

Chapter 21

***“Bethesda and the
Sanhedrin”***

Sabbath October 25, 2014

A Song from the Books of Matthew
Chapter 11:28-30

Come unto me, all [ye] that labour and are heavy laden,
(3 x) and I will give you rest.

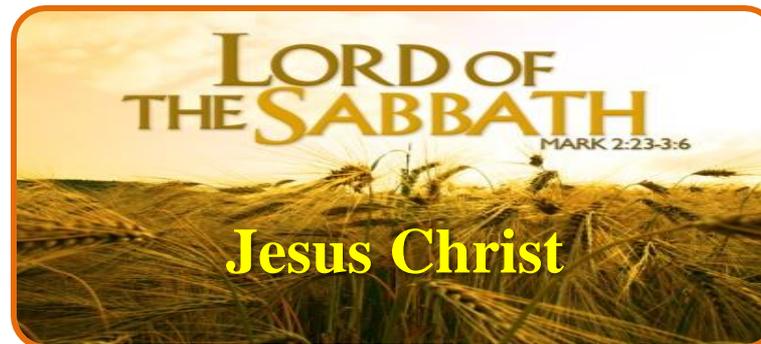
Come unto me, all [ye] that labour and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me;
for I am meek and lowly in heart:

(2 x) and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

For my yoke [is] easy, and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:28-30 For my yoke [is] easy, Come! Come unto me.



Opening Prayer-

*request one of the little ones or mommies
or daddies to give prayer*

THE
Family
THAT PRAYS TOGETHER
STAYS
Together



*Even the precious
creatures within
your gate!*



John 5:2 (KJV)

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

This week boys and girls, we will begin a new chapter in our lesson entitle, “Bethesda and the Sanhedrin” in our study book Desire of Ages!

John 5:1 (KJV)

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

John 5:3 (KJV)

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

John 5:4 (KJV)

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.

John 5:5 (KJV)

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

John 5:6 (KJV)

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?

John 5:7 (KJV)

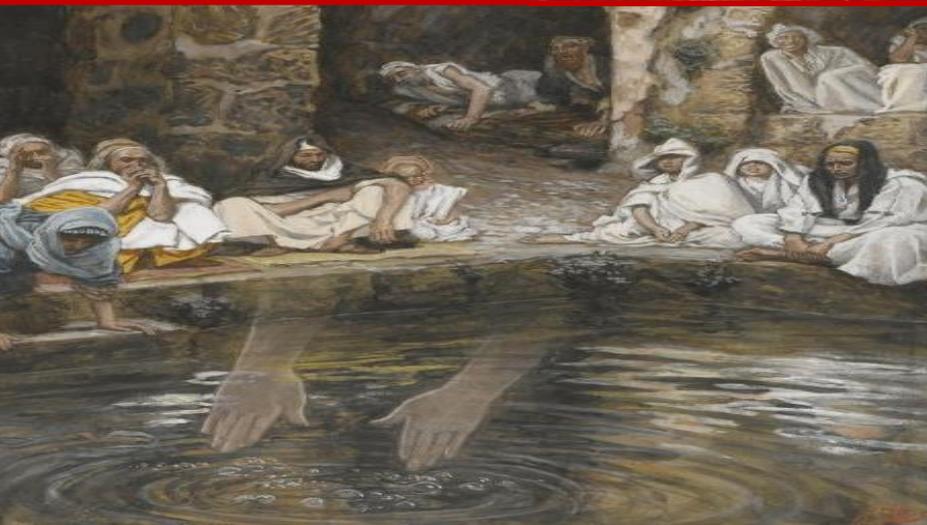
The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.

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“Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.” {DA 201.1}

At certain seasons the waters of this pool were agitated, and it was commonly believed that this was the result of supernatural power, and that whoever first after the troubling of the pool stepped into the waters, would be healed of whatever disease he had.

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Hundreds of sufferers visited the place; but so great was the crowd when the water was troubled that they rushed forward, trampling underfoot men, women, and children, weaker than themselves. Many could not get near the pool. Many who had succeeded in reaching it died upon its brink. Shelters had been erected about the place, that the sick might be protected from the heat by day and the chilliness of the night. There were some who spent the night in these porches, creeping to the edge of the pool day after day, in the vain hope of relief. {DA 201.2}



Question:

Boys & girls, what was the pool by the sheep market at Jerusalem called in the Hebrew tongue? And, what was commonly believed that the waters of this pool could do?

