

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	ἐξουσίαν	ἔχει	ὁ	υἱὸς	τοῦ
that	But	ye may know	that	power	hath	G3588	the Son	G3588
G2443	G1161	G1492	G3754	G1849	G2192		G5207	
ἀνθρώπου	ἐπὶ	τῆς	γῆς	ἀφιεῖναι	ἁμαρτίας	εἶπεν	τῷ	
of man	upon	G3588	earth	to forgive	sins	(he said	G3588	
G444	G1909		G1093	G863	G266	G2036		
παραλελυμένῳ	Σοὶ	λέγω	ἔγειραι,	καὶ	ἄρας	τὸ		
unto the sick of the palsy	unto thee	I say	Arise	and	take up	G3588		
G3886	G4671	G3004	G1453	G2532	G142			
κλινίδιον	σου	πορεύου	εἰς	τὸν	οἶκόν	σου		
couch	thine	and go	into	G3588	house	thine		
G2826	G4675	G4198	G1519		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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