

John 5:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

'For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.' Divine love produces complete transparency—the Father shows the Son everything. Greater works are coming—presumably resurrection and final judgment (verses 21-29). These will produce marvel (thaumazo)—astonishment at divine power. The Bethesda healing is just the beginning.

Historical Context

The 'greater works' include raising the dead (verse 21) and executing final judgment (verse 22). These divine prerogatives belong to the Son by the Father's loving delegation. The progression from physical healing to resurrection to judgment escalates Jesus' claims.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How does the Father's love for the Son express itself in shared knowledge and authority?
2. What 'greater works' has Christ accomplished that should produce marvel?

Interlinear Text

ο	γὰρ	πατὴρ	φιλεῖ	τὸν	υἱὸν	καὶ	πάντα	δεῖξει
G3588	For	the Father	loveth	G3588	the Son	and	all things	he will shew
G1063		G3962	G5368		G5207	G2532	G3956	G1166
αὐτῷ	ἄ	αὐτῷ	ποιεῖ	καὶ	μείζονα	τούτων	δεῖξει	
him	that	him	doeth	and	G3173	these	he will shew	
G846	G3739	G846	G4160	G2532		G5130	G1166	
αὐτῷ	ἔργα	ἴνα	ὑμεῖς	θαυμάζητε				
him	works	that	ye	may marvel				
G846	G2041	G2443	G5210	G2296				

Additional Cross-References

John 3:35 (Love): The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.

Matthew 3:17 (Love): And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

2 Peter 1:17 (Love): For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

John 17:26 (Love): And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

John 15:15 (Parallel theme): Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