**If you know the Answer
to this question
*Bubble up! Dear little ones!***



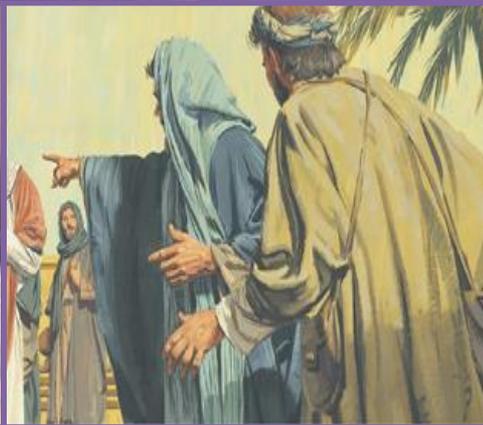
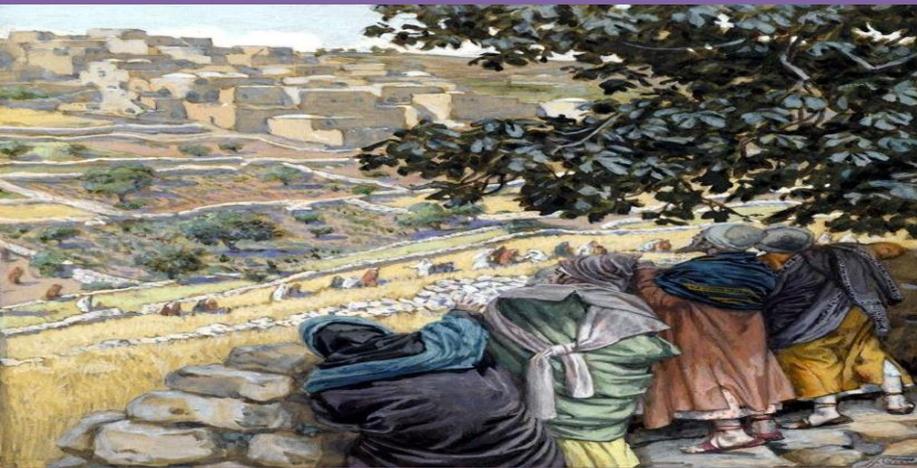
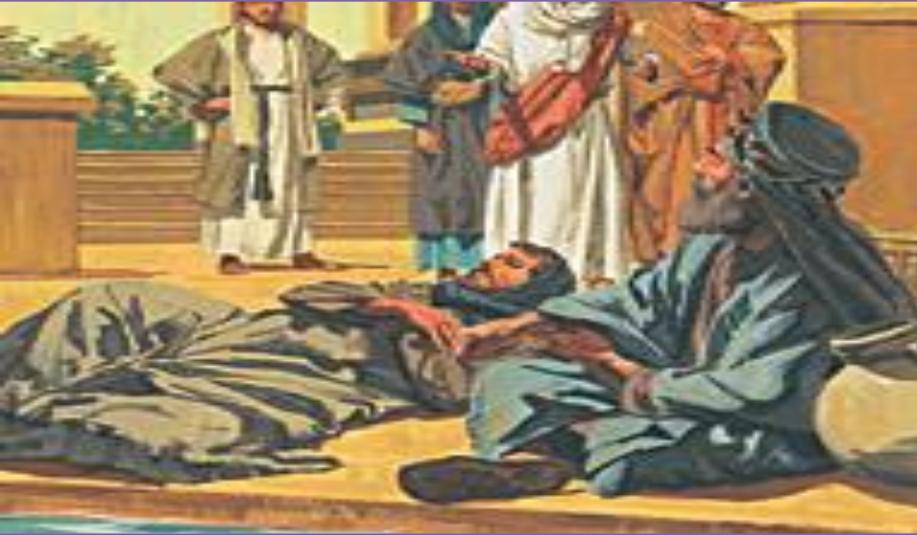
Bethesda, having five porches. And, that at certain seasons the waters had supernatural power, and that whoever first after the troubling of the pool stepped into the waters, would be healed of whatever disease he had.



