

Luke 18:42

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee.

Analysis

Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee (Ἀνάβλεψον· ἡ πίστις σου σέσωκέν σε, Anablepson; hē pistis sou sesōken se)—The aorist imperative anablepson (receive sight!) is instantaneous command, not gradual process. But the healing's cause is crucial: **thy faith hath saved thee** (ἡ πίστις σου σέσωκέν σε). The verb sōzō means both 'to heal' and 'to save'—the perfect tense sesōken (has saved) indicates completed action with ongoing results. His faith didn't earn healing; rather, faith was the receptive instrument.

This faith demonstrated itself through:

1. theological confession—'Son of David'
2. persistence despite opposition
3. specific request
4. approaching Jesus personally.

The same verb sōzō appears throughout Luke's Gospel for both physical healing and spiritual salvation (7:50, 8:48, 17:19), suggesting they're not separate categories but different aspects of kingdom wholeness. The blind beggar receives both: eyes to see and soul saved through faith in Israel's Messiah.

Historical Context

In Greek, the perfect tense emphasizes results that persist—'has been saved and remains saved.' Jesus's attribution of healing to faith (not His power alone)

empowered the recipient, avoiding the dependency that perpetuates charity-based power imbalances. The man leaves not just healed but affirmed in his faith-response.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How does Jesus's statement 'thy faith hath saved thee' clarify faith's role as receptive trust rather than meritorious work?
2. What connections exist between physical healing and spiritual salvation in Jesus's ministry?
3. How did this man's faith demonstrate itself in actions, and what does that teach about genuine versus claimed faith?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	ὁ	Ἰησοῦς	εἶπεν	αὐτῷ	Ἀνάβλεψον·	ἡ	πίστις
And	G3588	Jesus	said	unto him	Receive thy sight	G3588	faith
G2532		G2424	G2036	G846	G308		G4102
σου	σέσωκέν	σε					
thy	hath saved	thee					
G4675	G4982	G4571					

Additional Cross-References

Matthew 8:3 (References Jesus): And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

Luke 17:19 (Faith): And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

Luke 8:48 (Faith): And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.

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

Matthew 9:22 (Faith): But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.

Luke 7:50 (Salvation): And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.

Psalms 33:9 (Parallel theme): For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

Matthew 15:28 (Faith): Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.