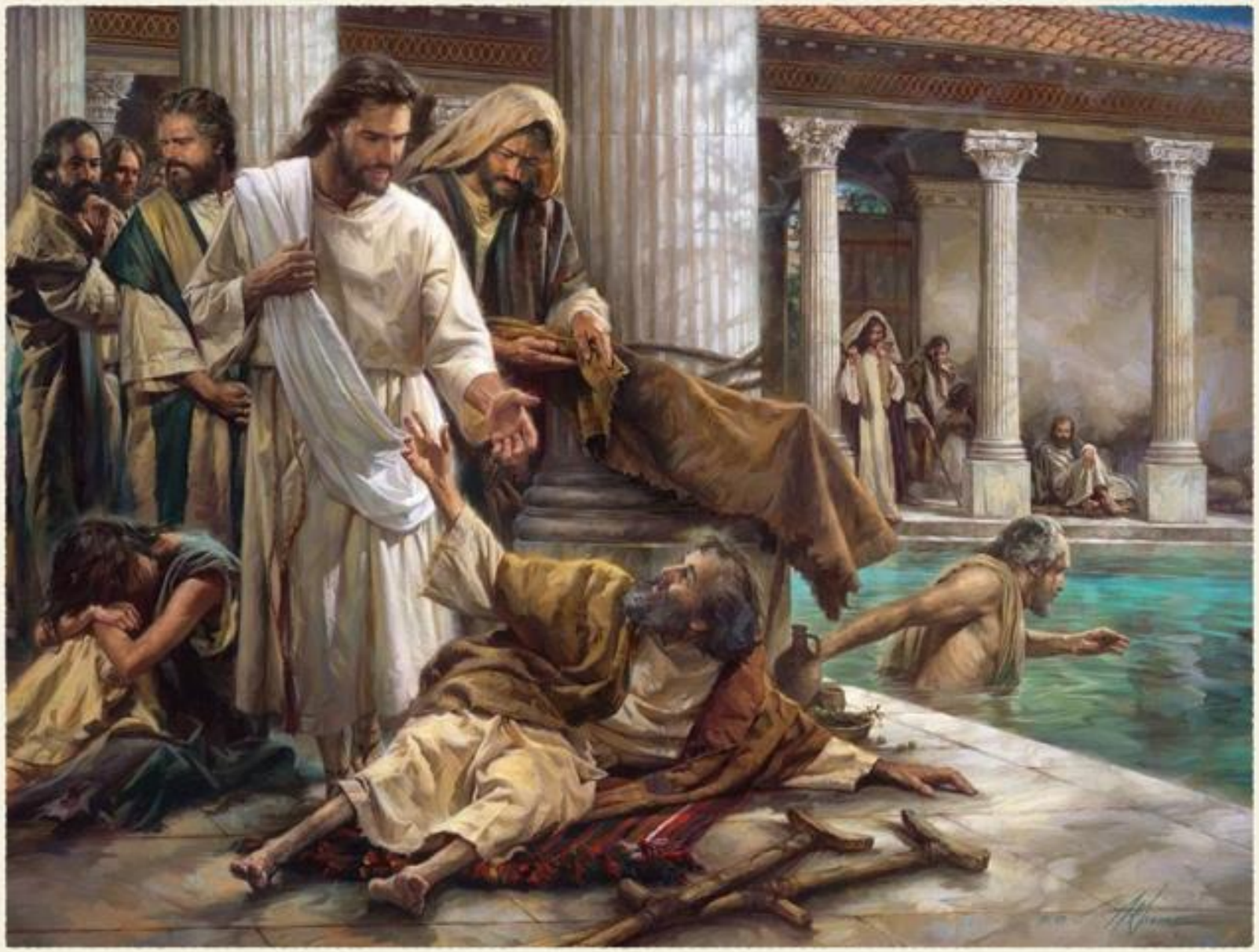


"When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?"

– Jn. 5:6

What did the Lord Christ want to give the paralytic man?