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Jesus was again at Jerusalem. Walking alone, in apparent meditation and prayer, He came to the pool. He saw the wretched sufferers watching for that which they supposed to be their only chance of cure. He longed to exercise His healing power, and make every sufferer whole. But it was the Sabbath day. Multitudes were going to the temple for worship, and He knew that such an act of healing would so excite the prejudice of the Jews as to cut short His work.

{DA 201.3}



Desire of Ages, p.202

But the Saviour saw one case of supreme wretchedness. It was that of a man who had been a helpless cripple for thirty-eight years. His disease was in a great degree the result of his own sin, and was looked upon as a judgment from God. Alone and friendless, feeling that he was shut out from God's mercy, the sufferer had passed long years of misery. At the time when it was expected that the waters would be troubled, those who pitied his helplessness would bear him to the porches.

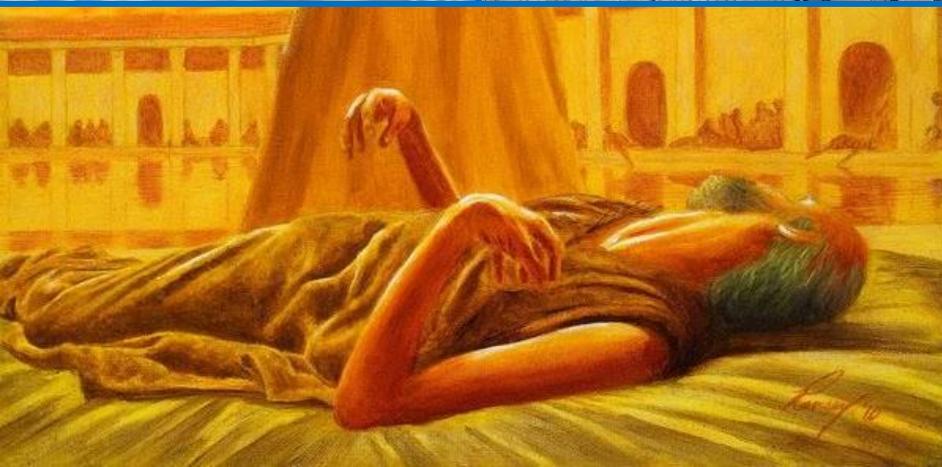
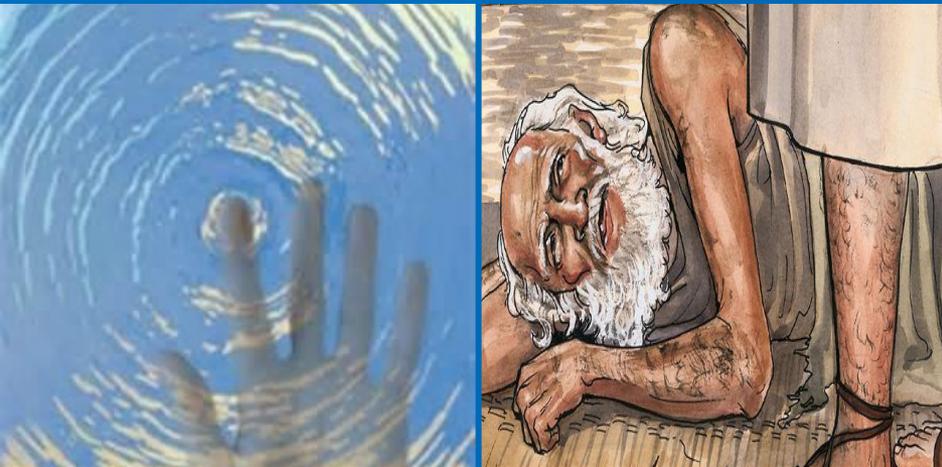
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But at the favored moment he had no one to help him in. He had seen the rippling of the water, but had never been able to get farther than the edge of the pool. Others stronger than he would plunge in before him. He could not contend successfully with the selfish, scrambling crowd. His persistent efforts toward the one object, and his anxiety and continual disappointment, were fast wearing away the remnant of his strength.

