

But the blessed Lord would have them know, that, whether they believed or not, He knew every wicked thought that was passing through their unbelieving hearts; and He would give proof, at least to the waiting multitude, that He, "the Son of man," had "power on earth to forgive sins." He perceived their unbelieving thoughts, and said to them: "What reason ye in your hearts? Whether is it easier, to say Thy sins are forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk."

There lay before them a helpless creature, powerless to move a limb. Could any of the doctors there cure him? None. Could any man among them speak with authority, and say, "Rise up and walk?" Could any of them put power into that impotent flesh, so that in answer to their command, he would rise up before them all, and give proof of *man's* power to heal? None. This was confessedly beyond the power of man. But in order that they might have proof that Jesus was God, and know that He, the Son of man, had power on earth to forgive sins, He said to the palsied man: "Arise, and take up thy couch, and go to thy house." What was the result? "Immediately, he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house, glorifying God."

"Glorifying God!" Ah! yes, God was there. The man had felt the power of *His word* thrill

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