

Helpful things to know:

- **Sickness and sin:** In their worldview, sin was directly linked to suffering and affliction. Our world is afflicted by sin, impacting us all.
- **Son of Man:** Jesus refers to himself, pointing to Daniel 7, where the Son of Man is given divine authority.

Daniel 7: 13-14

13 “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a **son of man**, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. 14 He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

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9:1-8



Visible reveals the invisible:

- The deeds of the men --- the faith of the men
- The paralysis of the man --- the sin of the man
- Jesus audibly address the scribes --- the evil in their hearts
- The healing of the paralytic --- Jesus' divine nature and authority to forgive sins

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2 Corinthians 4:18

So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Jesus is focused on the invisible/eternal:

- His eternal kingdom
- Our eternal souls

The heart/soul

- Denotes the centre of all physical and spiritual life
- The centre and seat of spiritual life
 - The soul or mind, as it is the fountain and seat of the thoughts, passions, desires, appetites, affections, purposes, endeavors

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The GOOD NEWS

- Jesus came not only to take the consequences of our sin (the symptoms of sin)
 - Divine DayQuil
- Jesus came to make us healthy (heal our souls)

Hebrews 10:14

For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

- By his grace we are saved and being saved.

We must participate with God in the formation of our souls.

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“It is a serious thing to live in a society of possible gods and goddesses, to remember that the dullest most uninteresting person you can talk to may one day be a creature which, if you saw it now, you would be strongly tempted to worship, or else a horror and a corruption such as you now meet, if at all, only in a nightmare. All day long we are, in some degree helping each other to one or the other of these destinations...There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilizations - these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub, and exploit - immortal horrors or everlasting splendors.”

C.S. Lewis (Weight Of Glory)

- Who you are becoming in this life is who you will be becoming for all of eternity
- We are now moving in an eternal direction. That is shaping the condition of our immortal lives

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The pains and pleasures of our life pour out like water over the clay substance of our souls. Either making us into monsters or forming us into something beautiful.



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Participate with God: Yielding Prayer

Proverbs 30:8-9

Give me neither poverty nor riches,
but give me only my daily bread.
Otherwise, I may have too much
and disown you
and say, 'Who is the Lord?'
Or I may become poor and steal,
and so dishonor the name of my God.

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