{DA 202.1}

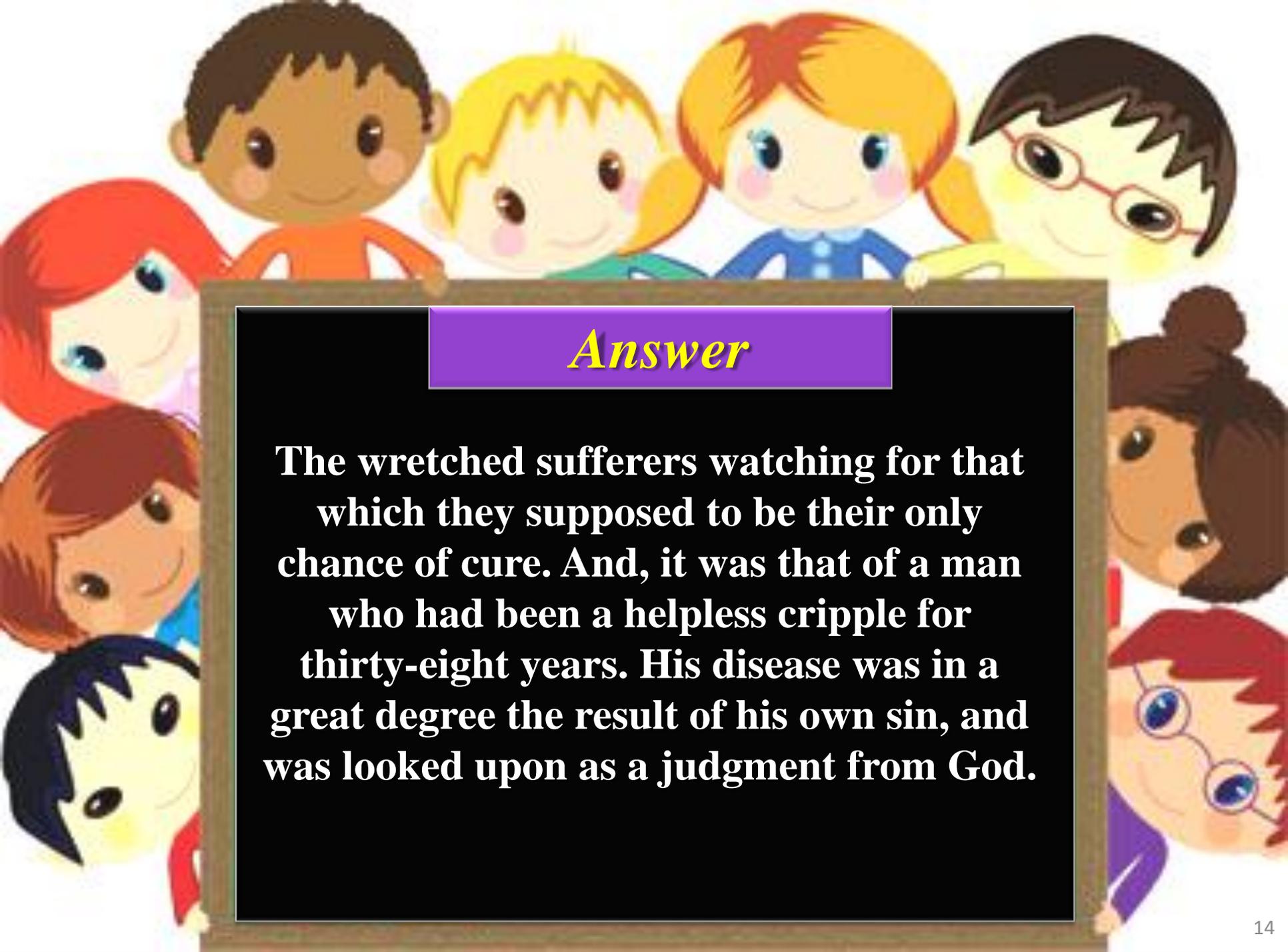




Question:

Boys & girls, while in apparent meditation and prayer walking alone at Jerusalem, what did Jesus see when He came to the pool? And, which supreme case of wretchedness did He see among the sufferers?

