

The Believing Nobleman

(John 4:46-54)

- Introduction:
1. That which enables us to overcome the world and to ultimately live with God throughout eternity is our faith (I John 5:4-5).
 2. (Hebrews 11:6) Without faith it is impossible to please God.
 3. This passage under consideration explains to us the kind of faith, and the extent of faith that is necessary to please God.

I. This Nobleman Had Heard about Jesus

- A. Jesus had a reputation (John 4:47).
- B. As Christ lives in and through our lives, does He do so as a stranger to those about us (Galatians 2:20; Philippians 2:20-21)?
- C. Does the world know that Christ is living in Knoxville, TN?
- D. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

II. The Nobleman's Interest in Jesus

- A. Evidently, this nobleman was not too interested in the theological positions Jesus was taking, he was strictly interested in being on the receiving end of a miracle.
- B. Jesus' response may sound pretty harsh, but it was needed (4:48).
- C. Today, there are people who use the church only when they have a need.

III. The Nobleman Believed the Words of Jesus

- A. He went on his way back home (John 4:50).
- B. He was in no hurry either (John 4:51-52).
- C. This shows the extent of his faith in Christ's words.

IV. The Nobleman Believed in the Christ

- A. His belief in the word of Christ prompted him to place his faith and trust in the man who spoke the word (4:54).
- B. There is a difference in believing in the words of Christ and believing in the one who spoke the words.
- C. This nobleman became a disciple.

V. The Nobleman Shared His Knowledge of Christ

- A. His whole family believed (John 4:53).
- B. What knowledge he had of Christ, he shared it with others.
- C. We need to do the same today.

- Conclusion:
1. May we all hear the words of Christ and place our trust in them.
 2. Then we need to complete our obedience by placing our faith in the Savior, Himself.