

Mark 3:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

Jesus looked 'with anger' (περιβλεψάμενος αύτοὺς μετ' ὄργης)—righteous anger targeting hard hearts prioritizing rules over suffering. God's anger is holy response to sin. Jesus was 'grieved for the hardness of their hearts' (συλλυπούμενος). 'Hardness' (πώρωσις) means callousness, hearts hardened like stone. This combination—anger at sin, grief at effects—reflects God's character. Jesus commands: 'Stretch forth thine hand.' The man obeyed, 'his hand was restored whole.' Reformed theology: Christ's emotions reveal God's heart.

Historical Context

This miracle parallels Jeroboam's withered hand (1 Kings 13:4-6). 'Restored whole' (ἀπεκατεστάθη ὑγιῆς) indicates complete healing—not partial but total restoration. Ancient medicine couldn't reverse atrophy; this was clearly miraculous. Pharisees' hardened response despite evidence demonstrates miracles alone don't produce faith. Spiritual blindness resists overwhelming evidence.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. What provokes righteous anger in you—violation of traditions or human suffering?
2. How does understanding that hardness grieves Jesus affect your prayer for unbelievers?
3. What does this miracle teach about Christ's complete healing work?

Interlinear Text

καὶ περιβλεψάμενος αὐτοῦ μετ' ὄργῆς

And when he had looked round about his with anger

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he saith unto the man Stretch forth hand thine And

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ἐξέτεινεν καὶ ἀποκατεστάθη ἡ χεὶρ αὐτοῦ ὑγιὴς ὡς

Stretch forth And was restored hand his whole as

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Additional Cross-References

Luke 6:10 (Parallel theme): 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.

Ephesians 4:18 (Parallel theme): Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

1 Kings 13:6 (Parallel theme): And the king answered and said unto the man of God, Intreat now the face of the LORD thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God besought the LORD, and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as it was before.

Romans 11:25 (Parallel theme): For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

Matthew 12:13 (Parallel theme): Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other.