**If you know the Answer
to this question
*Bubble up! Dear little ones!***



Answer

The wretched sufferers watching for that which they supposed to be their only chance of cure. And, it was that of a man who had been a helpless cripple for thirty-eight years. His disease was in a great degree the result of his own sin, and was looked upon as a judgment from God.



Question:

Boys & girls, why had the sufferer never been able to get farther than the edge of the pool? And, what was fast wearing away the remnant of his strength?

**If you know the Answer
to this question
*Bubble up! Dear little ones!***

Answer

Others stronger than he would plunge in before him. He could not contend successfully with the selfish, scrambling crowd. And, the efforts toward the one objected; his persistent efforts, his anxiety and continual disappointment.



Let's learn a beautiful hymn "Pass Me not O, Gentle Saviour" together dear ones!

“Pass Me not O, Gentle Saviour”

Pass me not, O gentle Savior,
Hear my humble cry;
While on others Thou art calling,
Do not pass me by.

Refrain

Trusting only in Thy merit,
Would I seek Thy face;
Heal my wounded, broken spirit,
Save me by Thy grace.

Refrain

*Savior, Savior,
Hear my humble cry;
While on others Thou art calling,
Do not pass me by.*



Let me at Thy throne of mercy
Find a sweet relief,
Kneeling there in deep contrition;
Help my unbelief.

Refrain

Thou the Spring of all my comfort,
More than life to me,
Whom have I on earth beside Thee?
Whom in Heav'n but Thee?

Refrain

<http://cyberhymnal.org/htm/p/a/passment.htm>

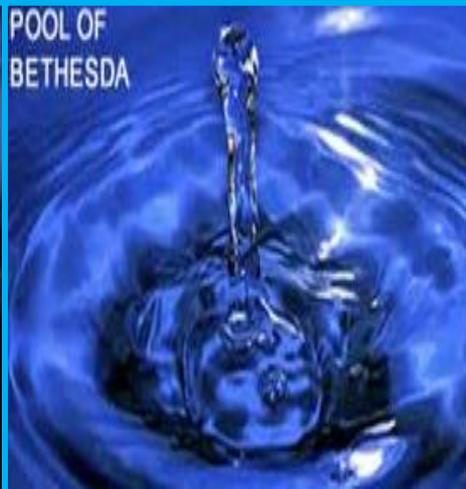
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The sick man was lying on his mat, and occasionally lifting his head to gaze at the pool, when a tender, compassionate face bent over him, and the words, "Wilt thou be made whole?" arrested his attention.

Hope came to his heart.

He felt that in some way he was to have help. But the glow of encouragement soon faded. He remembered how often he had tried to reach the pool, and now he had little prospect of living till it should again be troubled.

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He turned away wearily, saying,
“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.”

{DA 202.2}

Jesus does not ask this sufferer to exercise faith in Him. He simply says, “Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.” But the man's faith takes hold upon that word. Every nerve and muscle thrills with new life, and healthful action comes to his crippled limbs.

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Question:

Boys & girls, while the sick man was lying on his mat, what were the Saviour's compassionate words to him that arrested his attention? And what did he say after turning away wearily, remembering how often he had tried?

If you know the Answer
to this question
Bubble up! Dear little ones!



Answer

**“Wilt thou be made whole?”
Hope came to his heart. He felt that
in some way he was to have help.
And, “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.”**

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Without question he sets his will to obey the command of Christ, and all his muscles respond to his will. Springing to his feet, he finds himself an active man.
{DA 202.3}

Jesus had given him no assurance of divine help. The man might have stopped to doubt, and lost his one chance of healing. But he believed Christ's word, and in acting upon it he received strength.
{DA 203.1}

Question:

Boys & girls, does Jesus ask this sufferer to exercise faith in Him? And, what did his belief in Christ's word bring about for not doubting?

If you know the Answer to this question

Dear ones, bubble up!



