being Spiritually Dry – continued

6. When it doesn't bother you that others are in misery and are spiritually lost.

7. When worship and service to God does not excite you

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C. Christ's ministry

1. He works where He goes

Matthew 9:35

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

2. His words demonstrate God's authority

Mark 1:22

And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.

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C. Christ's ministry - continued

3. He is the light in the darkness

John 1:4-5

4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

John 5:1-3

1 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.

I. The Magnitude Of The Misery (5:1-3)

A. The impotent were there

Isaiah 1:5

Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.

I. The Magnitude Of The Misery (5:1-3)

B. The blind were there

1. Spiritual blindness comes from lack of diligence

2 Peter 1:9

But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

2. Spiritual blindness causes a lack of discernment

1 Corinthians 2:14

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

I. The Magnitude Of The Misery (5:1-3)

B. The blind were there - continued

3. Spiritual blindness creates a downfall

Proverbs 4:19

The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble.

I. The Magnitude Of The Misery (5:1-3)

C. The lame were there

1. Cannot stop sin in their lives

Titus 1:6

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

2. Cannot stop the slide in their mind

1 Timothy 4:1-2

1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

I. The Magnitude Of The Misery (5:1-3)

**D. The withered (paralyzed) were there
Cannot produce spiritual fruit**

Matthew 13:22

He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

John 15:6

If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

II. The Moments During The Misery (5:4-7)

A. The glimpses of God's mercy (vv 4-5)

John 5:4-5

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.

II. The Moments During The Misery (5:4-7)

B. The greatness of man's need (vv 6-7)

John 5:6-7

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.

- 1. Noticed by God**
- 2. Named by God**
- 3. No man capable to resolve**

III. The Message Of Deliverance From The Misery

John 5:8-9

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.

III. The Message Of Deliverance From The Misery

**A. Demonstrate faith in the words of the Deliverer, Christ
1 John 5:4**

**For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world:
and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even
our faith.**

**B. Determine to forsake the conditions of misery
Philippians 3:13**

**Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but
this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are
behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are
before,**

III. The Message Of Deliverance From The Misery

C. Diligently follow the Deliverer

1. Walk in the newness of life

Romans 6:4

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

III. The Message Of Deliverance From The Misery

C. Diligently follow the Deliverer - continued

2. Withstand the criticism of man

John 5:9-11

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.

III. The Message Of Deliverance From The Misery

C. Diligently follow the Deliverer - continued

3. Wholly follow the Deliverer

John 5:14

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.

4. Witness your deliverance to others

John 5:15

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

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