

BEHOLD AN AVAILABLE AND READY HELPER

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Hello friends! Once again I welcome you to our broadcast today. Kindly give me your attention. As you listen carefully to today’s message...the entrance of the Word of GOD in your life will bring light and cause your faith to take a leap.

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Today’s message is titled, Behold an Available and Ready Helper.

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We shall take our reading from John 5:1-9

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¹ *Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals.* ² *Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades.* ³ *Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years.* ⁶ *When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?”*

⁷ *“Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.”*

⁸ *Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.”* ⁹ *At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath.*

Let us pray.

PRAYER

Heavenly FATHER, thank YOU for being an available and ready Helper, especially to those who do not have physical helpers on earth. May YOU use this message to encourage someone who thinks he has no helper...in JESUS Mighty Name. Amen.

Yes: permit me to introduce to you an Available and Ready Helper who is there for you even when you do not know HIM. Knowing HIM is a key to receiving HIS help. Bethesda translates to house of mercy. House of mercy.

How many people are today in the church but yet suffering from sicknesses, blindness and are lame? There is hope for you my brother; there is hope for you my sister. JESUS is the same yesterday, today and forever. JESUS said to Martha, if you believe, you will see the glory of GOD. We are in the place of mercy – and mercy will locate you in JESUS' Name. Amen!

Let us look at this message in four headings.

- i. The sick by the pool of mercy,
- ii. The long-waiting for action,
- iii. The arrival of a helper,
- iv. The termination of a hopeless circumstance

So we are taking them in four stages.

1. THE SICK BY THE POOL OF MERCY

The economic situation in our country has made many sick. Yes – many are sick in our land: in the land endowed with wealth. Like this man and others laying by this pool so are many people lying in our land sick, lame, paralyzed, blind, impotent and disillusioned. My heart reaches out to the vulnerable group: widows, orphans, internally displaced people, children and youths mostly affected.

Are you in a place of blessing and yet not blessed? Are you in a place of healing and deliverance yet in bondage? I bring you this message of hope.

Yes this one man has stayed here for thirty-eight years. It is unimaginable. It does not matter how long you have laid in this situation. As long as one man who has laid thirty-eight years received help you are the next candidate to receive help...in JESUS Name. Amen!

The long-waiting for action is the second point.

2. THE LONG-WAITING FOR ACTION

It is rather incredible to believe that a man was waiting for action for thirty-eight years, and never got a chance to benefit from the action. The bible says that an angel came up at a certain time, stirs up the pool, and the first person to step into the pool after it has been stirred gets well and lives.

Friends, I wish you can see the picture. This seems to be the only hope. For some people, it does seem that it was not well organized so that it can be done by first come, first served. This man may have been there while people who came later may get their healing and leave.

Hello friends, you have waited for long. No doubt. You have sought healing in alternative places for long. All hope is not lost is the message of today. Have you waited for thirty-eight years? Do not give up; your miracle has come. I speak on behalf of our LORD JESUS CHRIST; and in HIS Name, I terminate the life or the ordeal that has kept you waiting for years. And wait a minute! Encourage yourself in the Word of GOD. The man has lost hope – but a Helper surfaced from nowhere specifically for him. Do you think it cannot happen to you? O yes it can. With GOD nothing is impossible.

3. THE ARRIVAL OF A HELPER

The third line we want to talk about is notice that a Helper arrived uninvited and unsolicited. The day was like any other day. There was no more expectation and excitement. He had no man, no helper, no relation. What's the need watching for the stirring of the pool by an angel? He has watched day after day, week after week and month after month. Others got their healing and left. Self-help has failed him, and divine intervention was not coming forth.

Meanwhile everything is known by our LORD JESUS CRIST. HE sees you in your situation or circumstance. Your situation cannot go unnoticed by HIM unexpectedly. Our Master JESUS appeared from nowhere and approached the man. Verse 6 of the scripture tells us that when JESUS saw him lie and knew that he has been now a long time in that place HE said unto him, Wilt Thou be made whole?

Friends, JESUS is a real Helper. It is not a coincidence that JESUS went to him. HE specifically came to him. The question, wilt thou be made whole was to enable him make a specific request. But alas he answered, I have no man; I have no helper.

Let me introduce to you a helper, a helper who is always there to help you. JESUS CHRIST the SON of GOD is your Helper. Many like you have received help from age to age, generation to generation.

HE has been my Helper. I personally had an enlarged spleen when I was a teenager. Liquid quinine was my main drink. No person dared to go to market without buying liquid quinine. My existence depended on it. But help came when I embraced JESUS as my LORD and my Saviour. Unknown to me HE was also my healer. Men and brethren, I was completely healed, and I began to do and eat what I was not able to do or eat earlier on. If HE healed me HE will heal you also. If HE helped me HE will help you. JESUS is the helper of the one that does not have helper. Even if you have a helper – a human helper – cannot do everything for you: he cannot give you life. JESUS is the Life, the Way, the Truth, the Light. Behold HIM and receive HIM now.

The last point is the termination of a hopeless circumstance.

4. THE TERMINATION OF A HOPELESS CIRCUMSTANCE

In verse 8 JESUS said unto him, Rise, take up thy bed and walk. And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed and walked. On

the same day was the Sabbath. The New International Version says, immediately the man was cured. Halleluiah.

Your case must be terminated. JESUS terminates diseases of known and unknown name. I wish you can embrace this Helper: a divine Helper. It became history. Many were peeping from the windows of their houses wondering whether it was the man or not. Those who were born when the man was dumped at the pool were thirty-eight years old. But that situation was terminated.

Friends, behold your Helper: JESUS The SON of GOD – The Saviour and Healer of diseases. JESUS is the same yesterday, today and forever. What that is holding you may be because you are yet to receive HIM as your Lord and Saviour.

A hymn writer captured it this way,

*The great Physician now is near,
The sympathizing Jesus;
He speaks the drooping heart to cheer,
Oh, hear the voice of Jesus.*

*Your many sins are all forgiv'n,
Oh, hear the voice of Jesus;*

The veil betwixt you and GOD is riven;
Redemption wrought by Jesus

As I close I plead with you to bow your head in prayer. Acknowledge HIM as your Helper. Receive HIM or reconfirm to HIM that HE is your Helper. Invite HIM to come to your help.

Let us Pray

PRAYER

Heavenly FATHER, thank YOU for giving us YOUR SON JESUS. As many as are looking up to YOU for help do please help them. I speak as YOUR servant to their circumstances, as you said to the important man, rise up, and carry your mat and go, so I speak to every man or woman, boy or girl: JESUS The Great Physician is here, the Helper from Heaven, the sympathizing JESUS, the One who healed me of a life spleen years ago. Rise up and walk; receive your healing. Let that sickness be terminated...in the Name of our LORD JESUS CHRIST. AMEN!