Answer

**No, He simply says,
“Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.”
But the man's faith takes hold upon that
word. And, he believed Christ's
word, and in acting
upon it he received strength.**

*Let's learn a song dear one
to wait open the Lord
He shall renew our strength!*



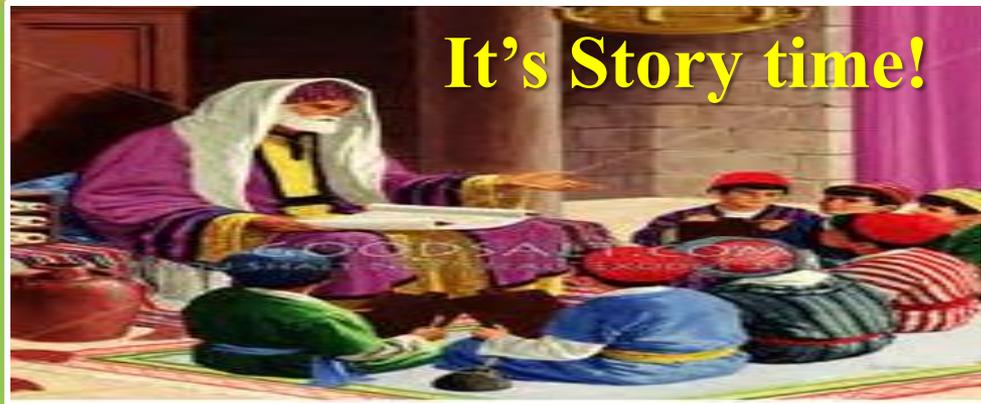
Isaiah 40:31 (KJV)

**But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew
[their] strength; they shall mount up with wings
as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary;
[and] they shall walk, and not faint.**

Teach me Lord! Teach me Lord!

To wait....

Gather around little ones!



This section of our study was inspired by
the Lord for all His precious little jewels.
Our book selection is entitle,
“Sons and Daughters of God”

Narrated by
Our Dear Brother Grave

Chapter. 1-If Children, then Heirs

And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

Romans 8:17. {SD 15.1}

All who enter into a covenant with Jesus Christ become by adoption the children of God. They are cleansed by the regenerating power of the Word, and angels are **commissioned** to minister unto them. They are baptized in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. They pledge themselves to become active members of His church in the earth.

They are to be dead to all the **allurements** of **worldly** desires; but in conversation and godliness, they are, through **sanctification** of the Spirit to exert a living influence for God. **{SD 15.2}**



"Heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ,"--what an exalted, **dignified** position!

Separate and distinct from the world, secure from the wily snares of Satan!

By their **baptismal** vows, God's professed followers have pledged themselves to stand in opposition to evil.

The enemy of souls will work with all craft to **corrupt** their minds. He will seek to introduce his methods into their service for the Master. But there is safety for them if they will heed the **injunction**: "... be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

{SD 15.3}



Man is honored by being made a co-partner in God's firm, by being accepted as a worker in the great centers He has established.... By appointment, the Lord our Redeemer is heir of God, and those who are co-laborers with Him in the work of saving souls, are joint heirs with Him. . . . To be an overcomer is to be placed in the ranks of those who have the far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. {SD 15.4}

To what greater honor could we **aspire** than to be called the children of God? What greater rank could we hold, what greater **inheritance** could we find, than that which comes to those who are heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ? {SD 15.5}



Next Week:

*We will continue with part 2 of study entitle,
“Bethesda and the Sanhedrin”
in our lesson book Desire of Ages!*

*Closing Prayer – request one of the little ones
or mommies or daddies to give prayer*



Next Sabbath:

Chapter 21
Bethesda and the
Sanhedrin
Part 2

Sabbath November 1, 2014

Children's Sabbath School
Lesson #99
“Bethesda and the Sanhedrin”



*Have a
Blessed Sabbath
Little Ones!
Enjoy the Activities.*



John 5:5 (KJV)

