

Luke 6:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And looking round about upon them all, he said unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he did so: and his hand was restored whole as the other.

Analysis

And looking round about upon them all (περιβλεψάμενος πάντας αὐτούς, periblepsamenos pantas autous)—Jesus' penetrating gaze surveyed every face, reading hearts. Mark 3:5 adds he looked with anger and grief at their hardness. Then the command: **Stretch forth thy hand** (Ἐκτεινον τὴν χεῖρά σου, Ekteinon tēn cheira sou). This required faith—stretching forth a withered, atrophied hand seems impossible. Yet **he did so: and his hand was restored whole as the other** (ἀπεκατεστάθη ἡ χεὶρ αὐτοῦ, apekatestathē hē cheir autou).

The verb apokathistēmi (ἀποκαθίστημι) means complete restoration to original condition. The healing was instantaneous and total—the same word describes the restoration of all things (Acts 3:21). No medicine, no ritual, just Christ's word and the man's obedient faith. This demonstrates Jesus' authority and the kingdom principle: obedience to Christ's command releases his power.

Historical Context

Public healing in the synagogue constituted a direct challenge to religious authority. The religious leaders couldn't deny the miracle—all witnessed it—but refused to acknowledge its implications about Jesus' identity. The man's restored hand enabled him to work again, earn a living, and participate fully in society. First-century Palestinian economy required manual labor; a withered hand meant

poverty and dependence. Jesus' compassion addressed both spiritual and socioeconomic realities.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. What impossible command is Jesus giving you that requires obedient faith before you see how he'll accomplish it?
2. How does Jesus' complete restoration of the withered hand picture the gospel's power to restore what sin has atrophied in our lives?

Interlinear Text

καὶ περιβλεψάμενος πάντας αὐτοῦ εἶπεν τῷ ἀνθρώπῳ,
And looking round about upon all his he said unto the man
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Ἐκτεινον τὴν χεὶρ σου ὁ δὲ ἐποίησεν οὕτως καὶ
Stretch forth hand thy And he did so And
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ἀποκατεστάθη ἡ χεὶρ αὐτοῦ ὑγιὴς ὡς ἡ ἄλλη
was restored hand his whole as the other
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Additional Cross-References

Mark 3:5 (Parallel theme): And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other.

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