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THE MIRACLES OF JESUS CHRIST

MIRACLE TWO: Healing a Nobleman's Son at Cana (Jn. 4:46-54)

SURVEY

A royal official in Cana asked Jesus to come and heal his son in Capernaum. The Savior sends him on his way, saying: *"You may go. Your son will live."*

Upon reaching Capernaum the amazed official discovers the healing had indeed occurred on the previous day at the seventh hour, the exact time Jesus had promised to heal him. This resulted in the father's conversion along with his entire household.

SIGNIFICANCE

- This is the only recorded miracle which resulted in the spiritual salvation of an entire household.
- It is the first of five miracles in which a non-Jewish individual was involved. The other four are:
 1. A centurion's servant (Mt. 8:13)
 2. The maniac of Gadara (Mk. 5:8)
 3. A Canaanite girl (Mt. 15:28)
 4. One of the ten lepers (Lk. 17:11)
- It is the first of three miracles performed while the recipient was miles away. The other two are:
 1. The centurion's servant (Mt. 8:13)
 2. The Canaanite girl (Mt. 15:28; Mk. 7:30)

SPIRITUAL TRUTHS

- The ultimate intended purpose behind Jesus' healing miracles involved the restoration of both bodies and souls.
- This miracle illustrates that all similar prayer requests are instantly heard by and harkened to by God Himself. Various biblical examples record this precious and profound truth:
 1. The nobleman

"So the father knew that it was at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house." (Jn. 4:53)

2. Abraham's servant

"And he said O LORD God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and shew kindness unto my master Abraham. Behold, I stand here by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water; And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: let the same be she that thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that thou hast shewed kindness unto my master. And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham s brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder."(Gen. 24:12-15)

3. Isaiah

"And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear."(Isa. 65:24)

4. Daniel

"And, behold, an hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands. And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling. Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words." (Dan. 10:10-12)