

## The Fate (Jn. 5:1-18)

I welcome you all to the place of worship. I believe that God will give His tremendous covenant and grace. Today God has given us such an important title of the message and it is the fate. When we did not know the gospel correctly in the past we couldn't acknowledge this. These words were the words that shamans would use. After coming to know of the gospel I came to realize that it's not only the shamans that use this word but all mankind are stuck within this fate. Today's bible passage is a scripture that we know very well. Today's bible passage conclusion was that when you meet Christ you will be set free from all fate. For those who meet Christ, all their fate will be resolved. For those who deeply need Christ, their problems will be resolved. It's to the extent that their fate will no longer exist within their life. The fate that they went through will become a platform and springboard for them. It will be used as the evangelism content to save many and it will all be overturned. That is why for those who have the answer, if they hold to their fate it will become an answer for evangelism. The first fundamental condition for all mankind is that they are all creation. To say who are mankind fundamentally they are of God's creation. Secondly, they are spiritual beings. Of course, there may be other conditions according to how you view this. Yet, these two conditions can never be taken away when you speak about the fundamental condition of mankind. This must become the condition to your life as well. Mankind is a creation that is why they must receive all things from the creator. They have received all things from God. They must live the life that obeys the principle of the creator. Yet there are many who dislike this. Of course, if they don't want to they don't have to. Yet they have no choice but to spiritually die and perish. Will it be resolved if they face their death? No, they have no choice but to follow after God's fundamental principle of all creation. That is why it is so rightful of mankind to believe in God and to follow according to His word. It's not the fact that we should be greatly rewarded but yet God rewards us just for doing this. All mankind are spiritual beings because God has placed His spirit within them. You must acknowledge this. Yet, there are so many people who do not acknowledge this truth. God has placed his spirit on mankind. It states in Genesis chapter 2 verse 7 that "the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature." Another important factor is that God's spirit is the center of all mankind. You must all live the spiritual life that is centered on His spirit. If you live a life that is centered on these two conditions then you will not face many conflicts. Rather you will live a life that receives answers and enjoys it. For mankind themselves they have been created to follow after God yet they continuously build their own tower of Babel. Many are pleased and see the significance of building their own tower of Babel. This is not centered on God but yet it is centered on themselves. As a result, they continuously build their tower of Babel to just end up falling apart. Even now many people are building their tower of Babel and even if they fail the next person will continue on to build their own. To be honest, this is a spiritual problem. They don't know heaven and earth that is why they continue to do all things that are in vain. That is why mankind must never go against God. That is the most foolish thing to do. They must be able to obey God regardless if their thoughts do not connect with God. Next, they must be able to see the spiritual aspect as their priority. From there, there will be no conflicts between yourself and God. There are continuous conflicts between yourself and God because you see the physical

things as more important. May this be the day that you completely surrender and obey God. May it not just be a mere spiritual life but may it be the complete spiritual life that you live. As you continue to live this life, one day God will work upon you and your life will change. From the fundamentals, things must change. May this blessing be upon you.

