

Three Healings

	Ch. 5, Lame man at Bethesda	Ch. 9, Blind man near temple	Our Salvation
Long-standing illness	5 which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.	1 blind from <i>his</i> birth.	Long persistence of sin
Actively chosen by the Lord (does not come to the Lord for help)	6 When Jesus saw him lie	1 as <i>Jesus</i> passed by, he saw a man	We do not seek the Lord in our sinful state
Lord asks for his interest	6 Wilt thou be made whole?	<<lacking>>	"whosoever will"
Healing by a command	8 Rise, take up thy bed, and walk	7 Go, wash in the pool of Siloam	True faith involves obedience
Timing: on the sabbath	9 on the same day was the sabbath	14 it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes	Salvation is the true sabbath
Healed person confronted by the Jews	10-13	12-34	We should expect opposition from the unbelievers
Man's response: healing trumps legalism	11 He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk.	25 Whether he be a sinner <i>or no</i> , I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.	Basis of our defense: personal experience, not abstract reasoning
Jews' response to the man	<<lacking>>	34 They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out.	Further expectation of opposition
Jesus seeks the man out	14 Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple	35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him,	The Lord continues to encourage us in such opposition
Jesus challenges him on the spiritual level	Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.	35 Dost thou believe on the Son of God?	Warning against "easy believism"
Man's response: faith	<<lacking>>	38 And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.	Our ongoing response to the Lord
Man's response: tells the Jews	15 The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole.	<<lacking>>	Importance of a continuing witness.