



FAITH

Taking God at His Word

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Lesson 1

HEALING OF THE NOBLEMAN'S SON

Scripture to be studied: John 4:46-54

The aim of the lesson: To teach your students that faith is (1) believing in the Lord Jesus Christ and taking Him at His word, (2) believing without seeing, (3) involves obedience.

What your students should know: God and His precious Son are completely trustworthy.

What your students should feel: An earnest desire to put their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ.

What your students should do: Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and receive Him as Saviour.

Lesson outline (for the teacher's and students' notebooks):

1. The nobleman decides to ask Jesus for help (John 4:46).
2. The nobleman goes to Jesus (John 4:47).
3. The nobleman believes what Jesus says (John 4:47-50).
4. The servants report the son is healed (John 4:51-54).
5. The man sees his son is healed.

The verses to be memorized:

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

NOTE TO THE TEACHER

Please study carefully the teacher's material which appears on page 2.

THE LESSON

Our memory verses say we are "saved through faith"—faith which is "the gift of God." Let us think for a moment of the word *faith*. Exactly what does it mean? (*Teacher:* Have a discussion.) Suppose you wanted to explain *faith* to someone else; what object could you use to help another know the meaning of *faith*? (Give students time to think about this and listen to their suggestions.)

Now let me tell you how a Bible teacher explains the meaning of faith. "I'm quite tired and want to sit down on this chair and rest. (You may use "bench" or "log" or whatever you use in your classroom.) But I don't know whether or not I can trust this chair. It looks like a good chair. It appears to be solid. I

think it would hold me. But I 'm still a bit doubtful. Have any of you sat on this chair? Did it hold you? It did? But I still wonder if it will hold me . . . I'll never get any rest from this chair until I'am willing to trust it and sit down. (Do so now.)

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If you want rest from sin, you must be willing to trust the Lord Jesus Christ. Trusting Him means to have faith in Him.¹

Listen carefully so you will learn from the Word of God how one man used faith. Then, at the close of the lesson, you can write in your notebook the truths you have learned about faith.

1. THE NOBLEMAN DECIDES TO ASK JESUS FOR HELP

John 4:46



Show Illustration #1

In the city of Capernaum lived a nobleman, an officer of the king. This nobleman had plenty of money, a fine home and servants. He also had a son whom he loved very much. He took special care of his son, hoping he, too, would some day become an officer of the king.

But something happened which caused the nobleman great sadness. His son became sick, tossing with a high fever. The boy would die unless somewhere a cure could be found. But where? Who was wise enough to know how to control the fever? Not one in Capernaum could make the sick boy well.

2. THE NOBLEMAN GOES TO JESUS

John 4:47

When all hope seemed gone, the father decided to go to the great Miracle Worker, the Lord Jesus Christ. The man had no understanding of the true nature of the Lord Jesus. He had not been taught (as you have) that Jesus is the Son of God. But he did feel that Jesus was One who could help. He had doubtless