

SERMON OUTLINE/NOTES

"Don't Need to See to Believe"

John 4:46-54 (Matthew 8:1-17)

Introduction

- Review
- The miracles Jesus did – their purpose

I. The Pleading of the Nobleman (vs. 46-49)

- The Nobleman whose son was sick to the point of death begs Jesus to heal him (vs. 46-47)
 - "Besought" – to beseech earnestly (beg) (Luke 18:1-8)
- 3 errors in the Nobleman's plea for his son's healing (vs. 47-48)
 - In how Jesus could heal his son (2 Kings 5:11; Matthew 8:5-13)
 - In the power of Jesus to heal (John 11:43-44; Luke 8:41-42, 49-56)
 - In having the mindset of "seeing is believing" (v. 48)
- A subtle change to the nobleman's request – "Sir" (v. 49)

II. The Healing of the Nobleman's Son (vs. 50-54)

- "Go thy way, thy son liveth" (v. 50)
 - The nobleman believed Jesus' word; then, departed (Romans 4:17-18; John 20:29b)
- Waited til the next day to travel home (vs. 51-52)
 - The servants confirmed Jesus' healing word (v. 52)
 - The exact hour Jesus said, "Thy son liveth" (v. 52)
- The Nobleman and his whole household believed (vs. 53-54)

Conclusion and Application

- What Do You Require to Believe?
- Do we, as believers, that Jesus at His word, or do we require a sign from Him before we will believe Him in our daily lives? (Matthew 6:33; Romans 8:28)
- Are you Christian whose faith is only as strong as the last miracle/sign God worked in your life? (John 20:29; Hebrews 11:1)