

GOING DEEPER STUDY NOTES (SEPTEMBER 4, 2022)

FOR PERSONAL OR GROUP STUDY

Today, the world population is approximately 8 billion and growing. The needs for work, food, medicine, and hospitals, etc. are also increasing. People are moving at a very high speed in this fast-changing world. Today the number of sick people in the world is much higher than in Jesus' time but this is not a reason for Him to stop hearing and answering our prayers. His power of healing is the same today as it was in the past and will be in the future. In these times of constant needs and desperation we should use our wisdom and be on our knees praying. We must always look for the One who can do everything and make the impossible possible, our Creator and Ruler of the universe, our Maker and Provider.

In this passage a leader of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner on the Sabbath. The house was full of many people. The leader's intention was evil - the idea was to catch Jesus breaking the rules and laws on the Sabbath. They were watching Jesus, waiting for an opportunity to get Him into trouble, but Jesus knew the leader's intentions and malicious thoughts. Jesus took advantage of the moment to use His healing power to heal a man and teach the Pharisees a great lesson. Here our Lord Jesus healed the man with dropsy, and many witnessed the miracle of healing on the Sabbath day. Jesus asked them if it was lawful to heal on the Sabbath, but they remained silent and surprised. This reminds us of what Jesus said in Mark 2:17 "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but the sinners."

When Our Rules Get in The Way of His Rules

LUKE 14:1-6

¹ One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ² And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³ And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" ⁴ But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵ And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son^[a] or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" ⁶ And they could not reply to these things.

What Does it Say?

1. Why did Jesus accept to eat at the Pharisee's house?
2. What did Jesus know about the intention behind the invitation?
3. What was the Pharisees' reaction to Jesus' initiative? How did they answer to His questions?

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

4. Why was the man sick with dropsy there?
5. Why Jesus used His power of healing on Saturday?
6. Why Jesus sent this man away after healing him?

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO YOU?

7. What does this healing mean for this man, the Kingdom of God, the Pharisees and others?
8. Does God have specific days to heal the sick?
9. Why did Jesus use the example of the son and the animal falling into a well on a Sabbath?
10. Reading the passage, how do you believe God is speaking to you today? Do you believe in God's healing power?

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Take the time to read this passage again, ask God to reveal His message and plan to your life, He may want to show you more in His Word. Pray before, during and after you finish reading God's Word, and share it with others and practice what you just have heard and learned from the Lord. Remember that God wants the best for you, and your family. Don't let the things of this world distract you; please keep your eyes on Jesus, and let His will be done.