### 1. The Fate

Today's conclusion of the bible passage is that when you meet Christ you will be set free from all things. Today's scripture speaks about the man who was invalid for 38 years. Also, because it stated in today's scripture you can see that he has been within this long standing illness. It states that there was no hope for this man. The moment he met Jesus and when the word was proclaimed by Jesus' mouth he was completely healed from his sickness. His life was completely overturned. May you think of yourself as the man who has been invalid. If you are able to receive this healing it's outstanding. It's truly amazing for the fact that he was in this state where his illness wasn't cured yet the moment Jesus proclaimed the word to Him he was completely healed. There are spiritual principles as well as life principles that we must apply to ourselves. First of all, all mankind are within their own fate. This man was seized by his own illness that he could not do anything. Rightfully so, he never desired to be ill. Who desires to be sick? But yet, this man himself fell into this illness and he could never be cured. There was no way for him to resolve it, and there was no answer for him to resolve it. There was no way for him to resolve it, even with his strength and efforts. That is what we call fate. Of course this man who has fallen into this invalid illness could've waited just in case there might have been hope for him. Of course he may have waited, hoping that there may be a time in which he could be completely healed. But of course yet, who would have yielded to him? Who would be waiting for this man to be healed when they are urgent to be healed as well? But yet for the man there was no hope, that is why he simply waited. But until the very end, he was not cured to which that was his fate. There are countless people who are being deceived just like this man. There are countless people who just simply wait. "Maybe I have hope tomorrow." "Maybe it will just be resolved the next day." But when they go to the end, they come to see, nothing has changed. Of course it is truly absurd. But yet there's an answer within him. There is an answer even in this example of the man who was invalid for 38 years. Today's message is that regardless of it all, there is the answer. That is why for the man himself there's no time for him to just wait for the water to stir up as long as he meets Jesus. There's no reason for him to compete with others. There is no reason for him to beg others. But with the word that Jesus spoke, he was completely liberated and healed. It states in verse 8, "Jesus said to him, "Get up, take up your bed, and walk." With that sentence alone he was completely healed. Complete overturning came upon him. It was of Christ and the Word. So may you carefully think of this. It is not just merely passing words. It is the covenant of Christ and the Word that God gives. That is why today's message is that, for the sake of the Word, I have come. I have come to resolve the fundamental fate that you were stuck in that is original sin. I am the Christ. I am the one who has come to crush the serpent's head, the work of Satan that has come even now. Jesus tells the man who has been invalid for 38 years, "there is no solution for you, but I have come to resolve it all for you." That is why Christ is your covenant. For you to enjoy Christ will overturn your life. This is the answer and may you come to the answer. May

you not just simply listen to it, may you hold onto it as your only answer. Especially for the remnants and the young adults, you're living in the fourth and fifth industrial revolution. How are you going to live your life? What are you going to live for in the future? This is your answer. For him to be invalid for 38 years, that means that his life was completely over. But yet, even in the time where his life may seem that it was over, there was an answer and that answer was Jesus Christ. If you just simply leave your fate as it is it will only be the fate that you live in. But when you resolve your fate it will become a springboard for your life. You will be able to stand as a witness. It will become your evangelism content to which you can testify, "this has taken place in my life but with Christ alone it has been overturned. Would you like to experience it as well?" For all mankind they are seized by their fate. All mankind has the fundamental fate of original sin. Of course along with that there is a specific fate that they are deceived by. They have a long-standing problem that can never be resolved. But of course within the long-standing problem they have no strength or even the effort or even the answer to resolve it. That is why they are continuously being dragged along by it. That is what we call fate. Of course we expressed that as a spiritual problem. May you carefully take a look at your life. What are you being seized by at this very moment? May you challenge that with the name of Jesus Christ. Then you will stand as a witness. You will be able to say, "I have never imagined for this long-standing problem to be resolved, but through the name of Jesus Christ it has been resolved." There is another principle that we must take a look at, it is in verse 12 and 13. "They asked him, "Who is the man that said to you, "Take up your bed and walk"?" and the man had no clue who had healed him. Course it's outstanding for the fact that he did not even know who Jesus was, but yet miracles took place within him. We always have the mindset that we must be able to deeply and carefully know who Jesus is. Of course it would be great of you to go into the depths of it and go into the spiritual realm and be able to enjoy to the extent of conquering all things. But yeah even if you may not fully comprehend who Jesus is, miracles will arise. For the man himself, he was healed but he had no clue who he was. That is why we say it is all by God's grace. It's so obvious that it's not done by your own efforts. It's not even done by your faith because even if you may not fully understand it, works will arise. It is because even without faith, by his grace, you can receive salvation. Are you being saved just because you have faith in him? Many people may say, "Isn't that a cult? That's very strange to say." But yet only those who do not know God's grace can say that. For those who have God's grace first, you have no choice but to have faith in him. Do you believe that there are those that can receive salvation even a second away from being dead? Of course we could never confirm that, but God may give Grace upon that second for them to truly receive salvation. But yet it is by faith that brings the result of salvation. In verse 14 it states that he was able to come to find out who Jesus was after meeting him at the temple.

