

The Nobleman's Faith

A NEW SERMON BY PASTOR G. H. CAPERS

"There was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum, whose name was called Capernaum, who saw that Jesus was come out of Judea into Galilee, he went unto him, and he sought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death." etc.—John 4:46-53.

This narrative illustrates the rise and progress of faith in the nobleman. He saw that Jesus was come out of Judea into Galilee, he went unto him, and he sought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death. etc.—John 4:46-53.

Observe, then, at the commencement, that the first of all this nobleman's faith was that he believed in Jesus. He had heard of Jesus, and he believed in him. He believed in him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death. etc.—John 4:46-53.

Next the thing this man did to prove the sincerity of his faith was that he obeyed Christ. Jesus said to him, "Go home, and say to thy wife, 'Behold, thy son liveth.'"

Observe that this faith was such a living faith that it only concerned the healing of the sick child. The nobleman did not know that he needed healing, for he knew that he had a son who was sick at Capernaum. He believed that Jesus would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death. etc.—John 4:46-53.

perused that he had read in the Gospel. The faith of a sinner cannot be the faith of a saint. He who has obtained the blessing, is another and stronger master. The first faith, the simple faith, is that which saves; but the further faith is that which brings comfort, and joy, and strength into the soul.

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