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THE MIRACLES OF JESUS CHRIST

MIRACLE TWENTY-NINE: Healing a Man with Dropsy (Lk. 14:1-6)

SURVEY

During a Sabbath luncheon in the house of a prominent Pharisee, Jesus encounters a man suffering with dropsy. Turning to the legalistic Pharisees who were present, He asks:

"Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"

Receiving no answer, He touched the man and healed him.

SIGNIFICANCE

- This is the only recorded miracle done during a meal in the home of a Pharisee.

SPIRITUAL TRUTHS

- This supper was probably a set-up arranged by the Pharisees to trap Jesus, hoping He would do something unlawful.
 1. It was on the Sabbath.
 2. A very sick man was there who suffered from dropsy. Dropsy was an abnormal accumulation of watery fluid in the body, which caused hideous swelling in the abdomen, legs, and feet. It was symptomatic of cardiac disease. In light of this, it is highly unlikely that this poor, suffering creature would be invited to the home of a Pharisee, especially on the Sabbath. To the contrary, he would have been utterly refused entrance.
- According to the sacred account Jesus touched this man. This was in stark contrast to the legalistic Pharisees who not only would have refused to touch the leper, the blind, the deaf, the maimed, etc., but would actually hurry home in horror to take a ceremonial bath if their shadow should come into contact with the shadow of those unclean outcasts! But not the Savior! He was a "hands-on Healer," as demonstrated by those He personally touched:
 1. A leper (Mt. 8:3)
 2. Peter's mother-in-law (Mt. 8:15)
 3. A deaf mute (Mk. 7:33)
 4. Two blind men (Mt. 20:34)
 5. A man born blind (Jn. 9:6)
 6. Malchus' ear (Lk. 22:51)

7. Little children (Mk. 10:13)

8. His frightened disciple (Mt. 17:7)