

The House of Mercy

John 5:1-15
August 30, 2020

Introduction

- Bethesda
- The contrast between the royal official and the paralytic in chapter 5
- what can we say about the mercy of God?

Main Points

1. God's mercy is dispensed at His discretion – vs. 3-6
 - a. Jesus takes the initiative
 - b. Exodus 33.19; Romans 9.15-18
2. God's mercy is greater than our effort-- vs. 7-9a
 - a. the man's excuses would not deter this act of grace
 - b. Ephesians 2.8; Titus 3.5
3. God's mercy is inscrutable to some people – vs. 9b-13
 - a. the Pharisees were focused on the sin rather than the miracle
 - b. 1Corinthians 1.18
4. God's mercy is the only antidote to sin – vs. 14-15
 - a. Jesus was more concerned about the man's spiritual condition than his physical state
 - b. Mark 2.5; John 8.11

The House of Mercy

John 5:1-15
August 30, 2020

- Bethesda
- The contrast between the royal official and the paralytic in chapter 5
- what can we say about the mercy of God?

Main Points

1. God's mercy is dispensed at His discretion – vs. 3-6
 - a. Jesus takes the initiative
 - b. Exodus 33.19; Romans 9.15-18
2. God's mercy is greater than our effort-- vs. 7-9a
 - a. the man's excuses would not deter this act of grace
 - b. Ephesians 2.8; Titus 3.5
3. God's mercy is inscrutable to some people – vs. 9b-13
 - a. the Pharisees were focused on the sin rather than the miracle
 - b. 1Corinthians 1.18
4. God's mercy is the only antidote to sin – vs. 14-15
 - a. Jesus was more concerned about the man's spiritual condition than his physical state
 - b. Mark 2.5; John 8.11

Conclusion

God's mercy flows from His character and will; independent of human merit. God's mercy is inscrutable to some and glaringly obvious to others, and God's mercy cures our most desperate and fatal malady: sin.

I am a most noteworthy sinner, but I have cried out to the Lord for grace and mercy, and they have covered me completely. I have found the sweetest consolation since I made it my whole purpose to enjoy His marvellous Presence. Christopher Columbus

Conclusion

God's mercy flows from His character and will; independent of human merit. God's mercy is inscrutable to some and glaringly obvious to others, and God's mercy cures our most desperate and fatal malady: sin.

I am a most noteworthy sinner, but I have cried out to the Lord for grace and mercy, and they have covered me completely. I have found the sweetest consolation since I made it my whole purpose to enjoy His marvellous Presence. Christopher Columbus