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

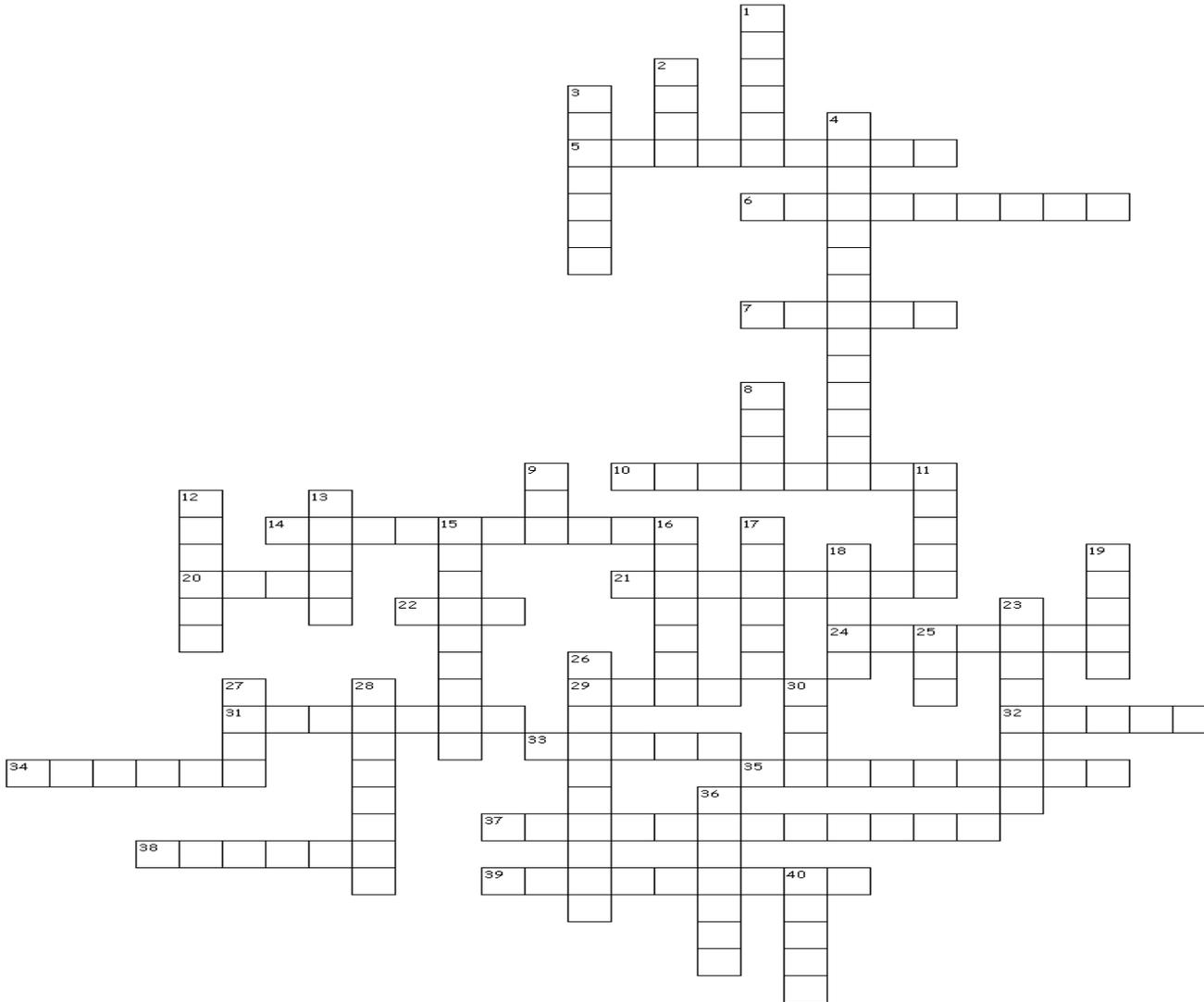
Word Search Puzzle

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 F D O N C N W Q K S W H W E B A I E A D

1. AGITATED
2. BETHESDA
3. BLIND
4. BRINK
5. CERTAIN
6. COMMONLY
7. CRIPPLE
8. DISEASE
9. EDGE
10. ERECTED
11. EXCITE
12. EXPECTED
13. FOLK
14. FRIENDLESS
15. HALT
16. HEBREW
17. HUNDREDS
18. IMPOTENT
19. MARKET
20. MEDITATION
21. MISERY
22. MULTITUDE
23. PITIED
24. POOL
25. PORCHES
26. PREJUDICE
27. SEASONS
28. SHEEP
29. SHELTERS
30. SUFFERERS
31. SUPERNATURAL
32. SUPREME
33. TONGUE
34. TROUBLED
35. UNDERFOOT
36. VAIN
37. WEAKER
38. WITHERED
39. WRETCHED
40. WRETCHEDNESS

