Get Up It’s Over

(John 5:8 KJV)

*Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.*

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he scene in its tenor and tone introduced to us in this passage is indeed a sight of sympathetic sadness and sorrowfulness. The background is the pool of Bethesda in Jerusalem, around which lay a great multitude of incapable individuals. The great Physician approaches this crowd of sufferers, who were not only sick but self-reliant lying around upon five porches. But there was no more stir among them than in the quiet waters of the pool. When the great Physician arrives He was neither wanted nor recognized. Addressing one of the most helpless of the sufferers; the Lord look at his condition and asked him if he is desirous of being made whole.

Instead of responding to Jesus with a prompt request that He would have mercy upon him; this man thought only of the pool and of some man to assist him into the chilly choppy waters. In the light of what has been said, how exceedingly significant and blessed to note that we are told the pool which was called Bethesda, meaning “mercy” was by the “sheep” gate. It is only in Christ that the poor sinner can find mercy, and it is only through His sacrifice on the Cross that this mercy is now obtainable for us in Him.

1. **The Subliminal concern of Christ:**

It’s a divine pleasure in our finite frailty to notice carefully every single word of God. There is nothing insignificant in the word of God. The least detail has a meaning and value; every name, every geographical and topographical reference has value. In fact, the subliminal concern of Christ in this text is His grace, favor and His mercy.

As I inspect the interception of verse 2, notice the last words of the verse “*having five porches*” *Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches* (John 5:2). Let us note that biblical numerology is significant in this verse.

**The Bible seems to use biblical numerology in patterns or to teach a spiritual truth**:

For Example: The number of the porches here is momentous. In Scripture the numerals are used with Divine design and precision:

Five stands for *grace,* *favor or mercy*: It was with five loaves the Lord Jesus fed the hungry multitude. The fifth clause in the Lord’s Prayer is, “Give us this day our daily bread.” The fifth Commandment was the only one with a promise attached to it. Thus we see the perfect propriety of *five* porches around the pool of Bethesda in its meaning called *mercy*, situated “by the *sheep* gate.”

There’s a great number of impotent, blind, halt, and withered waited upon the porches and watched for the moving of the water in the pool of Bethesda.