

## BIBLE STUDY on JOHN (NIV) Part 8

### JESUS HEALS THE NOBLEMAN'S SON



#### John 4 v 46 - 53

46 Once more He visited Cana in Galilee, where He had turned the water into wine. And there

was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum. 47 When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to Him and begged Him to come and heal his son who was close to death.

48 “Unless you people see miraculous signs and wonders,” Jesus told him, “you will never believe.”

49 The royal official said, “Sir, come down before my child dies.”

50 Jesus replied, “You may

go. Your son will live.”

The man took Jesus at His word and departed. 51 While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living. 52 When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, “the fever left him yesterday at the seventh hour.”

53 Then the father realized that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, “Your son will live.” So he and all his household believed.

### The Power of God's Words

What God says something, it happens! The God who created the world and the heavens and everything in them just by speaking the word is now speaking to the nobleman, “You may go. Your son will live.” And it was so.

Jesus said that everything promised in the Bible would happen (Matthew 5 v 18). Do you

believe God's Word? Do you *act* like you believe it - like the man in our story did?

Our words had power too, *if Christ lives in our hearts*. In Mark 11 v 22, 23 Jesus told His disciples, **“Have faith in God. I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt**

**in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him.”** The words we speak, backed by faith in God, are *powerful*. What kind of words do you speak? Do you speak words of encouragement, comfort, trust and love?

### What This Story Teaches Us About Prayer

Does Jesus answer our requests today? Hebrews 13 v 8 tells us that Jesus Christ is **“the same yesterday and today and forever.”** We know that we must come to Him with our requests. He says that **“... whoever comes to Me I will never drive away.”** (John 6 v 37b). He tells us to **“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.”** (Matthew 7 v 7).

Next, we must come believing that He will answer. **“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes**

**to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.”** (Hebrews 11 v 6).

We must be satisfied with the answer Jesus gives. The nobleman asked Jesus to come down to his house but Jesus did not choose to do that. Instead, He said, “You may go. Your son will live.” He may not answer you in exactly the way you ask, but He will always do what is best for you and it will always be according to His Word.

Faith does not always bring *deliverance* (study Hebrews 11 v 35 - 39), but faith always brings

*direction* and peace. **“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”** (Philippians 4 v 6 & 7).

When you believe God, and God works with power, your faith will be strengthened. The faith of *your family* will be strengthened, too, just as the *whole household* of the nobleman believed God.