40 of 40 words were placed into the puzzle

Crisscross Puzzle



1. ACTION
2. ANGEL
3. ANXIETY
4. ARRESTED
5. ASSURANCE
6. ATTENTION
7. BLIND
8. CASE
9. CONTINUAL
10. DISAPPOINTMENT
11. DIVINE
12. DOUBT
13. EIGHT
14. FACE
15. FADED
16. FEAST
17. GAZE
18. HALT
19. HEALTHFUL
20. HELPLESSNESS
21. INFIRMITY
22. JEWS
23. LAY
24. LIE
25. LIMBS
26. MAT
27. MUSCLE
28. PERSISTENT
29. PLUNGE
30. PROSPECT
31. REMNANT
32. RENEW
33. RIPPLING
34. RISE
35. SCRAMBLING
36. SELFISH
37. THIRTY
38. THRILLS
39. WEARILY
40. WITHERED

40 of 40 words were placed into the puzzle.

Cryptogram Puzzle #1

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
5	4			8		2				26	15	25					3					14			

W **E** **E** **A W** **M** **L** **E** , **A**
 14 24 8 1 23 8 21 12 21 21 5 14 24 17 25 15 17 8 5 1 16

K **E W** **A** **E** **A** **B E E** **W**
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A **L** **G** **M E** [**A** **A** **E**] ,
 5 15 18 1 2 9 17 25 8 17 1 9 24 5 9 11 5 21 8

E **M** **M** , **W** **L**
 24 8 21 25 17 9 24 12 1 9 18 24 17 25 14 17 15 9 9 24 18 12

B E **M A** **E** **W** **L E** ?
 4 8 25 5 16 8 14 24 18 15 8

A clue is found on page #1 of your Worksheet to complete the verse.

Cryptogram Puzzle #2

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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D O W N O R .
 7 26 9 3 14 2 10 26 12 2 16 2

A clue is found on page #1 of your Worksheet to complete the verse.

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Lesson #99
“Bethesda and the Sanhedrin”

ACTIVITIE ANSWER KEY



October 25, 2014

Crisscross Puzzle

SOLUTION

For the final words puzzle in slide #35

Across

- 5. _____
- 6. _____
- 7. _____
- 10. _____
- 14. _____
- 20. _____
- 21. _____
- 22. _____
- 24. _____
- 29. _____
- 30. _____
- 31. _____
- 32. _____
- 33. _____
- 34. _____
- 35. _____
- 37. _____
- 38. _____
- 39. _____

Down

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 8. _____
- 9. _____
- 11. _____
- 12. _____
- 13. _____
- 15. _____
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- 19. _____
- 23. _____
- 25. _____
- 26. _____
- 27. _____
- 28. _____
- 36. _____
- 40. _____

Place each word in their proper places, there are 19 words across and 21 words down in the puzzle.

These are found on page #8 of the worksheet.

Cryptogram Puzzles

SOLUTION

The final completed cryptogram verse #1.

John 5:6 (KJV)

When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time [in that case],
He smith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?

The final completed cryptogram verse #2

John 5:7 (KJV)

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.

The two scramble Cryptogram Puzzles verses from slides #36 and #37
found on page #9 and of the worksheet.

Double Puzzle

SOLUTION

For the final scramble double words puzzle in slide #38

1. COMMISSIONED
2. ALLUREMENTS
3. WORLDLY
4. SANCTIFICATION
5. DIGNIFIED

6. BAPTISMAL
7. CORRUPT
8. INJUNCTION
9. ASPIRE
10. INHERITANCE

10 of 10 words were placed into the puzzle.

The Double Puzzle Final Message

SOLUTION

For the final message double puzzle phrase in slide #38

Romans 8:17 (KJV)

And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

These are found on page #5 of the worksheet.