

John 4:53

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

The father's realization that healing occurred 'at the same hour' when Jesus spoke establishes the miracle's certainty. The result—'himself believed, and his whole house'—shows household conversion following the father's faith. This pattern (household salvation following the head's conversion) appears throughout Acts, reflecting ancient familial structures and covenant theology.

Historical Context

Household conversion was common in the early church (Acts 16:15, 31-34, 18:8, 1 Corinthians 1:16). The nobleman's household would include family, servants, and dependents—all impacted by the miracle and his testimony.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How should heads of households view their influence and responsibility for their family's spiritual welfare?

2. What role do miracles play in bringing people to faith, and how is that faith then established?

Interlinear Text

ἔγνων	οὖν	ὁ	πατὴρ	ὅτι	ἐν	ἐκείνῃ	τῇ	ᾧ	ᾧ	ἐν
knew	So	G3588	the father	that	in	the same	G3588	hour	in	
G1097	G3767		G3962	G3754	G1722	G1565		G5610	G1722	
ἣ	εἶπεν	αὐτοῦ	ὁ	Ἰησοῦς	ὅτι	Ὁ	υἱός	σου	ζῇ	
the which	said	himself	G3588	Jesus	that	G3588	son	Thy	liveth	
G3739	G2036	G846		G2424	G3754		G5207	G4675	G2198	
καὶ	ἐπίστευσεν	αὐτοῦ	καὶ	ἡ	οἰκία	αὐτοῦ	ὅλη			
and	believed	himself	and	G3588	house	himself	whole			
G2532	G4100	G846	G2532		G3614	G846	G3650			

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 107:20 (Parallel theme): He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

Luke 19:9 (References Jesus): And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham.

Acts 18:8 (Faith): And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized.

Acts 11:14 (Parallel theme): Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved.

Acts 16:34 (Faith): And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.