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Intro Music - "My (Your) Father Is So Good To Me"

Hi, my name is Carl Vasta and I would like to welcome you to the Bible Seeds section here, at Understanding God's Word. This is where I get to comment on biblical readings and stories that brings the bible into what's happening to us in our daily lives.

I'll touch on such topics as Family Prayer or Why I Believe There Is A God. I'll talk about what was predicted that makes these the Terrible Times In The Last Days, or how to Have A Daily Meaningful Relationship With God.

I would like you to know how much GOD loves you. He is ready and waiting to help you. You just need to believe that He exists and has created all things and has given His Son Jesus, (the good shepherd), to bring you back to Him.

Today's topic is **"The Paralyzed Man"**

and more of the simplicity of salvation.

Jesus had come back to his own town of Capernaum after teaching in other towns and a crowd had assembled at the house where he was teaching.

There were teachers of religious law, scribes and Pharisees, present among the people who came to listen to Jesus. Some men brought a man who was paralyzed to Jesus but couldn't get

near the house because of the crowd of people. They brought him up to the roof for that house and lowered him down on his mat to Jesus. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, ***“My son, your sins are forgiven.”***

The scripture says that though the Scribes and the Pharisees kept it to themselves, Jesus was aware that they were asking themselves, ***“Why does this man talk this way?”*** ***He is speaking as if he were God. He is committing blasphemy! God is the only one who can forgive sins.”***

Jesus said to them, ***“Why are you thinking these things? Which is easier to say to this paralyzed man?***

‘Your sins are forgiven’

or to say,

‘Get up! Pick up your mat and walk?’”

“So that you may know that the son of man has the authority on Earth to forgive sins,”

he said to the man who was paralyzed,

“I tell you get up, pick up your mat and go home.”

And while they all watched, the man got up, picked up his mat and went outside in sight of everyone. The people were completely amazed and praised God saying, ***“We have never seen anything like this.”*** (This reading came from ***the New Testament, The book of Mark, Chapter 2: Verses 1-12 and Luke, Chapter 5: Verses 17-26***)

It is important to hear what Jesus said to this paralyzed man. ***“My son, your sins are forgiven.”*** Even though the Scribes and the Pharisees were asking themselves, “Why does this man talk this way?” He is speaking as if he were God. And Jesus answered their thoughts by saying, “Which is easier to say to this paralyzed man, ‘Your sins are forgiven’ or to say, get up- pick up your mat and walk’.

What Jesus was saying to them is ***anyone can come along and say, “Hey, your sins are now forgiven.” But in reality, their statement can’t be proved!***

Only God can forgive your sins. And what Jesus continued to say emphasized this. So that you can have proof that I have the authority to forgive the sins of mankind, I’m telling this man who was paralyzed to pick up his mat and go home. ***And when that man stood up and picked up his mat and walked through the crowd who was amazed, it proved that man’s sins had been forgiven, because Jesus is GOD!***

Can Jesus forgive your sins without being baptized with water, without speaking in tongues or any other religious ceremonies? ***YES! All you have to do is ask: ‘Lord Jesus, forgive my sins and all the wrong doings of my life. Come into my life, fill me with your Holy Spirit and help me to do your will.’***

You are the paralyzed person being lowered from the roof of a house to Jesus to be healed. When Jesus sees your faith he will say to you, “My son, my daughter, your sins are forgiven.”

This is your host, Carl Vasta and I thank you for tuning in to Bible Seeds at Understanding God’s Word. A new podcast is released every Sunday at 12:30PM Pacific Coast Time.

God Bless You And Your Loved Ones and remember (song)