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We may never know after how many days he was able to meet Jesus, but prior, he had no clue who Jesus was; afterwards, he came to know. Even if you may not know fully who Jesus Christ is, miracles will arise. It's truly amazing that, through His grace, He has chosen us as His people, and we have been saved and everything has been finished for us. This isn't only for the man who has been invalid for thirty-eight years. It has taken place for us as well. If you take a look at the book of Ephesians, it states that

even before creation, He has destined you to receive salvation. And by His grace, you have been appointed. It is expressed in Isaiah 43:1 that He has called you. "I have called you by name, you are mine." God already knows you by name, and He has called you. And when He calls you, you have no choice but to be with Him forevermore. And you can never run away from God, for this is a spiritual aspect. If it was a physical aspect, you might be able to, but you cannot within the spiritual aspect. And there is another principle that we must keep in mind. This is what Jesus says in Verse 14, "And Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, 'See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you.'" Of course, we don't know what kind of sin this man has committed. But it has been revealed that, because of his sin, this has taken place. If there is no sin, there is no curse. Then, what about Christ? Christ has come to resolve the sin. That is why, even if people commit sin, they have no sin within them. Yet, curse has come because of original sin. Regardless of the reason, if there is no original sin, there is no curse. And if there's no original sin, there is no work of Satan. The reason why we say that the cause to all is Satan is because, even before original sin existed, Satan existed. And what is the work that Satan does? He makes all mankind sin. And that sin causes the covenant to be broken. Then, of course, Satan has no choice but to be at work if sin does exist. It's the same even now. If you are able to not commit a single sin, then Satan would neither exist nor work. Yet, because you don't have the strength to not sin, you continuously hold to Christ, confess Christ, and enjoy Christ to block the work of Satan. If there is no sin, there is no work of Satan because Satan works according to sin. The moment Jesus spoke about his sin, the man knew which sin Jesus was speaking of. Consciously, he knew it all. It's the same principle for us. Of course, there is sin, and Satan is at work, and you can never block the work of Satan. Yet, we must be able to surpass and overcome the sin. That is only through Christ. We try our best to not commit sin, and even now, many repent for the forgiveness of their sins. They come to church, and they continuously pray before God, stating all the sins that they committed throughout the week. That's not wrong. You should repent before God for forgiveness because you have committed a wrongdoing. But first and foremost, you need the power to overcome and surpass the sin. When you enjoy Christ, you will overcome and conquer the sin. Little by little, you will conquer your sin. This is bound to take place. Then, in the end, you will come to see that you have completely conquered it in Christ. I believe that, until the day the Lord calls you to heaven, you cannot completely overcome all the sin that you commit throughout your life. But there is the sin that continuously stands within you for a long time, and a sin that you are not able to overcome. You must be able to conquer that. You must be able to surpass that longstanding sin to the extent to which you are able to stand as a witness. For those who enjoy Christ, they can conquer all sin. Do you believe this? This must take place for you. Through today's passage, God has shown us the evidence that, through Jesus alone, the thirty-eight years of invalidness of the man was resolved. Jesus is saying, "It's not taking place for you, and it will never take place for you. That is why I have come to solve that for you, for I am Christ. To organize it once again, all of mankind is seized by fate. And there may be a fate that you have no choice but to be seized by even though you have met Christ. Of course, you will never go to hell because of that long standing sin. God will block all of the fate and sin for you. But consciously, if you are being defeated by the long standing fate or sin, you must be able to surpass that and overcome it.

If there is a matter that you can never overcome, that is your fate. For example, who can ever overcome death? No one can win over death. Not only that, but the endless problems that come to you. Who can ever resolve that for you? It is only Christ. When you truly deny yourself in Christ, it will all be done. When you continuously enjoy Christ, you will be able to surpass all of the endless problems that come your way, and Satan will be in an uproar. For the man, he did not even know who Jesus was, yet was liberated from all. Satan was in an uproar because this man was invalid for thirty-eight years, and he desired to drag him to hell. However, he met Jesus, and everything was resolved for him. That is your salvation. You have received salvation by His grace. How can you resolve your fate? This is today's message. These are not mere words that you hear every week, but must penetrate deep within you. You can only resolve your fate through Christ and resolve it by His Word. The fundamental is by His grace. Because of His grace that is upon you, even if you are being dragged by continuous problems, it will be resolved. But if you are endlessly being dragged without holding onto Christ, it will be at loss. You must be able to surpass and crumble the long-standing issue that is at hand. If you do not hold to Christ, you have no choice but to be dragged. You will not go to Hell because you are saved, but you must be able to perish and bind the works of Satan. So when long-standing problems occur, you have no choice but to have headaches and illnesses or there are problems with your spouse that occur. Because of the long-standing fate that you are seized by, all of your business plans have no choice but to crumble all at once. But this is not something that has taken place one time, but has taken place over ten times. You may be seized by a long-standing fate, but yet you must surely crumble that. May the blessing be upon you.

