

There's an incident in the Bible about a boy who was possessed by an evil spirit. The father's boy had brought him to Jesus' disciples so they could drive out the evil spirit out of him but they couldn't. Later, when they saw Jesus coming, the boy's father ran to meet him. Telling Jesus what had happened, the father asked him to take pity on them and help them.

Jesus told them to bring the boy to him. Immediately he was brought to Jesus, things were completely different and far beyond people's expectations. Let's together go through the passage, there's a new thing we will learn at the end.

Mark 9:17 "And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit;

¹⁸ And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not.

¹⁹ He answereth him, and saith, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me.

²⁰ *And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming.*

²¹ *And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child.*

²² *And ofttimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us.*

²³ *Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.*

²⁴ *And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.*

²⁵ *When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.*

²⁶ *And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead.*

²⁷ *But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose”.*

In verse 26, we are told that the spirit cried, and convulsed the boy violently. The word “violently” means that the spirit terribly shook and twisted the boy. The suffering the child was undergoing and the noise aroused different feelings among the crowd. On hearing the noise, the people came running to the scene. Looking at what was taking place, the child’s father must have suffered great distress. His son’s condition had turned from bad to worse.

Even more worse was when the boy suddenly fell silent, neither shaking nor foaming at the mouth. He was quiet and looked much like a corpse that many said he was DEAD. There must have been among the crowd those who begun to spread the news while others broke into tears.

Meanwhile, Jesus was right there watching God’s healing power work in the boy’s life. Unmoved, Jesus quietly watched to see God come into the situation and accomplishing his work in this young soul. Surely, God was working in the background, behind the scenes. The people were taken by surprised on seeing Jesus take the boy by the hand and lifting him up, so that he arose.

When he got up, the boy looked like one who had awoken up from sleep, strong, calm and conscious; gazing at that sweet smile on Jesus' face which met his eyes. And from that time henceforth, the boy was well.

The Lord Jesus had to let the boy suffer so much and struggle to life before he could make him well. On many occasions as such, Jesus had cast out evil spirits and healed the sick by simply touching them. Yet, this time he decided to use the kind of healing which many people were not used to. He did this to show that in the same way, many souls receive healing from God without themselves knowing it.

At times one may ask God to bring healing unto their souls, situations, problems, illnesses and so on. Instead of getting better, things get even worse and out of control. Do not be worried nor be upset. There's good news for you. God has heard you and healed you already.

It might take long for you to recover from that illness, but Christ has heard your prayer and made you well. Your condition may get worse and you feel that nothing is really happening, do not be afraid. People may say things to discourage you, don't be alarmed. Let not their words get to you. Remember the boy, who had lost hope of seeing life again and had come to a point where he was thought dead, but he was held and lifted up by Christ, the RESURRECTION and the LIFE!

Likewise, if you have accepted Christ and given your life to him, you can rest assured that whatever is troubling you will not last forever. All you have to do is to believe that Christ has heard your cry and that you've been healed.

When you ask God to take you to another level, then you must be ready for what it costs. Do not be scared when your ceases to make sense to the ungodly and people begin to feel that something is wrong with you. You must be ready for a loss if you to gain. Be prepared for a loss if you want to go a step ahead.

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