

# John 4:52

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then enquired he of them the hour when he began to amend.  
And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.

## Analysis

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The nobleman's inquiry about the timing demonstrates desire to connect the healing with Jesus' word. The servants' specific answer ('Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him') provides empirical correlation. This precision serves faith—John includes such details to build confidence that Jesus' word effects immediate results even at distance.

## Historical Context

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The 'seventh hour' by Roman reckoning was 7 PM, by Jewish reckoning was 1 PM. The fever's sudden departure ('left him') indicates miraculous rather than natural recovery. The nobleman's overnight delay before returning home suggests the late hour when he received Jesus' word.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. How do specific details and timing sometimes strengthen our faith in God's providential work?
2. Why does John include such precise chronological markers in his Gospel accounts?

## Interlinear Text

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ἐπύθετο	οὖν	παρ'	αὐτὸν	τὴν	ῥαν	ἐν	ἧ
enquired he	Then	of	him	G3588	hour	when	G3739
G4441	G3767	G3844	G846		G5610	G1722	
κομψότερον	ἔσχεν·	καὶ	εἶπον	αὐτὸν	ὅτι	Χθὲς	ῥαν
to amend	he began	And	they said	him	G3754	Yesterday	hour
G2866	G2192	G2532	G2036	G846		G5504	G5610
ἐβδόμην	ἀφῆκεν	αὐτὸν	ὁ	πυρετός			
at the seventh	left	him	G3588	the fever			
G1442	G863	G846		G4446			

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