## **2. The One Who Saves**

We must be the one that saves others. When you preach the gospel, that means you are saving them from their fate. It is tremendous work. The gospel that you relay to them will not only save them but will set them free from their fate. And that is why, for the evangelist, you are the one that saves them by preaching the gospel, taking them out of their fate, instead of simply bringing them to church. That is why evangelists are such renowned figures. The people of the world may not acknowledge them, but there is a simple way to save many. All you have to do is relay the Word. For Jesus, he simply proclaimed the Word, by the man who was invalid for 38 years was healed. When you relay the Word related to Christ, God will save them. Who desires to end up in Hell? No one desires that, but they end up in tears as they end up in Hell. They try not to, but the demons drag them away. They have no choice but to be cast out in the darkness as they weep and gnash their teeth. They are so sad before God, yet do not want to follow God. That is the problem. They know what is bound to take place, but they do not follow. To be honest, it is already too late for them. This is what fate is. It is the Christ movement that saves all mankind from this. Please do not look down or take the Word movement lightly. This is the work that will eternally set all mankind free. This is what is stated in 2 Timothy 4:2. "preach the word; be ready in season and out of season." Apostle Paul was stating this to his disciple, Timothy, in which he considered him as his own son. In 2 Timothy 4:1, he says such tremendous words. "I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearance and his kingdom: preach the word." He establishes the spiritual background of what is to take place and says

"preach the word; be ready in season and out of season." That evangelism is the Word movement. And even in today's scripture, Jesus proclaims the Word. Jesus said, "Take up your bed, and walk," as everything was resolved for the man. That is why your ministry must be centered on the Word. If you simply relay the Word then your ministry has been done. Not only for others, but for yourself as well. You must live your life centered on the Word, and have an attitude to receive the Word. Then with that, you have finished all that you should have done. For the 7 Remnants and the biblical figures, they all received the Word first. Once you receive God's Word, do according to His Word. Starting from today, if you end by receiving grace, but not His Word, begin to pray, "God, give me Your Word." For those who receive God's Word, their lives moved according to His Word. Once they received His Word, their lives were overturned. For Abraham himself, when he received His Word, he left his father's land. For Moses, he received God's Word at the age of 80 and that is when his true life began. For Daniel, he received God's Word to the point in which he resolved in his heart. For Apostle Paul, he received God's Word and was overjoyed in preaching the gospel. This must be you as well. Even though you may be lacking, this must take place. You must be able to live a spiritual life in which you receive God's Word and live according to it. Then, you will be the one that saves lives. First, you must save yourself before saving others, so this must be your method. You may question why it is not taking place for you, but there is a process as there will be a time. There is the Word of today, the Word for the week, and the Word for the year. And each one of us must receive our everlasting and personal word of God. For the sake of the eternal Word that you receive, you must be able to enjoy it as your Word of today, your Word for the week, and your Word for the year. Along with the fundamental covenant of Christ, you must be able to relay this to others. May it be a week in which your problem that may be like the invalid man of thirty eight years is resolved. May it be a week in which you receive the God's Word to which all will be resolved for you. I do believe that there are many that receive God's Word through the pulpit message. You may question yourself why you have not received the Word today but you must simply pray as you continuously listen to the message. Then God will give you the Word. When the Word comes within you, that becomes your power and prayer. If you receive the eternal Word of God, then it will be according to the Word. That will be your everlasting prayer topic. Even if you may not think of it for 24 hours, you will continuously think of it for that is your prayer. This is the life that you must live. For that individual, they will be centered according to the Word. The everlasting Word that is given to you is God's calling. Then all of the words that you are receiving will be of the everlasting Word of God. This is what you must have. With the Word alone, everything is finished. Even though the Word has not yet been revealed or relayed to you, it has already conquered. You will be able to see in advance and receive in advance. You will be able to conquer in advance. That is the power and authority of the word because the Word is everlasting. May this be the week in which Jesus gives us the word to "Take up your bed, and walk." I bless you all in the name of the Lord so that the blessing that will overturn all things will be upon you.