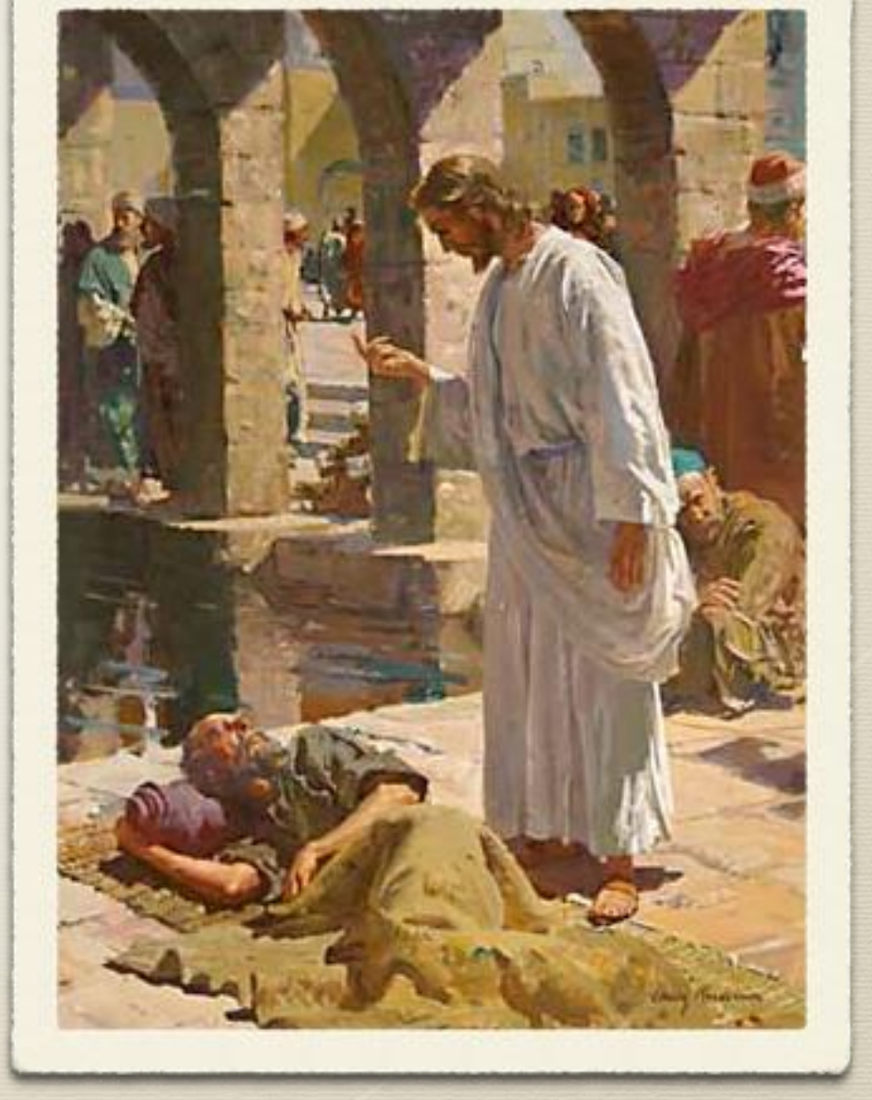
The Setting

- Jn. 5:1-4 – “After this there was a **feast** of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the **Sheep Gate** a **pool**, which is called in Hebrew, **Bethesda**, having **five porches**. In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had.”

- What did the Lord Christ want to give this man?

1. Recognition of his perseverance

- Jn. 5:5-6 – “Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time…”



2. Healing

- Jn. 5:6 – “Do you want to be made well?”
- Rom. 7:15-19 – “For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do. If, then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that it is good. But now, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find. For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice.”
- Rom. 7:24-25 – “O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

3. Help

* Jn. 5:7 – “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me.”

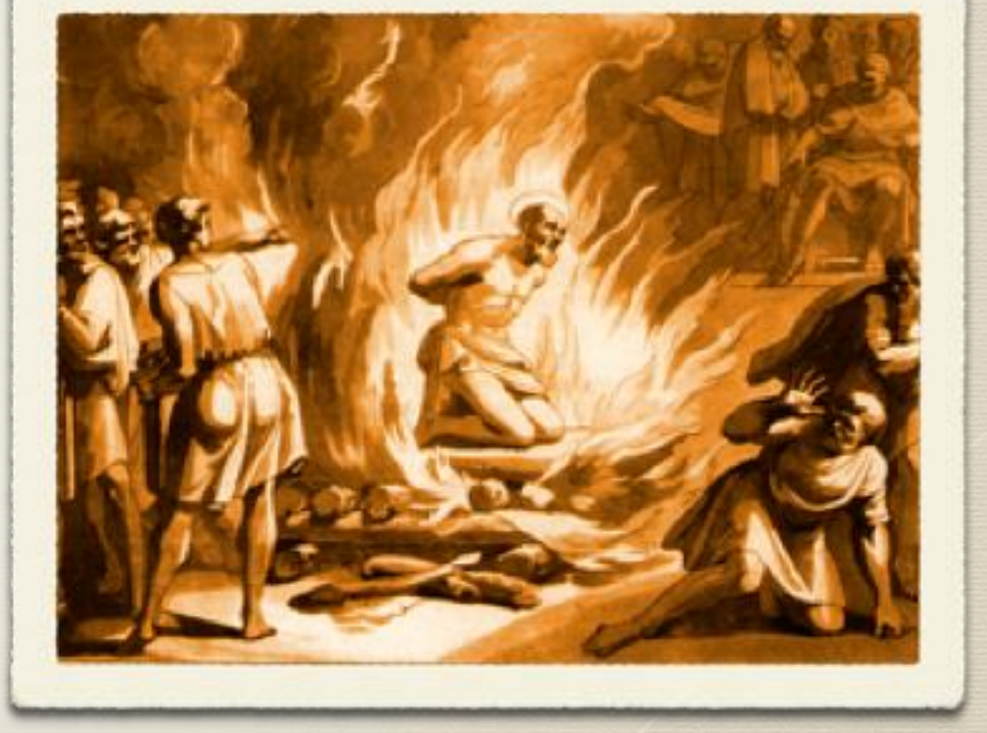


* Jn. 5:8-9 – “Jesus said to him, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk.’ And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked.”

4. Rest

- Jn. 5:9 – "…And that day was the Sabbath."

- *"Eighty-six years have I have served Him and He has done me no wrong. How can I blaspheme my King and my Savior?"* — St. Polycarp



5. The blessing of being persecuted for righteousness' sake

- Jn. 5:10 – "The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, 'It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed.'"
- Matt. 5:10 – "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

6. Warning

- Jn. 5:14 – “See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you.”



- Man Born Blind
  - Jn. 9:3 - “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.”

Summary

- What did the Lord Christ want to give the Paralytic Man?

1. Recognition of his perseverance
2. Healing
3. Help
4. Rest
5. The blessing of being persecuted for righteousness' sake
6. Warning