

Lesson X.

THE PARALYTIC HEALED

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Mark 2 : 1-12—Memory Verses, 9-12

Golden Text—The Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins.—Mark 2 : 10.

1 And again he entered into Caper'naum, after *some* days ; and it was noised that he was in the house.

2 And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive *them*, no, not so much as about the door : and he preached the word unto them.

3 And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four.

4 And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was : and when they had broken *it* up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay.

5 When Je'sus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.

6 But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts,

7 Why doth this *man* thus speak blasphemies ? who can forgive sins but God only ?

8 And immediately when Je'sus perceived in his spirit that *they* so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts ?

9 Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, *Thy* sins be forgiven thee ; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk ?

10 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,)

11 I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.

12 And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all ; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The next winter Jesus came back again to Capernaum, and when the crowds knew of it, they came flocking to Simon's house to hear Him.

There was a poor sick man in Capernaum. He was paralyzed, and could move neither his arms nor his legs. He lay all day on a

mattress and had to be carried from one place to another.

He felt sure that Jesus could cure him ; so he begged four of his friends to carry him quickly to Simon's house. But they were too late. The doorways were blocked and they could not get even within sight of Jesus.

The sick man was terribly disappointed. Then he thought of a plan. He said, "Let me down through the roof." So the four friends tied a long rope to each corner of his mattress, and then they carried him up an outside stair-case to the top of the house. They soon made a big hole in the tiles. Thus they let their sick friend down through the opening to where Jesus stood.

How the people wondered at the queer sight !

But Jesus was pleased to see how much the sick man trusted Him and said, "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee."

There were some proud scribes in the room watching everything. They wanted to catch Jesus making a mistake. They whispered angrily together because Jesus had said He could forgive sins. Jesus said, "I will show you that I have

