

Luke 5:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house.

Analysis

But that ye may know Son of man has power earth forgive sins said unto sick palsy I say arise take up couch go unto house. Son of man Daniel 7:13 messianic title. Power exousia authority both right and ability. Earth epi tēs gēs presently available. Forgive aphienai release cancel debt. Said eipen shift from reasoning to command. I say egō soi lego emphatic. Arise egeirai resurrection language. Take up aron active participation. Couch klinidion portable bed. Go poreuou departure. House oikon home destination. Healing command demonstrates authority claimed. Physical restoration validates spiritual authority. Paralytic cooperation faith obey command. Reformed theology sees salvation as divine initiative human response. God commands sinners believe repent but also enables obedience through regeneration.

Historical Context

I say unto thee ego soi lego emphatic personal address. Jesus speaks with inherent authority not citing predecessors like scribes. Command presumes immediate obedience expects results. Paralytic arose immediately walked. Physical healing instant complete verified by witnesses. Crowd amazed glorified God. Even critics could not deny miracle only dispute source Beelzebub accusation. This pattern repeated. Undeniable miracles disputed source. Hardness of heart can

acknowledge facts while rejecting implications. Early church faced same opponents acknowledged miracles attributed to wrong source. Modern skeptics either deny miracles occurred or seek natural explanations. But eyewitness testimony historical evidence support Gospel accounts.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. What does Jesus emphatic I say unto thee command demonstrate about His divine authority confidence?
2. How does paralytic immediate obedience picture proper response to divine command enabled by grace?

Interlinear Text

ἵνα δὲ εἰδῆτε ὅτι ἔξουσίαν ἔχει ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ
that But ye may know that power hath the Son G3588 G3588
G2443 G1161 G1492 G3754 G1849 G2192 G5207

ἀνθρώπου ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ἀφιέναι ἀμαρτίας εἶπεν τῷ
of man upon G3588 earth to forgive sins (he said G3588
G444 G1909 G1093 G863 G266 G2036

παραλελυμένω Σοὶ λέγω ἔγειραι, καὶ ἤρας τὸ
unto the sick of the palsy unto thee I say Arise and take up G3588
G3886 G4671 G3004 G1453 G2532 G142

κλινίδιόν σου πορεύον εἰς τὸν οἶκόν σου
couch thine and go into house thine
G2826 G4675 G4198 G1519 G3588 G3624 G4675

Additional Cross-References

Revelation 1:13 (Parallel theme): And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

Isaiah 53:11 (Parallel theme): He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

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