



"And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified." (Acts 20:32)

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WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY The Glory of Divine Freedom

TEXT: [John 5:1-15 \(ESV\)](#)

The Story

"Bethesda" → "House of Mercy."

Why Is This Story in the Bible?

Facts from Bethesda

- #1. This is not a "f _____" healing. (vv10-11).
- #2. This is not a "f _____" healing. (v7)
- #3. This was a "f _____" healing. (v9).
- #4. This was a "f _____" healing.

It Is God's Glory to Show Mercy

[Exodus 33:18-19, ESV](#)

There Christ stood, infinite in power, totally self-sufficient. He had already shown us that by one word He could heal. It would have been a small thing for him to say that word and every blind, lame, paralyzed person at the pool – indeed every person in Palestine, would have been instantly healed. But Jesus, displaying the glory of God, was merciful to whom He wanted to show mercy.

Application

A Christian’s best and most faithful pillow is the mercy of God. It is there we rest our case. It is there we lie down in peace. Because salvation is by mercy (Ephesians 2:1-10; Titus 3:5) we can rest in the reality that God saved us because He chose us; we can remain confident in His mercy, because He saved us according to His own good pleasure; and in keeping with His own righteousness. As a Christian who is shepherded by the Good Shepherd, we have this confidence that “surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.” (Psalm 23:6, ESV)

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